



Westbourne  
Independent Co-educational School 4-16

*Prospectus*





# Welcome to Westbourne School

**As Chair of Governors, I feel privileged to introduce you to Westbourne School, where we strive to create a nurturing and stimulating environment for your child's educational journey.**

At Westbourne School, we firmly believe that education is the cornerstone of personal growth and societal progress. We aim to foster a love for learning, an inquisitive spirit and an unwavering commitment to excellence in every pupil who walks through our doors.

Our team of passionate educators ensures that each child's unique abilities are nurtured, enabling them to reach their fullest potential. With a blend of modern pedagogy and traditional values, we are committed to instilling qualities of integrity, resilience and empathy in our pupils. Our curriculum is designed to provide a well-rounded education, focusing on academic excellence, character development and holistic growth.

As a governing body, we actively participate in shaping the strategic direction of the school. We work in close collaboration with the headteacher, staff, parents and the wider community to ensure that our pupils receive the highest quality of education and support. Our unwavering commitment to transparency, accountability and innovation is deployed at all times to ensure Westbourne School is a special place for your children and is propelled to new heights of excellence.

Furthermore, we take immense pride in the warm and inclusive environment that prevails within our school walls. Westbourne School is not just a place of education; it is a close-knit family that cherishes diversity and celebrates individuality.

Thank you for considering Westbourne School for your child's education.

Warm regards,

**Mr Peters**

Chair of Governors, Westbourne School



*"It is my belief that in today's society the ability to communicate and develop social and personal skills is as important as academic achievements – and this philosophy is at the very heart of everything we do at Westbourne."*

**Chris Hattam, Headmaster**



As well as giving each and every pupil the confidence to 'give things a go' with our enviable array of extracurricular activities, there is a strong focus on instilling traditional values, such as respect and manners.

We cherish each individual – staff as well as pupils – and we work with our parents in partnership to provide the best possible education.

We have unrivalled small class sizes and our Scholarship Class in Senior School produces some of Sheffield's best exam results. A high percentage of children in this class go on to win scholarships to top sixth forms before heading to the country's leading universities, including several pupils to Oxbridge.

The ethos of our school is epitomised by our staff and I am indeed fortunate and privileged to work with a team of such dedicated professionals.

Westbourne's classrooms are unique in the way that pupils interact with each other and the teachers, a relaxed yet serious, good humoured and focused atmosphere that has a warmth and vitality based on mutual respect.

Westbourne children are happy and free to express their natural creativity and curiosity.

Experience that atmosphere by coming along and seeing it for yourself. We are always happy to welcome guests to Westbourne.

I look forward to meeting you.

**Chris Hattam**

Headmaster, Westbourne School, Sheffield



*Welcome to Westbourne School, where excellence meets opportunity. As an esteemed institution with a rich heritage, we are dedicated to nurturing the minds and hearts of our pupils, preparing them to thrive in a rapidly changing world.*

## Why Westbourne School?

**At Westbourne School, academic excellence is at the core of our mission. We offer a first-class education, supported by unrivalled small class sizes, ensuring that each pupil's potential is developed to the fullest. Our passionate and highly qualified teachers provide personalised attention, fostering a love of learning and enabling pupils to achieve their best.**

We believe in the power of enrichment, encouraging our pupils to discover their passions. Through a comprehensive curriculum and a wide range of extracurricular activities, pupils have the opportunity to explore and excel in areas such as sports, music, performing arts and drama.

As a school committed to growth and expansion, we are here to stay. In the last five years, we have invested in and expanded all sites across the Junior and Senior School, ensuring state-of-the-art facilities for our pupils' academic and personal development.

Inclusivity is a fundamental value at Westbourne School. We offer scholarships to pupils from diverse backgrounds, recognising and embracing the importance of providing opportunities to all. We provide academic, sports, music, performing arts and drama scholarships, ensuring that talent knows no boundaries.

