

The Derby High School Science and Arts College





“At The Derby High School we strive for excellence in all we do. We are proud of the history and the traditions that have helped define our school.

We challenge our students to work hard, to make the most of the opportunities that the school offers and to use their imagination to truly think and believe they can be the best.”

Our Motto is

*Excellence, Tradition,
Imagination*



WELCOME

We are proud to be a high achieving school that offers so many exciting opportunities for all our students. The school has high expectations of itself and its students and the teaching and pastoral care available here is exceptional. Students are looked after extremely well whilst also being challenged to achieve their best.

We have recently received two national awards for educational excellence at the TES School Awards. Ofsted 2014 acknowledged the achievements of the school highlighting the outstanding leadership at all levels. In June 2015 we received an Educational Outcomes Award from the SSAT for being in the top 20% of schools nationally for student progress at GCSE. These accomplishments are a testament to the talented, hard-working and dedicated staff we have here.

The Derby High School is truly a unique school. Positive relationships between and within staff and students are a key strength and ensure all who work here see school as a happy and caring place in which to learn. Furthermore, the distinctive experiences offered enable our students to leave us as confident, well rounded and forward thinking young people equipped to make an impact in their own and others' lives. I warmly invite you to come and see what we have to offer.

Thank you for reading our prospectus and do come visit.

Ms C H Hubert, Headteacher



Quality Teaching & Learning

Teaching is engaging and inspirational at The Derby High School. Our students always tell us that our teachers are the best thing about our school! We are really fortunate to have such a devoted and dedicated team of teachers, always ready to go the extra mile for our students. All of our teachers are well-qualified specialists with a real passion for their subject.

We place a high value on professional development and close at 2.30pm every Wednesday fortnight so our teachers can update their skills and give our students the best possible learning experience.

"Teachers' strong subject knowledge and enthusiasm lead to students enjoying their learning and making good and improving progress over time."

- OFSTED

"The teaching is amazing. Every teacher plans great lessons and is willing to take the time to help you understand"

- Year 11 Leaver

"The teachers are amazing at their job and they encourage you to do your best"

- Year 11 Leaver



Engaging Curriculum

Our curriculum is outstanding and provides a tremendous range of opportunities for our students.

At Key Stage 3 our students benefit from an excellent range of opportunities. Theme days and unique courses like Science and Arts and Creative Arts help to ensure that learning is engaging. Two hours of sport every week, learning to cook plus excellent personal, social and health education ensure our students know how to live their lives well.

We also offer languages, technology and computing, enabling our students to benefit from a variety of experiences.

At Key Stage 4 students are offered a wide range of rigorous and challenging academic courses plus a range of exceptional vocational courses such as BTECs.

We also think it is really important to take our students to university and to give them bespoke careers advice. We have excellent links with Manchester, Salford and Liverpool Universities.

“The curriculum is broad and balanced and has a strong focus on building aspirations, self-confidence and improving literacy skills” - OFSTED



Strong Community

We are proud of the fact that our students work with us to create a harmonious, calm, purposeful and safe learning environment. The 7Rs underpin our ethos at The Derby, and we provide encouragement and support for all our students through our in house 'team around the child'. All our students have opportunities to contribute to school life as leaders, mentors, buddies and prefects and the senior student leaders act as role models for our younger students.

"Students treat each other with courtesy, dignity and respect and engage positively with staff and visitors" - OFSTED

"Students say that they feel safe in school and this is endorsed by all parents who completed the online parental survey" - OFSTED

"The school is proactive in its approach to working with outside agencies to secure support for students" - OFSTED



Outstanding Achievement

We are a high achieving school, which is something we have all worked hard to accomplish. Year on year our examination results improve. The progress students make in all subjects is well above national expectations and one of the best in the Bury Authority.

We have developed excellent teaching in all subject areas. Students love the challenge of learning and thrive in lessons. Consequently, they make substantial progress in all curriculum areas.

“Students make good progress over time in a significant number of subjects” - OFSTED

Amazing Opportunities

Because we offer our students so many unique opportunities, we provide an education like no other. We aim to provide a school experience that is truly memorable. We have built a wide range of innovative partnerships; every single week, something exciting will be happening here at The Derby.

Whether dancing with the English National Ballet, filming with the BBC, interviewing Major Tim Peake on board the International Space Station, debating with politicians in Westminster Palace, spending a Saturday at a chess competition or cooking up a feast in the Bury College Master Chef final... Some of our students somewhere will be doing something extra special!

"Our teachers pursue every opportunity to give us incredible opportunities" - Current pupil



A school worth choosing

When it comes to opportunities we really are a school like no other.

We hope this guide has provided at least a taste of everything we are able to offer.

To find out more about our school please contact us on

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We are always happy to arrange a visit and you are guaranteed a warm welcome.



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