

Westborough High School





Welcome from the Headteacher

Students at Westborough High School chose the motto 'Together We Succeed' and this is certainly true. Staff work in partnership with both parents and the community to ensure students succeed in all aspects of their life at Westborough. Great emphasis is placed upon academic success and making every learning experience count. However, academic success is certainly not the whole story as students participate in school trips, sporting events and reading competitions to name but a few of the extracurricular activities we offer. Students will greet you with a ready smile and are keen to show you their school and all we achieve.

I am sure this prospectus will give you a flavour of the opportunities available to young people here at Westborough High School. It is an exciting, warm, caring and safe place to be, where students both aspire and inspire. Respect, kindness and honesty form our core values as we support students on their journey towards adulthood. Every day I am impressed by their determination, creativity and team spirit and I know you will be too. I hope you will be able to visit us soon to discover all Westborough has to offer.

Jennifer Napper, Headteacher



Partners

The school is a member of The Dewsbury Learning Trust, partnered with the University of Huddersfield, Heckmondwike Grammar School, Kirklees College and Kirklees Council. This means we can work together to provide the best for our students. It is a 'Partnership of Strengths'.



Transition

A smooth transition into secondary school is essential for students to succeed. At Westborough High School there are many opportunities to become familiar with peers, staff and the school building before starting school in Year 7. From Year 5, local children have experience of Westborough High School through different sessions such as science workshops, performances and a Year 5 day experiencing a day in the life of Westborough. Once students choose Westborough, transition activities begin including Buddy in the Park, Summer Challenge and a Transition Day. These engaging experiences enthuse and relax students about starting life at Westborough High School.



Pastoral support

The pastoral support system at Westborough High School is a noticeable strength. Students are cared for and nurtured throughout their time in the school. From the day students enter the school community, they are treated with respect and kindness. Staff ensure every child really matters and they go the extra mile to ensure each young person is safe, happy and achieves their full potential.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club provides a calming start to the school day. The early start guarantees punctuality: an essential part of life at Westborough. The free, well balanced breakfast ensures students are energised and ready for a full day of learning. A variety of activities are offered at the club to suit all needs: students can complete homework, discuss personal matters with staff, play games together or socialise with peers.



Settling in

Settling into the community at Westborough is overseen by form tutors, class teachers, Heads of Student Progress and the Senior Team. Students are given many opportunities to familiarise themselves with the school. There are extracurricular activities available such as football, netball and computing. Trips into the wider community promote Westborough's high expectations and encourage positive relationships between students and staff.



“I went to Fab Lab. It was ace. We got to do loads of different activities and what was really good was when we’d gone wrong we got a chance to go back and do it again!”

Westborough High School Pupil

“I am incredibly proud to have come from Westborough and owe so much to the teachers that have continually pushed me.”

Ex Westborough High School Pupil

Extra-curricular activities

There is a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities available at Westborough High School. Students can participate in sport clubs, performances and reward trips to name just a few. These memorable events make a lasting impression and encourage team work, positive relationships and meaningful learning.



Enjoy learning

Westborough aims for all learning opportunities to be meaningful and engaging. Throughout the school enthusiastic teachers are motivating students to succeed and be the best they can be. Students enjoy their learning and want to reach their potential; furthermore staff work tirelessly to ensure that this is possible.



High expectations

Westborough promotes high expectations for all. The Headteacher is often heard to quote that 'the greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark' (Michelangelo). This articulates the attitudes of staff in the school. Westborough's high quality teaching and effective target setting process ensures that students aim high and get there!

The Westborough Way

Westborough High School is a family. The students and staff belong to a team that strives to promote excellence and enjoyment. Students from all backgrounds are treated equally and they are encouraged to reach their full potential. Students attending the school buy in to this fact and feel proud to be a part of such a special learning environment.

“The trip to Huddersfield University was very motivational and has made me pay attention to more lessons as I really want to go there.”
Westborough High School Pupil

“The gap between 11 and 16 is possibly the biggest transition you make and doing it surrounded by supportive, caring staff and a diverse mix of peers is what makes you a great young adult.”
Ex Westborough High School Pupil

Gifted and talented

More able students are nurtured at Westborough to ensure they reach their full potential. Students are recognised as being Gifted and Talented and activities are tailored to stretch and challenge them. Students are placed in ability groups to ensure the higher attainers can be challenged and encouraged to reach top grades. Extra activities are also provided to enrich the learning experiences of more able students.



Preparing to study qualifications

Gaining qualifications is a significant part of life at Westborough High School. The importance of these is emphasised from the very beginning. Preparation is vital to ensure students have a solid foundation of skills, knowledge and understanding to build upon. The curriculum offer is carefully tailored to the needs of individuals and ensures the best possible chance of success.



