



# WESTHOLME SCHOOL



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“ We encourage a positive attitude to study and provide an extensive curriculum for our students. ”  
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## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE MATTERS

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We do not shy away from this fact: academic success is important to us at Westholme.

This is not to say that every student is set on a path to Oxbridge, although some are! What it means is that each child has potential within and it is our job to maximise this at an individual level. From Nursery through to Sixth Form and at every stage in between, our students are gently but firmly pushed to their limits and beyond. Ultimately this means taking public examinations and we are justifiably proud of our students' GCSE and A Level results, year after year. Details of these can easily be found on our website, along with a wealth of other information.

School is the preparation for work and life beyond. We value and hone those skills which will be vital to the next generation: hard work, resilience, challenge, self discipline and a sense of competitiveness where necessary!

The by-product of this approach is a fine set of examination results.





## CARING AND SHARING

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We know from years of experience of nurturing all different kinds of children, that children do best when they are happy.

Every boy and girl needs to feel treasured, appreciated and cared for. We do this in many ways at Westholme and pastoral care tops the list of our priorities. This encompasses everything from the teachers, assistants, caretakers and catering ladies who all take the time to get to know your child, through to the School Nurse who is on hand all day, to the Senior Pastoral Head who oversees process and systems to ensure every student is heard and seen. As a community, we take care of each other, kindness is commonplace and tolerance across different beliefs, faiths and backgrounds is actively encouraged.

The result is a warm and friendly atmosphere which is tangible across every area of Westholme life.





“ Our professional theatre provides our students with a perfect backdrop for creative expression.”

## FEEDING THE SOUL

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There is so much more to life than sitting at a desk and at Westholme, we know that nurturing creativity and bringing out different talents is vital to a well-rounded child.

Our impressive, full-sized theatre is the creative heart of the School, where children even from Infants can be found singing, dancing, speaking or acting. We evoke a strong sense of self-confidence by channelling the creative energies our children possess. Once you have performed in front of 550 people, there is no mountain too high!

Music, drama, public speaking and all the creative arts are highly valued here and the staff put in many hours to ensure that the children have a diverse choice of interests to pursue. Those students who are not so keen on the limelight may find their niche in costume and make up, back stage and props, lighting or sound, playing in the orchestra or simply joining in with the choir at the back! At Westholme, there is a place for everyone and the act of joining in is as valued as the star performance.

The fact that over a third of all our pupils learn a musical instrument and over 100 pupils regularly travel together on our international choir tours, speaks volumes about our creative spirit.





## CLUBS AND CONNECTIONS

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After a terrific lunch (the food is a major highlight of the day for Westholme children!) there are too many choices to make. It is the same after school. The day is not long enough!

Will it be Engineering Club to make a trebuchet? Will it be catching up on a few rugby tactics? Trying out for the fell running team? Learning to cook with the Sixth Form? There's a new water polo club, what about that? These clubs and co curricular choices provide a wonderful opportunity to not only learn new skills and discover talents, but also a chance to make new friends from different classes and years. At Westholme, the younger children respect the older role models, and the more mature students take great care of those younger.

We see this through the House system and on the coaches too; everyone supports each other and keeps an eye out for one another.

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“ Experiences as wide and varied as possible are a corner stone of the Westholme ethos. As such, our co curricular programme is rich and extensive. ”  
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## BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES

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Learning happens everywhere and the journeys, trips and voyages undertaken by Westholme students would put a seasoned traveller to shame.

Local visits to parks, rivers, factories and castles are interspersed with globetrotting for our eldest students to far flung destinations such as Borneo, Ecuador and Tanzania! Again, our dedicated staff team go the extra mile, literally, to ensure that Westholme students have as many opportunities as possible. These voyages support our teaching and stimulate personal development; they build confidence and expand horizons.

And isn't that what learning is really all about?

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