



SCHOOL PROSPECTUS
2021/2022



"This School continues to be good"
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'We see the qualities in every child.'



'I believe students succeed in an environment that values them as individuals, where they are happy, where they experience high expectations and academic challenge.'

Mr S Dallimore
Headteacher of Westfield Academy

Educating children is a privilege that brings with it a responsibility to provide the best all-round education possible. We aim to give students a clear understanding of who they are and what they want to achieve in the world.

We see the qualities in every child and pride ourselves in the warmth of a community in which all our students feel valued. We aim to foster confidence, independence, tolerance and integrity; to enhance communication skills; to embrace creativity; to encourage teamwork.

Happy children are more likely to be successful, and working in an environment of high expectations can achieve more than they believe possible of themselves. The world is rapidly changing and Westfield students are developing the skills to equip them for future success.

We are a school of...

- VALUES | POTENTIAL | SUCCESS
- EXPECTATION | PROGRESS
- INNOVATION | INDIVIDUALS
- AMBITION | COMMUNITY

School of... **VALUES**

Our STRIVE values, Scholarship, Teamwork, Resilience, Integrity, Versatility & Empathy are actively encouraged throughout all areas of school life.

We encourage students to take on roles to develop their skills in leadership and communication; Prefects, Senior Prefects, Peer Tutors and Sports House Captains to name but a few. With each role comes recognition for their dedication to the school, along with a unique set of responsibilities. Students learn discipline and further develop key competencies which not only impress future employers, but also help build confidence and self esteem.



"Around the school, pupils are polite to one another and to adults. Pupils spoke of the mutual respect that exists between staff and pupils."

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"The teachers are really good, I enjoy all of my lessons, they are interesting and fun. There is a big range of subjects, some of the lessons I'd never done at primary school. I've also attended most of the sports clubs and I represent the school in football and rugby fixtures against other schools, it makes me proud and I always have a good time."

Jake - Year 9

School of... **POTENTIAL**

Staff acknowledge and recognise the talents of every child and are fully committed to providing a supportive and stimulating environment. This allows students to personally develop and grow as individuals. Regular school trips and external visitors also provide further depth and detail to learning, ensuring subject areas are explored with maximum effect.

We use a variety of approaches to teaching and learning across a broad curriculum, offering a wide range of subjects at Key Stage 4, when students select a number of subjects to continue studying at GCSE level. This supports their independence and offers a self tailored education to suit their strengths, interests and future aspirations. As part of our support and commitment in recognising the need to provide relevant courses, we have introduced a number of additional GCSE/BTEC subjects in recent years; Health & Social Care, Travel & Tourism, Photography and Business & Enterprise, which have proven to be extremely popular options for our Year 10 and 11 students.



'We use a variety of approaches to teaching'



"I feel excited to start at Westfield Academy. I cannot wait to make new friends and have fun. I am looking forward to doing lots of sports and getting involved with the clubs available to take part in, Westfield has welcomed me and made me feel relaxed, I really enjoyed our transition tour. I have chosen Westfield because I think there was more on offer. I like how big it is but know I will feel safe and listened to."

Max - Year 7

School of... **SUCCESS**

At Westfield Academy achievement is celebrated in and outside of school. A variety of daily and termly reward systems are in place for all students, and annual celebration events form a very important part of the school calendar. We believe in praise so events like these provide the perfect opportunity for parents and teachers to focus on the achievements of the children and congratulate them for their continued hard work and performance.

Acknowledging out of school accomplishments is also something we do very well at Westfield. Many of our students have special talents in sport, performing arts and music, which has opened an array of exciting doors for them. Westfield is home to a whole host of incredible individuals.....

....dance champions, chefs, international gymnasts, actors and actresses who are training with national theatre companies, multi-talented musicians and songwriters, county sports champions, some have even played for England Teams!



"I was very excited to become a student at Westfield Academy. The school has some amazing facilities and lots of clubs that you can get involved in for different interests. The teachers are really kind and helpful. At Westfield we use Chromebooks - they are great for learning and researching. Science takes part in the Labs, in Food & Nutrition lessons we create delicious foods and in Games we have excellent sports facilities. I really enjoyed my first year at Westfield and cannot wait to explore more of the school."

Grace - Year 8

School of... **EXPECTATION**

Staff and students within Westfield are expected and encouraged to aim for the top, work hard and strive to succeed. Good behaviour is compulsory, as is smart uniform at all times. Looking smart encourages pride in presentation, promotes equality and instills a sense of belonging. Our standards are high, but we recognise that in order to achieve, students need to be well supported and develop an enthusiasm for learning.

In addition to our on site resources, a variety of online platforms can be accessed outside of school to further build on lesson material. The school believes continuous, two-way communication between home and school is essential.



"Westfield Academy is an amazing school which offers a wide range of clubs for all ages and abilities. The teachers get to know you really well as a person and push you in areas that you are good at. I have developed my skills through the Leadership academy, extra-curricular activities and sporting events. I have loved my first 2 years at Westfield Academy. I am sure you will too."

Isabel - Year 9



School of... **PROGRESS**

No two students are the same and success can mean different things to different people. What matters is that every student is provided with a first class, educational experience and given the optimum chance to achieve their full potential.

Westfield excels in progress. Students regularly achieve above and beyond their targeted levels, proving that within our school, personal aspirations are high. Inspiring students to challenge themselves creates determined, committed individuals who learn hands on, the reward of persistence and effort.

Academic success is strong at Westfield with many previous students studying at Oxbridge and Russell Group universities.



