



# Prospectus

*YOUR FUTURE STARTS WITH US*



# WELCOME TO OUR ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO Whalley Range 11-18 High School

Whalley Range 11-18 High School is a very special community of which we are incredibly proud - a caring and supportive environment for all students. We celebrate diversity and believe strongly in providing a climate where all young people thrive. We pride ourselves on our high expectations and high standards: **our students feel happy, safe and secure.**

Our core purpose is to support all of our students to develop high aspirations, believe in themselves and achieve their full potential. We expect all students to work hard and aim high in order to succeed academically and personally. With the support of our highly skilled staff, we are proud of what our students achieve and are aware that we will only continue to be successful if we can fully involve and work with our parents and carers.

We recognise that our students have different interests, dreams, abilities and needs, which is reflected in our school's broad and flexible curriculum. Our staff are committed to ensuring that all students achieve their full potential, regardless of their starting points. Our curriculum extends beyond the classroom with our students having a wide range of opportunities for learning outside the classroom.

Whalley Range 11-18 High School equips all students with the skills, abilities, attributes and qualifications to pursue a fulfilling career, contribute positively to their communities and to be active, global citizens.

**I am enormously proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school and look forward to welcoming you into our school community.**



**Mr M Lea**  
Academy Headteacher



# VISION AND Values

We have a clear and continuing mission: to educate, inspire and empower young women to be the next generation of leaders. We are dedicated to promoting the emotional, physical, social well-being and personal development of our students and aspire to be a centre of excellence for the education of young women.

We teach resilience and a strong and positive sense of personal identity so that students can achieve outstanding results, stay safe and thrive in a challenging future.

In everything we do, all members of our school community endeavour to enact our school motto: **Excellence, Care, Respect**. Our ethos is founded on the co-operative values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. It is these values, along with a commitment to kindness, that shapes our school community.

OUR MOTTO

EXCELLENCE

CARE

RESPECT



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# Curriculum

We are extremely proud of the broad and balanced curriculum that we offer to all of our students.

We are committed to building on the skills our students have previously learned to ensure all students make rapid progress.

Our curriculum is designed to provide appropriate challenge to all students and to foster an enjoyment of learning. Students also develop their reading, writing, numeracy and communication skills. They learn to be resilient, confident and to persevere.

## Key Stage 3

All students at Key Stage 3 study English, maths, science, geography, history, a language and PE. They also study creative subjects such as art, music, drama and food.



## Key Stage 4

In years 10 and 11, we offer a wide range of courses alongside our core curriculum of English, maths, science, RE and PE.

## Key Stage 5

At Post-16 we offer different pathways to suit the needs of all students entering our Sixth Form:

- **A Level Pathway**
- **Blended Pathway – A level and vocational**
- **Level 3 Vocational pathway**
- **Level 1/2 Vocational pathway**

See our website for further details of the courses and the content covered:



For more information visit:

[www.wrhs1118.co.uk/CURRICULUM](http://www.wrhs1118.co.uk/CURRICULUM)



# LITERACY AND Reading



Literacy and effective communication underpin the entire curriculum at Whalley Range 11-18 High School. Students develop their reading ability in all subject areas and across school, as well as being encouraged and supported in their reading for pleasure.



Students and staff alike appreciate the fundamental role that strong communication skills will have on a student's chance of success: not only will effective communication support the development of reading in all subject areas, but it will also prepare students effectively for life beyond school.

As soon as your daughter starts at Whalley Range 11-18 High School, she will be taught by teachers who understand the difference between the learning to read model at primary school and the disciplinary literacy needed for different subject areas at secondary school. Your daughter will start learning how her reading and communication changes depending on the lesson that she is in, while also continuing on her reading for pleasure journey.

As part of her reading entitlement, your daughter will be provided with four books that she can read independently, for pleasure, in years 7 and 8, and three books in year 9.

As well as the opportunity to read and engage with these texts in English lessons, your daughter will also have an hour each week where she can take the time to read and enjoy her book in a different subject area. As your daughter reaches GCSE and Post-16 study, this reading entitlement becomes more academic in its focus.

In addition to the fantastic reading opportunities provided in lessons, all students also have the chance to engage with literacy and reading beyond the curriculum, including access to our state-of-the-art Learning Resource Centre. The LRC is fully stocked with a range of literature and is constantly being updated with student and staff recommendations. All students can also take part in countless reading competitions and activities, all designed to help students engage with reading and see its benefits. Whalley Range 11-18 High School understands the importance of reading and is committed to improving the reading and literacy of every student in school.

