

# WKGS

## PROSPECTUS





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## West Kirby

At West Kirby Grammar School, we empower every child to make choices in pursuit of their passion. The breadth of our curriculum and rich diversity of enrichment opportunities help all students to discover that vital spark which makes them unique.

We are consistently ranked amongst the top state schools on the Wirral, but we look beyond league tables and academic excellence. Our caring community values and nurtures students as individuals. We focus not just on what a child learns, but also on how they learn as each child grows in confidence, independence and stature to become a well-rounded young adult, ready to move into the next stage of their life and seize new opportunities.

Welcome to West Kirby Grammar School – the school of choice.





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## A message from the head

*Thank you for considering West Kirby Grammar School for the next stage of your child's academic and personal development.*

*By providing young people with new opportunities and a wide range of choices, we allow our students to find excellence in many different ways.*

*Our pastoral system supports all students to become part of our community and to truly belong. This establishes the very best conditions for learning, something we are truly passionate about here at West Kirby Grammar School.*

**Simeon Clarke**

HEADTEACHER





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**a smooth transition**





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The transition to secondary school is a landmark step in your child's life, but don't worry - it doesn't take long for our new students to settle in.

Our experienced Year 7 team will make your child feel at home, and they will get lots of friendly support from our Sixth Form Peer Mentors. Year 7 form rooms are all located on the same corridor, so it's easy for pupils to visit old and new friends and quickly build their own community.

Our House system and wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs help students to forge new friendships. Bonds are further strengthened through numerous trips, and residential opportunities.





*“Highly effective transition arrangements enable new students to settle quickly into school. The house system plays a key role in this, enabling new arrivals to get to know students in different year groups.”*

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knowledge



We help every student to explore and nurture their own unique talents through an extensive and varied curriculum. From learning a new language to trying out the latest design technology, your child will have endless opportunities to discover their passion.

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*“All students make outstanding progress from their initial starting points and achieve exceptionally well.”*

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The emphasis is on opportunity; at Key Stage 3 students make rapid progress before embarking on a very broad range of subjects at GCSE. Pupils are stretched and challenged beyond the academic curriculum so that they discover their passion and achieve exceptional outcomes.

We equip all of our children with the skills needed to become independent learners. Study skills quickly become study habits which lay strong foundations for academic success.





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**expression**







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*“Staff work as part of a highly effective team to identify, nurture and develop the potential of each student.”*

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We are passionate about the arts. It's impossible to overestimate the pleasure and numerous benefits our students gain from creative expression through art, drama and music.

Drama productions are a highlight of the school year. Our talented performers have even staged a play at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and graced the stage of local theatres.

Our orchestra and choir form part of a thriving music scene, alongside various ensembles of incredibly accomplished musicians. You may well have seen some of the work of our young artists displayed in local galleries, book shops and museums.





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global citizenship





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We nurture our students' innate curiosity to look beyond themselves and help them to develop a positive view of the world, society and diversity.

Our links around the world help students to grasp complex global issues with a deeper level of understanding, and to build lifelong friendships through visits to different countries. Recent trips include Auschwitz, the battlefields of northern France, Paris, Hungary, Poland, Germany, Iceland and Florida, as well as visits to communities in rural China.

This commitment to embedding international awareness and understanding across our curriculum has earned us the International School Award from the British Council.



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*“Students become mature, self-confident and caring individuals with high aspirations and are extremely well prepared for life beyond school.”*

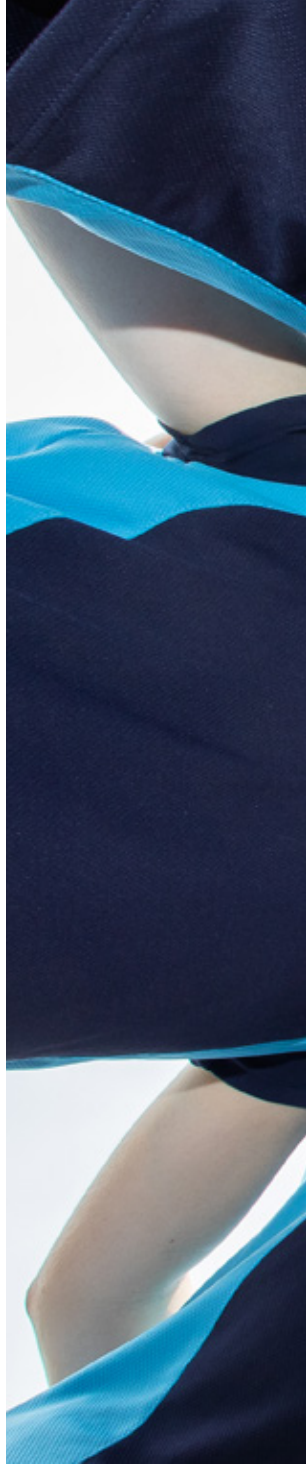
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One of the most important skills a young person can learn is how to work with others as part of a team. Teamwork helps students to communicate, increase their social skills and self-confidence, and grow into well-rounded adults.

At WKGS we encourage teamwork through a wide range of sports including hockey, netball, athletics, trampolining, gymnastics and tennis. Some of our students compete at county, regional and even national level, whilst for others sport is all about fun and wellbeing.

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resilience

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Resilience is an important life skill. Through strong classroom dynamics and teaching methods that focus on interaction and engagement, your child will develop determination and capability, helping them to become a resilient learner.

Outside of the classroom, we encourage students to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the world's leading youth achievement accolade, valued by universities and employers alike. The scheme has a profound impact on young people's lives, helping to develop teamworking and leadership skills.

We are proud that so many of our students rise to the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and each year we celebrate an impressive number of Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. In fact, students are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones throughout their time at WKGS through a whole range of outdoor activities.



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# an outstanding sixth-form

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*“West Kirby is an outstanding school with an equally outstanding sixth form. It provides very high quality care and education in an inclusive learning environment”*

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an outstanding sixth-form

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Our Sixth Form is ranked amongst the best in the country, built around a friendly, close-knit community which celebrates every student's unique talents and individuality.

Students learn and socialise in our dedicated Sixth Form Centre, complete with modern teaching areas, dedicated media suites, common rooms and kitchen facilities. Your child will benefit from:

- a comprehensive induction programme
- learning support and mentoring
- small tutor groups with excellent pastoral care
- guidance evenings

- a bespoke UCAS and apprenticeship preparation package
- university taster days
- master classes with industry and various universities
- careers advice  
(internally and from independent experts)

As well as a broad curriculum of subjects, we offer a wide range of exciting enrichment opportunities which help students to grow as well as boosting university or employment applications.



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