Careers

Preparing students for the future is essential. Careers interviews and experiences begin early at Westborough High School to encourage students to think carefully about their pathway into the world of work. A careers advisor and outside services ensure that students have the opportunity to explore future careers and consider the advantages. Students are prepared to make the most of the opportunities work experience provides and use this to inform their post sixteen decisions.



Options

Westborough students come to school to succeed. They enjoy learning and want successful futures. The options process aims to allow students to select qualifications in subjects that maximise their future life chances. Clear guidance is given from the Senior Team, Head of Student Progress and form tutors and decisions are made in collaboration with parents and guardians. Expert management ensures the curriculum offer is future proof and maximises the life chances of the students.



“I knew I had to change and the teachers at Westborough helped me to do that. I want to become a member of the School Council in Year 11.”
Westborough High School Pupil

“Staff have continually inspired me and I know so many of my friends feel the same way. If it were not for some of the staff at Westborough I don’t think any of us would have excelled the way we did.”
Westborough High School Pupil

Hard work

Hard work is an integral part of the learning environment at Westborough. The importance of this increases as students approach their final year. Support is provided by all staff to ensure that students make the most of each learning experience. Liaison with families is essential and progress reports are regular and effective in motivating students to improve.



Commitment

Westborough staff and students are committed to the learning journey. They strive to achieve excellence and ensure that learning opportunities are inspirational, meaningful and effective. Staff motivate students to ensure they relentlessly pursue their ambitions and remove obstacles to success and barriers to learning.