# INCLUSION

The Inclusion Faculty supports all students who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, and those new to English, to make sure that they are successful in school.

We support all students with additional needs. We have a very experienced team of teaching assistants and teachers who support students with a wide range of needs. Through carefully planned transition with primary schools, we make sure that we are able to support students when they join our school to ensure that they become independent in their learning and in their social interactions.

Students can receive support in lessons to help them access the curriculum. In addition to this there are tailored interventions to focus on skills that students may need support with such as literacy, numeracy, communication and many others.

If your daughter is new to English, we have an experienced team of staff who are able to help to ensure that she is well settled in school.

We welcome all students and provide nurturing support for every child that attends our school.

**For any queries please contact:**

**Mrs S Zarar** – Assistant Headteacher & SENCO

**Mrs K Robertson** – Assistant Head of Inclusion



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# Whalley Range Bee

The bee is an important symbol of Manchester's industrial heritage. As part of the Manchester community, we have developed our own bee which encompasses themes that our students aim to develop over their time with us, enabling them to be the best that they can be.

Throughout the year, students are exposed to numerous opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the different aspects of our Whalley Range Bee, supporting our students to improve in areas beyond the curriculum.



Be a reader and extend your vocabulary

Be healthy, safe and active

Be reflective and forward thinking

Be resilient and self-responsible

Be caring to everyone and your environment

Be engaged in your community



Excellence • Care • Respect

# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Whalley Range Experience

Our curriculum broadens our students' understanding of fundamental British values as well as our own school values.

The Whalley Range Experience provides our students with a wide range of opportunities to experience trips, Personal Development Days, work experience, careers and visits to higher education. We work with a range of high-quality external agencies such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, as well as the National Citizen Service, local and national businesses. This is further supported through an enriching form time programme where students have an assembly and follow a PSHRE curriculum which covers topics such as mental and physical health, careers, employability skills and healthy relationships.

Our PSHRE (personal, social, health and relationship education), curriculum develops the knowledge, skills and attributes that students will need to manage their lives - now and in the future.

It helps them to stay safe, healthy and to be prepared for life's challenges and opportunities in modern Britain.





# EXTRA CURRICULAR Opportunities

There are many opportunities for your daughter to get involved with, in all aspects of school life.

Students are actively encouraged to make a positive contribution to our community by:

- **Taking part in assemblies**
- **Taking part in leadership activities, including:**
  - **Year Leaders**
  - **Sports Leaders**
  - **Subject Leaders**
- **Taking part in competitions**
- **Joining the choir or music groups**
- **Taking part in inter-house competitions**
- **Completing reading challenges**
- **Joining in with charity events**
- **Joining a range of clubs**

As our students progress through the school, we support them to develop as well-rounded individuals ready to take their place in the world and contribute to society. Students can work towards external accreditation to recognise their skills such as the SSAT Leadership Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards (Bronze, Silver and Gold).



# ORGANISATION –

## Year Groups and Houses

Every student at Whalley Range 11-18 High School is placed into a form group with a Learning Coach. There are ten forms in each year group.

Form groups are also organised into the school's five House Teams of Angelou, Franklin, Germain, Hepburn and Parks. Each House is named after an inspirational female role model. These House Teams help to contribute to a sense of belonging and community, as well as allowing for some healthy competition.

Learning Coaches are the first point of contact for students and families. Each Learning Coach is pivotal to a student's success: monitoring, guiding and supporting in both academic and pastoral areas.

Learning Coaches will also signpost students towards opportunities both inside and outside school which will help to support students' personal development.



# THE WHALLEY RANGE

## School Day

Students should arrive in school for 8.20am and be in their classroom for the start of lesson at 8.30am.

Timings	Activity
8.00	School opens - Breakfast available until 8.20am
8.20	Bell sounds
8.30 – 8.55	School starts - Tutorial/Assembly
8.55 – 9.55	Period 1
9.55 – 10.50	Period 2
10.50 – 11.20	Break – Hot and cold food available in the dining hall
11.20 – 12.15	Period 3
12.15 – 13.15	Period 4
13.15 – 13.45	Lunch – Hot and cold food available in the dining hall
13.45 – 14.45	Period 5
14.45	End of the teaching day
14.45 – 16.15	Extra-curricular activities
17.15	School and Learning Resource Centre closes. All students should leave the premises

# PRIDE IN Our Uniform

Our students take great pride in their appearance.  
All students should...