Being part of the Westbourne family means being cared for and supported. We prioritise the well-being of our pupils, creating a nurturing environment where they feel valued and understood. Happy pupils make for

better learners, and our families travel across Sheffield and the Peak District to be part of something special at Westbourne.

We provide a real-world experience by leveraging our strong connections to the city of Sheffield. We utilise top sporting venues, such as the English Institute of Sport (EIS), Ice Sheffield, the University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University, and Ponds Forge. Our music performances take place at iconic city centre venues. We invite experts from various fields, including doctors, scientists, business owners and university speakers, to enrich our pupils' learning experiences.

At Westbourne School, we recognise the power of nature for well-being. Our Forest School has been awarded the Wildlife Trust's Wild School Award, providing our pupils with a unique outdoor learning experience.

Come and join us at Westbourne School, where every pupil is given the opportunity to flourish and shine. Together, we will empower young minds, cultivate a love for learning, and inspire the leaders of tomorrow. Discover why Westbourne School is the perfect place for your child's educational journey.







*“Westbourne has supported my two sons to mature from boys to young men through Junior School and Senior School. By far its greatest strength is Westbourne’s ability to promote core values to create an environment where pupils have a respect for others. This permeates throughout the school. Hard to quantify...it’s just a feeling you get whenever you are there.”*

**Current parent**

## Nurturing Excellence and Unity: Values, Expectations, and Uniform

### Values:

At Westbourne School, our core values of Excellence, Inclusion, Respect and Resilience guide our entire school community. These values are the foundation of our approach to education and shape the way we interact with one another. We strive for excellence in all areas of school life, promote inclusivity, celebrate diversity, foster mutual respect and friendship, and encourage resilience in the face of challenges. These values underpin our commitment to creating a positive and supportive learning environment for all our pupils.

### Expectations:

We have high expectations for our pupils at Westbourne School as we believe in their potential to achieve greatness. We encourage them to strive for excellence in their academic pursuits, to take responsibility for their learning, and to actively engage in the school community. We expect our pupils to demonstrate a strong work ethic, discipline and a positive attitude towards their studies. We foster a culture of ambition, personal growth and self-improvement, empowering our pupils to become confident and successful individuals.

### Uniform:

Uniform plays an important role at Westbourne School, representing our shared identity and fostering a sense of belonging and pride in our community. Our carefully designed uniform reflects our values and creates a smart and professional appearance. By wearing the Westbourne School uniform, our pupils demonstrate their commitment to our school ethos and expectations. We expect our pupils to adhere to our uniform policy, which promotes equality, inclusivity and a positive learning environment. We appreciate the support of parents and guardians in ensuring that our uniform standards are maintained, as it contributes to a focused and respectful atmosphere conducive to learning.







*We believe in the potential of every pupil and strive to empower them to excel academically and achieve their aspirations.*



## Unlocking Potential: Individualised Learning and Pupil Progress

### Individualised Learning:

At Westbourne School, we recognise that each pupil has unique strengths, learning styles and areas for growth. That's why we are committed to providing individualised learning experiences that cater to the specific needs of every pupil. Our dedicated teachers take the time to understand each pupil's abilities, interests and goals, allowing them to create tailored learning plans and provide targeted support. By embracing individualised learning, we ensure that every pupil is challenged, engaged and motivated to reach their full potential.

### Pupil Progress and Attainment:

Monitoring pupil progress and attainment is a priority at Westbourne School. We believe that tracking and assessing pupil performance is essential for identifying areas of strength and areas where additional support may be required. Through regular assessments, feedback and one-on-one guidance, we enable our pupils to set ambitious targets and work towards achieving them. Our dedicated staff work closely with pupils, parents and guardians to provide ongoing support and interventions that promote sustained progress and attainment. We celebrate the achievements and successes of our pupils, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and a love for learning.