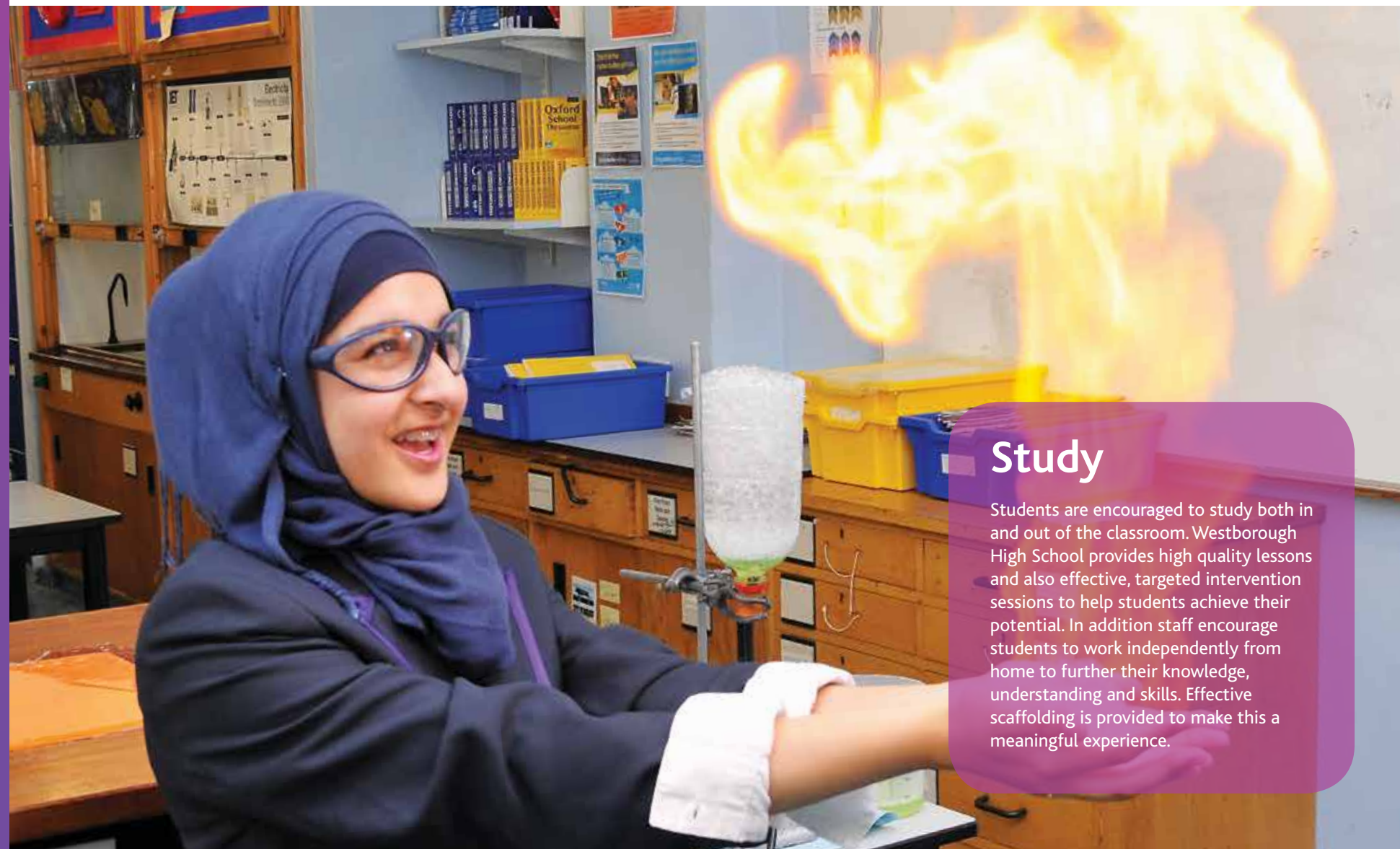
Growing up

Alongside the importance of hard work, Westborough High School promotes the development of well-rounded young people. An effective rewards system ensures positive behaviours are recognised and celebrated. A robust and consistent behaviour policy encourages students to develop into mature and responsible young people with a good moral outlook.



Study

Students are encouraged to study both in and out of the classroom. Westborough High School provides high quality lessons and also effective, targeted intervention sessions to help students achieve their potential. In addition staff encourage students to work independently from home to further their knowledge, understanding and skills. Effective scaffolding is provided to make this a meaningful experience.



“When I receive an award I feel proud to be a student at Westborough.”
Westborough High School Pupil

“Westborough alumni have gone on and become barristers, dentists, pharmacists, teachers, firefighters, mechanics and doctors and all of them received the same level of care and guidance to reach their potential.”
Westborough High School Pupil

Achieving success

Success for our students is at the heart of all we do! Individual success is valued and celebrated through awards assemblies, certificates, liaison with home and awards evenings. Students enjoy the recognition of their achievements as they are a result of hard work and dedication. Westborough provides all the components for a successful education and ensures the students bring the missing piece of the puzzle: a good attitude and plenty of hard work!



Celebrate

Ending life at Westborough is a celebration of a long, challenging and rewarding journey. Staff and students come together to celebrate this at the School Prom which is eagerly anticipated by the whole school community. All those attending are in good spirits and are dressed beautifully! This is a time to enjoy being with friends and staff, reflect on past experiences and look forward to the future.



Responsibilities

Westborough students are encouraged to develop into responsible, mature young people. They have the opportunity to become Prefects to help run and organise the school. The School Council empowers students to discuss issues and make suggestions on how to improve things. Work in the wider community encourages citizenship and includes activities such as a Christmas party for the elderly and charity work.

The future

Westborough effectively prepares young people for the future. The promotion of independence, team work, commitment and enthusiasm provides students with the skills to succeed. Students leave with high aspirations and this explains why the local community recognises Westborough to be a school that produces the professional people of tomorrow!

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Westborough due to the wonderful friends I had and the brilliant teachers who helped me to achieve my potential."

Fazilla Patel, left Westborough in 2002 and is now a teacher at Westmoor Primary School.

"Westborough High School was a good experience – I really miss it!"

Sara Sidat, left Westborough in 2009 and is now studying childhood studies.



Name: Luqman Ismail
Year left: 1998

Q: What Career have you gone on to pursue?

A: I am teaching in secondary schools.

Q: How did your time at Westborough High School benefit your career path?

A: Teachers at Westborough inspired me to join the teaching profession.

Q: What qualifications did you gain at Westborough High School?

A: 8 GCSE's A*-C.

Q: How would you sum up your time at Westborough High School?

A: My time at Westborough was a memorable journey.

Q: What advice would you give our current pupils regarding their progression?

A: I would advise you to enjoy school life and work hard!



Name: Farina Alam
Year left: 2008

Q: What Career have you gone on to pursue?

A: Studying law at university with a part time pharmacy job.

Q: How did your time at Westborough High School benefit your career path?

A: My time at Westborough helped me succeed.

Q: What qualifications did you gain at Westborough High School?

A: More than 5 A*-C's.

Q: How would you sum up your time at Westborough High School?

A: I enjoyed it.

Q: What advice would you give our current pupils regarding their progression?

A: To learn, behave and get as much out of education as you can.



Name: Bilal Patel
Year left: 2002

Q: What Career have you gone on to pursue?

A: I am a pharmacist.

Q: How did your time at Westborough High School benefit your career path?

A: Westborough showed me what I like and dislike and therefore the path I could take.

Q: What qualifications did you gain at Westborough High School?

A: GCSEs: 1 A*, 6 A's, 2 B's and 1 C.