- Wear a school blazer at all times, including breaks and lunchtimes.
- Wear a white shirt.
- Wear their year group lanyard and tie.
- Wear their school swipe card at all times and be prepared to show it to any member of staff on request.
- Wear black trousers or a skirt of school uniform style. Leggings, jeans-type leggings and jogging type trousers are not permitted. Skirts must be of an appropriate length (maximum 2" above the knee and 4" below the knee).
- Wear a school jumper (optional) with logo.
- Wear flat, black shoes or all-black trainers. Boots to the ankle (Kicker style) may be worn.
- Wear a plain, black headscarf (if one is worn); no tassels, sequins or embroidery (only one headscarf to be worn).
- Wear black or purple hair bands or bobbles or slides.
- Wear school issued badges only.

- Not wear any jewellery, except a watch.
- Not wear make-up, nail polish or acrylic nails of any kind.
- Not wear piercings or retainers.
- Not wear hair that is of an extreme style.

**All school uniform items bearing logos can be purchased from:**

#### **Elite School Uniforms**

166 Manchester Road, Manchester, M16 0DZ  
Phone: 07702 105550

#### **Little Angels**

490 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton, Manchester, M21 9AS  
Phone: 0161 881 3895

#### **M.C.S. Stores**

220 - 222 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 6EL  
Phone: 0161 445 7740



For more information visit:

[www.wrhs1118.co.uk/PARENTS/SCHOOL-UNIFORM](http://www.wrhs1118.co.uk/PARENTS/SCHOOL-UNIFORM)

# KEEPING SAFE AT

# Whalley Range 11-18 High School

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting students' welfare, we expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment and maintain a constant vigilant and safe environment.

## SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



**KOOTH** - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people  
[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

## SAMARITANS

**Samaritans** - 24/7 • 116 123  
[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)



**BEAT** - Youth line 3pm - 10pm  
[www.beatingeatingdisorders.org.uk](http://www.beatingeatingdisorders.org.uk)



**Papyrus** - Prevention of young suicide  
[www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)



**Chat Health** - Confidential and anonymous text messaging service for young people  
[www.chathealth.nhs.uk](http://www.chathealth.nhs.uk)



**Childline**  
[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)



**Young Minds** - Parental helpline  
[www.youngminds.org](http://www.youngminds.org)



**42nd Street** - Parental helpline  
[www.42ndstreet.org.uk](http://www.42ndstreet.org.uk)



**Anna Freud** - National centre for Children's mental health  
[www.annafreud.org](http://www.annafreud.org)



**Mind** - Help for mental health in Manchester  
[www.manchestermind.org.uk](http://www.manchestermind.org.uk)



**LGBT Foundation** - supporting people who identify as LGBT+  
[www.lgbt.foundation](http://www.lgbt.foundation)

## USEFUL LINKS

**CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection)**  
[www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

**Substance misuse support**  
[www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

**Thinkuknow**  
[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**Sexual health**  
0161 237 3001 • [www.brook.org.uk](http://www.brook.org.uk)

**Young suicide**  
0800 068 4141 • [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)

**Domestic abuse**  
0808 2000 247 or 0161 636 7525  
[www.refuge.org.uk](http://www.refuge.org.uk) or [www.endthefear.co.uk](http://www.endthefear.co.uk)

**Whalley Range 11-18 High School**  
0161 861 9727 • [www.wrhs1118.co.uk](http://www.wrhs1118.co.uk)



For more information visit:

[www.wrhs1118.co.uk/support/safeguarding](http://www.wrhs1118.co.uk/support/safeguarding)



# HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S PLACE AT Whalley Range 11-18 High School

1

Visit the website: [www.wrhs1118.co.uk/admissions/how-to-apply](http://www.wrhs1118.co.uk/admissions/how-to-apply)

2

Complete an online application via the Manchester City Council website. You can follow a link from our website. **Be aware that there is a deadline!**

3

Engage and join us for our transition events and keep an eye on updates on our website.

4

Manchester City Council offers secondary places in March.

5

Receive a welcome letter from Whalley Range 11-18 High School.

6

Confirm your daughter's place with us via phone call or the online form.

7

Complete our Whalley Range 11-18 High School admissions form.

8

Engage and join us for more transition events and activities, including during the Summer term.

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**Your future starts with us in September.** All of us here at Whalley Range 11-18 High School look forward to meeting and welcoming you into our community.



# NOTES



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