# Welcome to Junior School

**Junior School is for Reception to Year 6. In Junior School, pupils thrive in an academic yet inclusive and nurturing environment. Our personalised approach is more than small class sizes: it is founded on an understanding that children learn in different ways.**

We have invested significantly in our Junior School facilities with a new £3-million development to cater for our growing numbers. This features three new classrooms and a state-of-the-art hall for sport and performing arts. We also have a large art studio, IT suite and several new playgrounds.

Westbourne teachers are passionate about bringing the best out of Junior School pupils. Through our teaching and extra curricular provision, children are individually supported, giving each one the opportunity to shine.

We have specialist teachers in maths, English, music, IT, art and modern languages. These experts help to develop pupils’ skills and abilities in preparation for the challenge of Senior School education.

At Westbourne School, we prioritise the holistic development of our pupils in the Junior School. Forest School and outdoor learning are intrinsic to their academic, social and emotional growth.

*“I love school – it’s the best! I love the lessons in computing. They’re so fun and we laugh a lot. I enjoy play time with all the fun games. Basically, I love it all.”*

## Y3 pupil

Through experiential learning, we provide opportunities for pupils to engage with the natural environment and utilise our beautiful Grade II listed Dell. Our curriculum is designed with a pedagogy that emphasises the significance of well-being, ensuring that we bring out the best in each child.

Junior School is a milestone on your child’s Westbourne Journey, and the relationship with our Senior School and its pupils is important. Junior pupils make good use of our Senior School facilities such as the drama

studio, science labs and our purpose-built food technology area. Senior pupils mentor their younger counterparts in Forest School and in reading, and the whole school comes together for key events in the calendar such as Prize Giving and music events.

A warm welcome,  
**Mr Clark, Head of Junior School**



# Welcome to Senior School - where personalised learning unlocks excellence

**Senior School aims to help pupils identify their talents and achieve excellence inside and outside the classroom. Pupils are given every opportunity to find out what they want to do in their lives, while also receiving encouragement to become considerate, engaging and successful individuals.**

We have small class sizes and a personalised approach to learning, which allow teachers to truly get to know their pupils. It is a supportive environment which promotes confidence and a positive self-image to enable pupils to reach their full potential.

Our curriculum includes 17 GCSE subject options for every child as they approach the end of Year 9. We tailor the timetable and staff provision according to pupils' choices, and know of no other school that offers such an individualised approach to learning.

A broad and balanced curriculum provides pupils with a strong foundation ahead of their

GCSE options. Core subjects are compulsory at this level for all pupils, including English (language and literature – double award), science (physics, chemistry and biology – double or triple award) and mathematics.

By offering a tailored way of learning, pupils have a great deal of extra support when they need it the most. The classes include a lively learning atmosphere with teachers who have passion and skill in their given area. The aim is to stretch and stimulate pupils' minds.

A warm welcome,

**Mr Birbeck, Head of Senior School**

*“Moving our daughter to Westbourne School was a big decision but one that we have never regretted. When our daughter joined, she had very little confidence, was miserable and didn’t engage in school life. She has been nurtured, encouraged and supported within the school environment and is now a happy young woman.”*

**Current parent**







*“What truly holds a special place in my heart is our strong sense of unity and togetherness, like a family! We genuinely care for one another and go out of our way to make newcomers feel embraced and at ease. Our school has a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making it effortlessly approachable for anyone seeking support or interaction.”*

**Year 10 pupil**

## Elevating Excellence: Empowering High Achieving Pupils

**At Westbourne, we have a strong tradition of nurturing and challenging our high achieving pupils (HAPs). These are pupils who demonstrate exceptional talents in specific areas, and we are dedicated to providing them with additional opportunities, extra lessons and outings to further enhance their learning and skills. Our HAPs are identified by their teachers as having the potential to achieve top grades by the time they reach Year 11.**

The majority of our HAP provision takes place within the classroom, where our teachers provide differentiated activities and personalised feedback to ensure that these pupils are consistently challenged. In addition to in-class support, we also offer exceptional opportunities beyond the classroom.