Q: How would you sum up your time at Westborough High School?

A: My school days were the best period of my life.

Q: What advice would you give our current pupils regarding their progression?

A: I would say to put your head down: work hard and play hard. Enjoy it!



Name: Tahir Suleman
Year left: 2007

Q: What Career have you gone on to pursue?

A: I am a mechanical engineer.

Q: How did your time at Westborough High School benefit your career path?

A: I had brilliant teachers who helped me improve my Maths and English.

Q: What qualifications did you gain at Westborough High School?

A: 11 GCSE's A*-C.

Q: How would you sum up your time at Westborough High School?

A: I loved it!

Q: What advice would you give our current pupils regarding their progression?

A: Educate yourselves especially in the core subjects.

"My time at Westborough High School was some of the best days of my life."

Yusuf Patel, left Westborough in 1998 and is now a teacher and director of IT.

"Westborough High School set me up for the rest of my life: the most enjoyable 5 years to date. I loved every minute of it as well as all my teachers and peers."

Asma Yukub Patel, left Westborough in 2010 and is now studying midwifery at the University of Bradford.

"I went to Westborough High School and have gone on to be a professional rugby league player for St Helens."

Alex Walmsley, left Westborough in 2006.



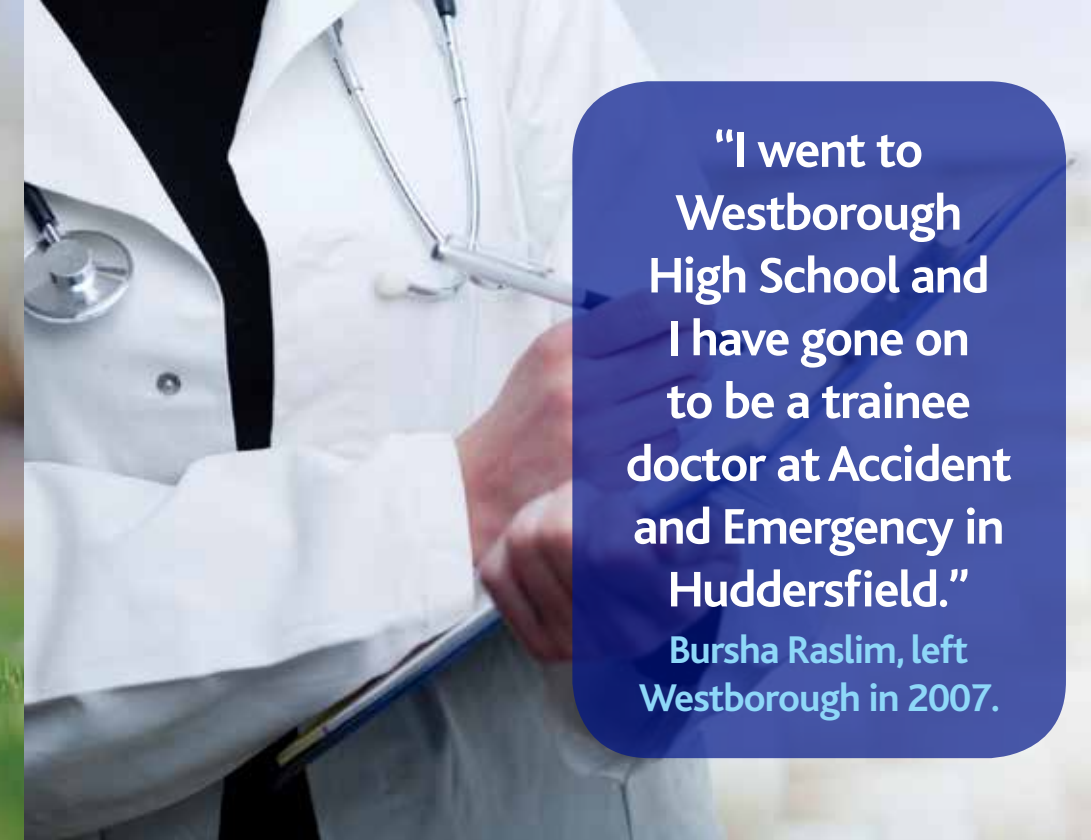
"I went to Westborough High School and I have gone on to be a specialist police officer with West Yorkshire Firearms Unit."

Amjad Ditta, left Westborough in 2006.



"I went to Westborough High School and I have gone on to study a sports journalism degree at the University of Huddersfield."

Tahir Valli, left Westborough in 2008.



"I went to Westborough High School and I have gone on to be a trainee doctor at Accident and Emergency in Huddersfield."

Bursha Raslim, left Westborough in 2007.



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