

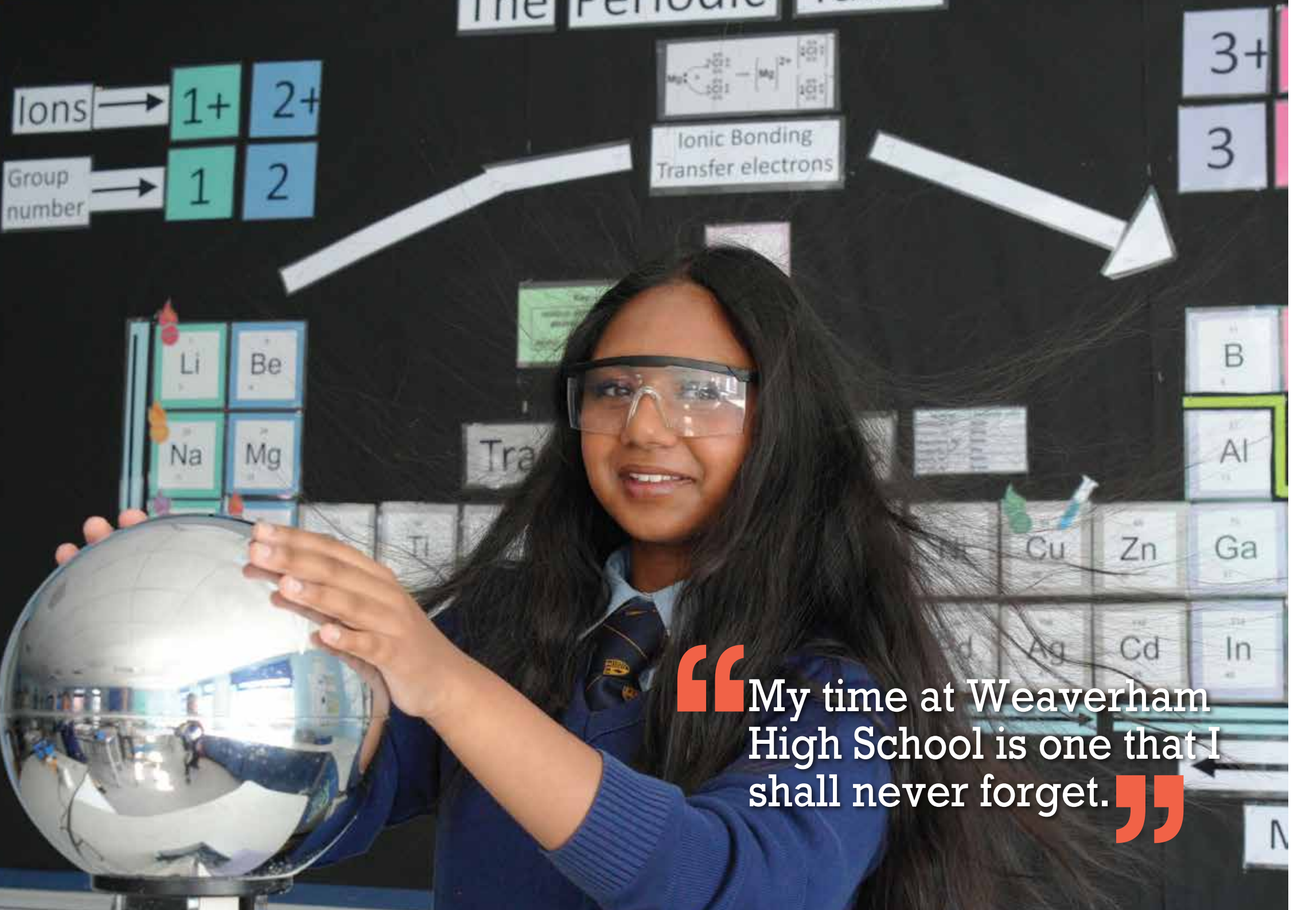
Weaverham High School

PROSPECTUS

‘Be the best version of you’

Thrive | Challenge For All | Excellence in Learning | Excellence in Leadership | Breaking Barriers

Safe-Ready-Respect | An Ethic of Excellence



"My time at Weaverham High School is one that I shall never forget."

Welcome

Weaverham High School is a vibrant, thriving and successful school where every member of our community feels valued, safe and supported to surpass their potential. We celebrate uniqueness and see individuals. We are a school with a strong sense of moral purpose, creativity, vision and a sense of community. We have an unwavering belief in the potential of every child. We work with parents and carers to understand and overcome barriers so they can be the best version of themselves.

Our consistently high GCSE Examination results are recognition that our pupils leave Weaverham High School not just with the qualifications they need but with the capacity to think clearly and deeply, a desire to act with integrity and to show kindness and empathy to others. We nurture talent, ability and ambition with energy, creativity and determination, relentless kindness and high expectations. We adopt an Ethic of Excellence in all we do. This philosophy drives our approach and ensures our pupils know what excellence looks like, how they can achieve it so we can celebrate their success.