One unique aspect of our HAPs provision is our vertical mentoring sessions. In these sessions, older HAPs mentor and coach younger HAPs in specific subject areas. This arrangement allows older HAPs to

reinforce their own learning while providing vital guidance and inspiration to their younger counterparts. It is a testament to our inclusive vertical form group system.

At Westbourne School, we believe in nurturing the talents and potential of our high achieving pupils. Through tailored support, exceptional opportunities and a supportive learning environment, we empower our HAPs to flourish academically and grow into confident, accomplished individuals.



*“I got to sing in the Spring Recital to my friends, parents and carers. I love the opportunities we get at Westbourne.”*

**Year 5 pupil**

## Exploring Passions and Growth: Enrichment & Clubs

**At Westbourne School, we believe in providing a well-rounded education that goes beyond the traditional classroom setting. Our Enrichment and Clubs programme offers a wide range of opportunities for our pupils to explore their interests, develop lifelong skills and have fun!**

Our clubs and activities encompass a wide variety of interests and talents, including sports, drama, dance, music, film, chess and board games, yoga, mindfulness, IT and coding, and arts and crafts.

We also have regular Enrichment afternoons, often spent outdoors or off-site, and termly Outdoor Learning walks and visits.

Throughout the year, we hold special events days where we celebrate and engage in specific themes. From International Women and Girls in Science Day to Humanities Day, Grandparents Day, Remembrance Service, and TTRockStars Day, these events bring our community together and ignite a passion for learning. Weekly assemblies provide a platform for reflection and community, while our pupils actively contribute by making food bank donations every half term.

Our pupils’ voices are valued and influential at Westbourne. We have the School Council,

House Captains and Vice Captains, Forest School leaders, and Reading Buddies, which provide platforms for their voices to be heard and influence school life.

We offer a residential programme, which provides a progressive and structured experience for pupils from Year 2 upwards, providing valuable opportunities for personal growth and team building.

At Westbourne School, we are committed to offering a diverse range of enrichment activities and clubs, fostering a love for learning and nurturing the unique talents of each pupil.







# Embrace the Power of Sports: Discover our Dynamic Sporting Environment

**A core belief at Westbourne is that a balanced lifestyle means engaging the body and the mind. We offer a wealth of sporting activities that encourage pupils to engage in a healthy dose of competition.**

As you may expect from a school of this standard, outstanding facilities are on offer at international and specialist venues across Sheffield, including Ponds Forge, the English Institute of Sport, Goodwin Sports Centre, Abbeydale Sports Club, Rother Valley Country Park, Sheffield Hallam University and iceSheffield.

We pride ourselves on making sport inclusive. All pupils from Year 3 to 11 have the opportunity to participate in house events, a multitude of friendly games and inter-house competitions. As well as fixtures, we also provide an extended extracurricular activity list, including football, gymnastics, netball, running, horse riding and climbing.

We also recognise that not all individuals want to take part in team sports and we provide alternatives including tennis, badminton, table tennis and racketball to develop each child’s individual sporting potential.

Westbourne pupils are often selected for regional sports teams and many have gone on to represent England or Great Britain in their chosen field. Annual international sports tours are on offer to all pupils. These have included tours to Barcelona, Malta and Lanzarote, as well as ski trips to Italy, Austria, the French Alps and the USA.

