# The Oldershaw School



Digital Information Pack 2021



# Principal's Welcome

The Oldershaw School is an over-subscribed 11-19 co-educational comprehensive in Wallasey on the Wirral. We have been successfully educating our community for over 100 years having celebrated our centenary year in 2020, a milestone we are incredibly proud of and one we look to build upon going forward.

I firmly believe in the highest standards and expectations to provide a rich and challenging education for each and every pupil. Your child's care is central to a successful education and to support this we actively develop a partnership with parents and carers, expecting all to share our mission for **Nurturing Happiness** and **Academic Success** and to adhere to our core values:

#### Pride, Kindness and Resilience

All achievement is celebrated and our high standards are achieved with the dedication and ability of our staff. We believe that education is a partnership between home and school which aims to fulfil the ambitions of our young people. We can and do achieve **Excellence Together**.

The academy has grown significantly in recent years as the desire to study here increases and we are now full to capacity having received 2 applications for every 1 place for the last 2 consecutive years. We fully expect this trend to continue and hope you choose to join us for the next part of your journey as we continue flourish and grow.

Mr J Bush Principal



# Results & Success

Pupil progress and attainment continues to be positive each academic year, ensuring pupils move forward in their chosen path. We have seen improvement year on year over the last few years and expect it to continue as we further enhance our school and it's provisions.

We feel strongly that English and Mathematics are vitally important so in 2020/21 we made a strategic move to introduce further lessons in these core subjects. This will not only continue to improve our results, but will also benefit all lessons across the whole curriculum. We pro-actively adapt to ensure the best education is available to all pupils.

Our 6th form is a dynamic educational hub, an exciting place where students will be constantly challenged by new ideas and concepts through expert teaching. In 2020 and 2021 we are delighted to have had a 100% success rate with all students who applied for University/apprenticeships/employment being accepted to their first choices.

Our broad & bespoke curriculum is highly inclusive. Our A-level subjects are led by specialist teachers and class sizes are small, enabling us to individually support students through their studies so that they can fulfil their academic potential. Our vocational courses are also highly successful. They include BTEC courses in Business Administration, Arts & Design Skills, Sports Coaching and Hospitality. These courses are all taught onsite.

The Sixth Form is a constantly evolving community where student opinions matter.



# **Educational Visits**

We are extremely proud of the school excursions we offer here at Oldershaw. The opportunities offered to consolidate learning through physical experience and broaden knowledge of different cultures are widespread and enrich our pupils lives.

In recent years we have travelled all over the world; New York and Barcelona with Art & Media, France with PE, Germany with Modern Languages and Poland with History.

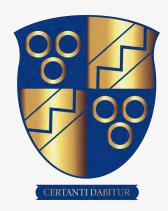
We also offer a plethora of yearly trips to UK based activity centres for team building and confidence sessions; theatre trips to London; and numerous field work outings in and around the local area.



We are extremely proud and excited to join the UK's Turing Scheme in 2021/2022.

This scheme will provide the opportunity for 15 pupils to travel to Rome, studying and working alongside Italian students and businesses in order to develop their own employment and enterprise skills. This is an opportunity the Oldershaw School want to facilitate annually for students as part of the pupils ongoing development.

We are determined to resume all excursions as soon as possible as we feel the benefits are boundless for pupils here and we are passionate about providing these opportunities.



# Extra-Curricular

We have a rich history of wonderful productions which we continue to nurture with our yearly whole school performances.

Opportunities to be a part of the production, both on stage and back stage, are open to all and serve to promote a whole school ethos within all year groups, allowing all taking part to engage and communicate to produce magnificent results.



In 2020 we performed 'The Wizard of Oz' with 3 evening shows and a matinee performance for local primary schools. The shows were greatly received and there were excellent individual performances throughout; talents that we aim to provide a platform for and allow to flourish. This year, auditions have already started for 'Beauty & the Beast' to prepare for March 2022 performances.

We also produced a 2021 online summer show to ensure we continued to promote our talent and encourage all pupils to have the confidence to take pride in what they do.

We offer a wide range of sporting clubs at both lunchtime and after school including Football, Netball, Volleyball and Badminton. These are open to players of all abilities and we see the benefits of interacting across classes and year groups in these sessions across the school.

Our librarian also runs reading groups and library club. These clubs are a great way for pupils to find new genres or writers they may like through group reading and discussion, opening up a world of reading for pleasure.



# The School Day

Form Time 8.30am

8.50-9.40am Period 1

Period 2 9.40-10.30am

10.30-10.50am Morning Break

Period 3 10.50-11.40am

11.40-12.30pm Period 4

Lunch Time 12.30-1.10pm

1.10-2.00pm Period 5

Period 6 2.00-2.50pm

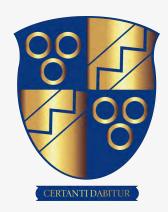
2.50pm Form Time

Enrichment 3.00-3.45pm

Our school day starts with morning registration at 8.30am and finishes with afternoon registration at 3pm. In between, pupils will attend 6 lessons, enjoy a morning break and a longer lunch break. We now boast 3 areas in which pupils can obtain their lunches making it easier and more efficient, ultimately allowing them more time to socialise with other pupils.

We offer a free breakfast club from 8am each morning allowing all pupils to start the day with a healthy meal ready to focus on the lessons ahead.

Enrichment activities also run at lunchtime to ensure they are accessible to everyone.



# Moving Forwards

As we start our next 100 years we look to not only embrace our heritage but to pro-actively adapt to meet our current pupils needs by ensuring that as the world evolves we constantly strive to change to drive improvement.

We take pride in listening to our pupils, actively engaging with them through **Pupil Voice**, a direct forum between pupils, senior staff and the Principal, allowing all issues to be addressed in order to help us be the best we can be. **Pupil Voice** has significant impact around the school, most recently initiating extensive refurbishment of our 6th Form area to provide more suitable work spaces in a fresh and more welcoming environment.





We are particularly excited for our new **Centenary Building** which will have a primary function of giving all pupils a clean and comfortable social hub to have lunch and interact in addition to our existing canteen. Work begins on the build this term and we are confident the space will become a major part of our school and help us provide better resources and care to all of our pupils.



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