When we combine our nurturing environment, core values and embedded ethos with our dedicated and talented staff, excellence can be achieved for all.

Be the Best Version of You.

"There is a very positive ethos within the school; pupils have good attitudes towards learning and there is a clear commitment to high standards."

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Our Vision

We want all our pupils to enjoy their own journey of self-discovery, acquire a thirst for knowledge, creativity and imagination whilst developing a love for their learning.

We believe that every child who walks through our door, regardless of prior experiences, academic ability or personal barriers, thrive in our care. We are proud of our pupils, whose character and leadership qualities ensure they are well rounded individuals who contribute positively to their communities and act as excellent ambassadors.

We understand that young people are growing up in a complex world with all of its excitement and opportunity but also with its enormous pressures. Weaverham High School staff are proud to be given the opportunity to guide and support the eleven year old who may become a future barrister, artist, doctor, singer, mechanic, carer, architect or teacher.



"Weaverham High School is a wonderful place to learn. Leaders have fostered a culture of high expectations for staff and pupils."

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Our Ethos

"Weaverham High School has helped me to achieve a success beyond my expectations and develop lasting freindships."

The Curriculum



"I made friends for life at Weaverham; the teachers' expertise and guidance gave me the foundations for the future."

Learning

Our philosophy is simple: outstanding teachers transform lives. Our teachers awaken excitement, challenge thinking and embrace mistakes to enable deeper learning. Weaverham teachers do not settle for the mediocre but develop students to move from producing that which is secure and accurate, to that which is exceptional and polished. Our teachers build relationships and encourage young people to extend their boundaries and secure success. We call this transformation our Ethic of Excellence.

The Weaverham Way of Learning ensures our practices are consistent and effective. Such an approach brings a sense of security to every classroom empowering pupils to transfer competent and effective learning habits.

At the forefront of our approach to teaching lies literacy a passion for reading is at the core of all academic success. Understanding language, its precision and its nuances is vital. Quite apart from technical fluency, we want students to be able to manipulate language for different purposes and that means reading widely both fiction and non-fiction. Our universal literacy initiatives benefit all. Our intervention makes sure no one is left behind.

Years 7, 8 + 9

All pupils follow a broad and balanced curriculum that will stretch and challenge their thinking and ignite new passions in preparation for their options at the end of Year 9. Core subjects are maths, English and science. All pupils will study art, computing, design and technology, drama, dance, geography, history, music, modern foreign languages, RE and PE. We also prioritise personal, social, health and citizenship as part of their Weaverham experience, to ensure our young people make safe and informed choices as they navigate their way through adolescence. LIFE lessons support our pupils make safe choices.

Years 10 + 11

Pupils will study a range of GCSE subjects with compulsory English, maths and science. The Ebacc Pathway (a combination of GCSE subjects) enables pupils to succeed in languages and humanities whilst additional options such as drama, dance, business, design and PE ensure all talents are catered for.

An Ethic of Excellence



Well-being

Young people are growing up in very demanding times, both socially and academically. We recognise this and place pupil well-being at the heart of our thinking. A key element to our offer is 'Thrive' - a commitment to every child's happiness and ability to cope in an ever-demanding world. Nurturing resilient young people who can contribute positively to their community is key.

Our high quality pastoral provision is facilitated by a committed, dedicated and skilful team; our pastoral staff ensure all barriers are recognised and appropriate intervention is put in place. Staff will know your child and understand their desires and interests as well as their challenges. High expectations combined with personalised support result in high aspirations and self-belief; a truly powerful combination.

We also recognise that some young people will need additional support outside of the school environment and therefore it is pertinent to note our excellent multi agency way of working; we work closely with a range of professional bodies to effectively signpost pupils and parents to external agencies for support. More importantly, we work collaboratively with partners to ensure a holistic and effective approach for each child.

Every year group is led by a Head of Year, each responsible for creating a strong team ethos and group identity. Heads of Year have overall responsibility for the well-being of pupils in their year group, in addition to promoting excellent attendance and rewarding behaviour that meets our 'Safe, Ready, Respect' expectations.

We recognise and encourage a strong work ethic and celebrate everyday success through our Behaviour For Learning initiative - a coordinated approach to ensure pupils who work hard and take every opportunity afforded to them are rewarded. We are proud of our pupils and celebrate them at every opportunity.



"The pupils we spoke to said that at Weaverham High School there is a happy, friendly atmosphere. They said that people are kind to each other. Pupils feel safe, cared for and well supported."

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Pupil support



"The sense of community and great teaching at Weaverham helped me to reach my full potential in all areas of life."



"The inspiring attitude to be the best you can and make the most of every opportunity you are given was one of the most important aspects of Weaverham High School."