**Welcome to sport at Westbourne!**

*“The opportunities for trips, sports, music and drama is what I love about this school. There is something for everyone to enjoy.”*

**Year 9 pupil**



*“Westbourne to me is a family, full of opportunities, encouragement and passion. Whether it be participating in a fixture or playing in a concert, pupils can get involved as much as possible, making us all so close and confident.”*

**Year 10 pupil**





*“Moving our children to Westbourne has been life changing and life affirming. The school has a creative and facilitative approach that seeks to give children an environment that helps them thrive in their own unique way. There is a great balance of academic work, sport, Forest School and arts-based subjects. The teachers are super dedicated and supportive to the pupils and parents. I cannot recommend Westbourne enough.”*

**Current parent**

## Unleashing Creative Brilliance: Explore our Vibrant Arts Scene

**Encouraging artistic talent is a priority at Westbourne. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to express their unique personality and unlock their creativity.**

Drama is a key subject in our school curriculum, with regular Junior and Senior productions, often staged in our natural outdoor amphitheatre. One of the highlights of the year is the whole school production at the Montgomery Theatre in Sheffield city centre. We recently invested in a brand new Drama Studio, complete with professional equipment. This reflects the value the school places on the performing arts, and is in contrast to the national trend in many schools, where arts are in decline.

Music is also a passion at Westbourne. Pupils’ musical abilities are encouraged from day one, with lessons by fully qualified music teachers in Early Years, and the chance to learn a musical instrument of their choice from Year 1. We work with visiting professional music teachers, and older pupils also receive expert coaching from some of the UK’s most skilled ensembles, such as the Hallé in Manchester and Ensemble 360.

Performance is at the heart of what we do, with regular concerts throughout the year. The school boasts several choirs and instrumental

ensembles for all age ranges. Pupils also have the chance to perform at iconic and popular public venues in Sheffield, such as Firth Hall, The Upper Chapel, The Leadmill and Yellow Arch Studios. There is also the annual Winter Concert in Sheffield Cathedral, a prestigious and much-anticipated event that brings our whole community together in celebration and song.

We are proud of the opportunities afforded by our arts facilities and the powerful results for our children’s personal growth. We never cease to be enchanted by the talent that we’re able to unlock.

**A warm welcome to music and drama at Westbourne.**





*“The Westbourne pupils that join us are of the highest calibre and without exception some of the brightest, most talented and hardest working pupils in our sixth form; they are always of good character and settle quickly into our Notre Dame learning community. They come with a broad range of skills, including excellent communication, resilience and perseverance to be the best they can be. Unsurprisingly, Westbourne pupils leaving us at Year 13 enjoy a variety of progression routes that include some of the most competitive courses at the country’s highest regarded universities.”*

**Martyn Birch, Head of Sixth Form at Notre Dame High School**

## Pathways to Success: Nurturing Transitions

**Westbourne School ensures successful transitions for our leavers, with all pupils moving on to their chosen post-16 providers. We support our pupils in achieving the necessary results and meeting entry requirements, guiding them towards courses that align with their learning style, career plans, strengths and interests.**

We facilitate connections with post-16 providers from various sectors, both independent and state, who are eager to engage with our pupils.

Our pupils have diverse options, including state sixth forms, vocational programmes, colleges like Sheffield and Chesterfield, and boarding schools such as Tring and Millfield.

We encourage pupils to attend open evenings and explore their choices. Individual career interviews with our independent careers adviser are popular among pupils and parents, offering valuable guidance in creating career plans.

We also collaborate with Opportunity Sheffield for apprenticeship routes, and our annual Post-16 Pathways and Careers Fair provides a platform for pupils to interact with representatives from a range of organisations.

At Westbourne, we take pride in our pupils’ achievements. Our success can be measured by the number of Westbourne pupils that go on to attend prestigious universities, including several Oxbridge success stories.







# Westbourne School



## Key

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| 1 | School reception, Junior School and whole-school hall | 8  | Senior School - Coach House                   |
| 2 | Reception outdoor classroom and play space            | 9  | Senior School - Ashdell House                 |
| 3 | Upper yard  | 10 | Astro area                                    |
| 4 | Lower yard  | 11 | The Dell - Forest School and outdoor learning |
| 5 | Junior School   | 12 | Bridge  |
| 6 | Senior School - Westbourne Place                      | 13 | Senior School hall                            |
| 7 | Garden / well-being studio                            | 14 | Senior School - Ashdell Grove                 |





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