"I am extremely impressed with how organised my child's start at Westfield has been and the information produced during an extremely difficult period in school history. Communications & expectations are of a very high standard for both students and parents, we welcome this for the next 5 years of our child's education"

New Year 7 Parent

'No two students are the same'

School of... **OPPORTUNITY**

Our enrichment programme provides an exciting platform allowing students to expand their personal interests and experiences outside of regular timetabled lessons. The popularity of Dance and Drama within Westfield continues to grow, with both departments producing a number of professional performances each year. Breaktime and after school practices take place every day within our busy Music department, supporting the school orchestra, jazz band, string group, school choir and senior choir. In addition to the Music GCSE, we now offer Music Technology, which helps develop skills, knowledge and understanding of the music technology industry in a practical way, leading into other areas of music or creative business.

Equally our thriving Sports department run daily extra curricular activities providing additional coaching for our up and coming sports stars, and an opportunity to build on current skills and techniques. Consistent performance in local, area and county finals is quickly building Westfield Academy's reputation as the premier choice for young and ambitious sport enthusiasts.

On top of this the school continues to take part in the popular Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Physically mentally and emotionally challenging it is a firm favourite amongst those wishing to challenge themselves.



'Our enrichment programme provides an exciting platform'

School of... **INDIVIDUALS**

We all learn differently. At different levels, different speeds and with varying abilities. Some excel in the classroom, others absorb more from practical, hands-on experiences, and a number of children may require additional support from our SEN team. Recognising the personal needs of each child allows us to tailor our provisions specifically to them, and provide them with the support they need to reach their full potential.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss any special requirements for your child's school care in more detail.



"Westfield Academy offers so much to it's students. The facilities and staff are amazing. I would thoroughly recommend this school."

Parent Feedback

School of... **AMBITION**

At Westfield Academy, Careers is taught throughout the school curriculum and we are extremely dedicated to preparing students for living and working in the adult world.

Our Post 16 provision is something we are incredibly proud of; actively seeking the development of good quality CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) and providing students with an introduction to the world of work, skills and opportunity.

In partnership with I2A, (Inspire 2 Achieve) our impartial advice and guidance service aims to help students think realistically about themselves, educating and encouraging them to make reasoned, informed choices about their lifestyle. We have celebrated several nominations and awards over recent years in the Somerset Education Business Partnership Awards (EBP) for our commitment to work related projects as an academy and through staff.

The launch of Talent Academies since 2017 has also provided our students with a wealth of knowledge from local employers. There is the opportunity to explore Aero Engineering, Construction, Dance, Health & Nursing, Manufacturing and Tomorrow's Teachers by engaging in off-site visits to a range of businesses. 2022 will see several new industries added, as well as the re-introduction of in-person events such as Higher Education month and the opportunity to visit local colleges and find out more about what they have to offer.



"Careers guidance is well developed. Students undertake work experience which is closely linked to their aspirations and interests. They visit colleges and universities and this raises their aspirations of what they are able to achieve in the future."

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"We were made to feel so welcome on our first visit to Westfield Academy. All of the teachers made a point of talking to our daughter and asking what she likes most about learning. We felt that Westfield really cared about its students, and we are so happy to have chosen this school. The teachers and the pastoral team get to know students as individuals and this makes it a wonderful community to be part of."

Parent Feedback

School of... **INNOVATION**

Continually striving to improve and build on our current facilities makes our academy an exciting and inspiring place for all.

The Creative Arts departments are equipped with many state of the art facilities such as our very own recording studio, 300-seat theatre, and dance studio complete with sprung floor.

Along with our existing 3G astro turf pitch, flood-lit tennis and netball courts and refurbished sports hall, we can also boast the addition of an inflatable sports dome.

We are the first secondary school in Somerset where all students have personal Chromebooks. This enables students to progress faster in an environment where teachers are able to utilise the power of collaboration and the constant visibility of students' work to further develop thinking skills and communication.



"At Westfield academy there have been lots of opportunities to take part in new activities and make new friends. I have taken part in activities such as netball and hockey but also have had the opportunity to take part in flute lessons and from that take grade exams. All our lessons are engaging and taught in an enjoyable way by enthusiastic teachers."

Sophie - Year 11

We are a **COMMUNITY**

Each year group is led by a Head of Year, a non-teaching member of staff devoted to ensuring the health, wellbeing and academic overview of their students. Heads of Year give exceptional pastoral care and alongside the Tutor, provide a go-to for students who wish to discuss any concerns, ideas or achievements.

Upon joining Westfield, all children are assigned to a House; *Darwin, Einstein, Franklin or Galileo*, with each captained by a staff House Leader. Staff are also part of one of these 'Houses'. This helps to build a sense of belonging and family, with regular inter-house events allowing students to experience healthy competitions and compete for further rewards and accolades. Our Houses are also about developing a desire to go "above and beyond".

Over the last few years, we have established a strong link with the local Westfield Community Association by actively taking part in projects to improve the area and fundraise in support of the newly built community centre. We have worked closely with residents to assist them in improving the local area by joining their local gardening scheme. Students have helped "dig, plant & sow", encouraging positive relationships in a range of different age groups .

Often as adults we reminisce about our younger years and sometimes even describe school as "the best days of our lives". Our hope is that every child who leaves Westfield does so having made the best possible progress that they, as individuals, could achieve and are well prepared for the next steps in their future.



"I joined Westfield school in the middle of Year 7. I was really nervous and afraid but had absolutely nothing to worry about, they welcomed me really well and made sure I felt comfortable. All of the teachers are nice and will welcome you happily at the start of each lesson. Don't be daunted by the size of the school because within a day or two, and with good friendship groups, you will be fine in no time..... Be happy smile and enjoy Westfield school."

Kadyn - Year 10



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