Extra-curriculum

Enrichment

Activities and opportunities outside of the classroom matter as much as those inside the classroom. We have a well-deserved reputation for activities outside of the usual curriculum and are extremely proud of our after school programme. Our staff understand the power of experiences as they encourage passions to be ignited, skills to be honed and talent to be shared and celebrated. If your child doesn't know where their passions lie, we will help them on that personal journey of discovery.

Physical Education + Sport

Sport and physical activity feature centrally in our ethos of a rounded education. We aim to imbue children's sporting endeavours with passion, devotion, determination and - most importantly - a desire to win and lose with dignity and magnanimity.

We run a successful after school program that will inspire and motivate. Many children develop their skills through local clubs with some going on to achieve national recognition. We have a wide range of team and sporting clubs including; rugby, netball, rowing, football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, gymnastics, athletics, rounders, cricket and cross country.

Creative and Performing Arts

We encourage pupils to express themselves through a variety of creative opportunities and relish the opportunity to see pupils performing on stage to a packed audience.

We facilitate weekly dance and drama after school clubs for all year groups and encourage as many pupils as possible to take part in our annual school production - for most this is in the limelight of the stage, for others it may be supporting set design, sound and lighting. Our talented and award winning podcasters select meaningful themes and content to share with their captive peer audience.

Music events feature significantly in our school calendar and many pupils are inspired to play a musical instrument through subsidised music lessons. Playing in the school band or an ensemble as part of our annual Music Festival is always a joy to behold. Our school choir and chamber choir ensure melodies and harmonies are heard and enjoyed.

Our annual Art Exhibition provides another joyous occasion where the creative talents of pupils leave visitors in awe. Weekly art clubs enable pupils to prepare for this event, or simply provides them with a stimulating and calming environment to express themselves in their chosen way.

"During his time at Weaverham my son went from someone who focussed on and was held back by his perceived limitations to someone who learnt to embrace life's challenges and learn different ways of approaching the same task."

Parent





Leadership

Our Enrichment Program uses expertise from outside of our school to extend opportunities for all our pupils. These activities are wide-ranging and give them the chance to learn new skills and develop values that they can carry through into adult life. Some of these activities include; driving lessons, gardening, canoeing, climbing, archery, dance, golf, and dry-slope skiing.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Weaverham High School is a registered centre for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and we provide one of the largest numbers of participants in the North West. The program is available for children of 14 years and upwards and is a life-changing experience. The experience will encourage friendships to blossom, provide an opportunity to discover new interests and talents and will help to develop essential skills for life and work.

Residential Activites

All year 7 pupils spend a week in the spring term undertaking activities at a residential centre where they benefit from relationship development through living and working together. Pupils can also take part in exchange visits to our partner schools in France and Germany to help develop their foreign language skills. Additionally, we hold residential trips including annual or biannual opportunities such as skiing, water sports, overseas sports tournaments, Koln Christmas Markets, Amsterdam and Madrid to name but a few.

Personal Development

We place special emphasis on the personal development of our pupils. We aim to see them develop from newcomers to leaders in our community. Our leadership development programs give them opportunities to become ambassadors, sports leaders, peer mentors, and prefects. These experiences enable our pupils to develop personal skills they will find essential in the future.

Challenge

We are committed to providing pupils with cultural experiences that inspire them and provide opportunities that take our learners out of their comfort zones and really challenge their thinking. We have an excellent reputation for educating gifted and talented learners and have dedicated programs that enable such learners to exceed expectations. Many of our pupils go on to study at Russell Group Universities.

Championing our pupils to be the very best version of themselves is fundamental to our approach. Celebrating their achievements when they succeed in that venture impacts positively on the school community as a whole.





Development

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The Future

We have strong partnerships with local post-16 providers resulting in smooth transitions to the next stage of our pupils' educational journey. Weaverham pupils are much sought after in a competitive post-16 market and we work closely with them and parents to ensure personalised pathways are in place. We prepare pupils for A' Levels, Vocational Courses or Apprenticeships, and our Gold Accreditation for Careers Advice and Guidance is testament to the high quality provision and support we offer our pupils.

Many of our former pupils have become leaders in their chosen fields. They come back to visit us to let us know of the happy memories they have of the time they spent at Weaverham High School, lifelong friendships and gratitude for the experiences they enjoyed while with us.

Securing a place at Weaverham High School

Applications for children starting in September of Year 7 have to be made through the local authority, Cheshire West and Chester Council. All applications need to be made in October the year before. Generally, applications exceed the number of places available but experience shows that those who are determined to further their children's education here at Weaverham High School are successful in gaining a place.

In early September we hold an open evening to enable prospective pupils, parents, and carers to look around our school. Those wishing to apply for places in other year groups should contact the school directly.

Application forms can be found on our website but any general inquiries about admissions should be made to the Headteacher's PA.

We hope to welcome you and your children to Weaverham High School.

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"Weaverham staff are second to none, they champion, encourage, support and guide. As a parent you watch your child just grow in confidence and achieve their academic potential."

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