



KIRKBY
COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS
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WELCOME TO KIRKBY COLLEGE

Our school is a vibrant, positive and supportive environment where students are able to work together with their peers and staff to achieve their potential. We have high expectations of our students and staff work tirelessly to ensure that they deliver high quality, engaging and challenging teaching.



I am passionate that the education we provide at Kirkby College meets the needs of every individual. Being smaller than the average secondary school, it puts us in an excellent position to know and understand every single student and for each of those students to play a key role in our school community.

It is imperative that the transition from Primary to Secondary is successful. Our caring and supportive environment ensures that our young people develop positive working relationships and therefore gain confidence and resilience. Our climate for learning is safe, secure and orderly with a focus on the celebration of excellence, be that effort or progress.

OUR SCHOOL PLEDGES TO:

- *Provide opportunities for students to be successful in all areas of the curriculum via the best teaching and learning.*
- *Emphasise the importance of proper conduct and attitudes to peers and staff through consistently high expectations.*
- *Provide resources and opportunities for students to make choices, forge links with the community and become productive adults.*
- *Give students the confidence to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.*

At Kirkby College, every day is an open day; this prospectus can only give you a small window into our world and cannot replace a visit to see the academy. I'd be delighted to meet you at our Open Evening in the autumn term or during a visit to the school.

If you'd like to see the academy in action, please do not hesitate to contact the school. I can assure you that you will leave with a clear vision of our values and ethos.



Mark Golden
Headteacher

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The academy is passionate about the quality of teaching and learning our students experience and this goes hand in hand with high expectations. Learning should be motivating and our staff strive to secure achievement through inspirational and varied teaching and learning.



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I like Geography because my teacher makes it so interesting.”

Year 10 student

Lessons at Kirkby College are highly structured with the start focusing on students recalling and consolidating their previous learning. Learning activities concentrate on the development and acquisition of deep and meaningful subject knowledge.

The feedback students receive from their teachers is timely and thorough; it is acutely focused on enabling learners to make rapid progress by supporting and developing their skills and understanding.

The range of activities which broaden student experiences at Kirkby College is wide and varied. There are thematic days, off-site visits, fieldwork experiences and visits from experts in their field. Students benefit from a comprehensive health and wellbeing programme of study and sporting activities are a key part of the extra curricular provision at the school.

Kirkby College is a thriving learning environment where achievement, resilience and community are the cornerstones.

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

The academy is underpinned by a strong focus on the support, guidance and development of every student.

A sense of individual and collective identity is fostered both through the well-established House system and the introduction of age group specific 'phases' underpinned by our three core values: achievement, resilience and community. Years 7 and 8 will form our Community Phase, Years 9 & 10 will compose our Resilience Phase and Year 11 will make up the Achievement Phase.

This new development will help students to cultivate the core values of the academy as they 'move up' through the school. The structure will ensure an effective transition to Secondary for the Year 7 and 8 students as they develop their sense of belonging in the Kirkby College community, before progressing to the Resilience Phase in Years 9 and 10 and, ultimately, entering the Achievement Phase in Year 11.

Smaller than average size tutor groups also significantly increase the amount of support each student receives from their tutor.

Each Phase will be led by a specific Phase Leader and the Community and Resilience Phases will also be supported by a Phase Intervention Leader. These leaders will play a key role in the support of students at the academy and maintain daily contact with every member of their Phase.

A sense of belonging is also created as a result of all students being allocated to one of four Houses. In general, siblings are placed in the same House which allows staff to build relationships with students and their families.

There is a clear House identity and this is established through a range of inter-house competitions taking place throughout the year. It is important to Kirkby College that our students are ambitious and driven – the House identity is a key contributor to this. It is vitally important to us that every student attending the academy is supported and nurtured and we pride ourselves on the support available. There are gifted and talented programmes and packages of support for those with specific learning needs.



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I like the PE lessons because they are interesting and fun.”

Year 8 student



Our dedicated student support team offers a range of provision including literacy and numeracy catch up as well as supporting learners in class. Students' emotional health and wellbeing are supported by an excellent tutoring programme and the non-teaching student support team.

Further empowering and developing our students is the elected Student Council. They represent the views of their peers in collaborating with the Student Council Coordinator and the Senior Leadership Team. The council members are integral and invaluable to decision making across the school and we are all very thankful and proud of the contribution they make to academy life.

At Kirkby College our mission is to provide students with the independence, resilience and ambition to be successful in their education and beyond.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Kirkby College is committed to providing all students with the opportunity to extend and develop their extra-curricular experiences. It is vitally important to us that every student leaves the school prepared for life in the 21st Century. Irrespective of a student's interests, there are a rich and diverse range of opportunities on offer at the academy.

Students at Kirkby College have the opportunity to be part of a vibrant and exciting extended learning programme. For those wishing to develop their performance skills there are opportunities to take part in Drama and Music showcases, and most notably the outstanding whole school musical.

Within Technology, students are invited to join product design groups which build on their classroom based experiences. Kirkby College is also privileged to house a state of the art Hair and Beauty salon which is open to students beyond the school day.

The academy's sporting success is commendable and students are offered a number of sporting activities to participate in, there are a wide range of sports teams and clubs taking place both during and after school.

Preparation for adulthood is a driving factor in Kirkby College's vision for each student. There is first class careers advice on offer at the academy and we have many links to Universities and Post-16 providers, all of whom visit the school and its students regularly.

Learning continues outside of the classroom and we are committed to developing learning opportunities which take students into our community and offer a range of experiences nationally and abroad.



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My child is doing really well at Kirkby College. The help and support he has received has been consistent and thorough. I have no hesitation with sending my other children here.”

Year 10 parent

THE KIRKBY COMMUNITY

The views of our students, parents, carers and staff are vitally important to the way that Kirkby College works. We regularly take feedback from all our stakeholders through parent meetings, student council and focus groups. The academy is very proud of the positive relationship it has with the local community.

“The best thing about school is all the subjects you get to do and all the wonderful teachers who teach them to you.”

Year 7 student

“My favourite part of school is the teachers being so supportive of our ambitions and the fact that I get to see my friends every day.”

Year 8 student



“The transition process at Kirkby College is excellent. I am grateful for the ongoing hard work of the staff – nothing is ever too much trouble.”

Year 7 parent

“The support and communication from the school is fantastic.”

Year 9 parent





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