



Woodkirk Academy  
&  
The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

Be The Best You Can Be

# WELCOME

Welcome to Woodkirk Academy and thank you for considering us for your son/daughter's education from 11 to 18 years old.

**Woodkirk Academy has an enviable reputation for being a happy and well-ordered community** offering a wide variety of educational experiences for all students. Supportive and warm relationships, underpinned by outstanding discipline, enhance the positive atmosphere within the Academy.

We provide an outstanding education to all our students and have an excellent record of achieving a balance between academic and non-academic activities. Central to all we do is the relationship between home and school; strong communication and open, honest dialogue ensuring we know our young people well and can work together to meet their needs.

We have a committed and supportive Local Governing Board for Woodkirk Academy and a Board of Trustees for Leodis Academies Trust, where we work in partnership with East Ardsley, Hill Top, Westerton and Blackgates Primary Academies.

Leodis Academies Trust is committed to developing every young person's full learning potential through a wide variety of educational experiences in an environment that fosters positive relationships based on mutual respect. We shape our young people into fully rounded individuals, ready to face the demands of a rapidly changing society.

Please do get in touch if you would like more information about us.

**T Jones**  
Principal

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## BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

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We do this by developing the 'whole' person by empowering our students with the knowledge and character that enables them to make a difference to their own lives and the lives of others.

All members of our school community work towards the same goals. Together we create a shared culture that supports our aims, which is underpinned by the Woodkirk Academy Values:

### Work Hard

We believe that hard work is the root to success.

### Be Kind

We believe in acting with kindness to ourselves and to others.

### Take Responsibility

We believe we are in control of our actions.







## COMMUNITY

Woodkirk Academy has a strong sense of community – supportive relationships, teamwork, fairness, concern for others and personal responsibility

It is important for our students to understand their surroundings and know about the world around them.

Across the curriculum, including through History, Geography, Global Citizenship and Religious Studies, they learn about how the past has affected the present day, about relationships with other people, about cultures and religions, as well as about the condition of the earth physically.





Preparedness  
Self-discipline

Determination  
Dedication

Positivity  
Happiness

## VOLUNTEERING AND LEADERSHIP

We set high aspirations for all students and encourage them to make the most of their talents, whilst also enjoying the challenge of mastering new skills.

Woodkirk Academy has more students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award than any other school in West Yorkshire.

It recognises our students for completing a series of self-improvement tasks that incorporate team building, leadership, physical challenge and independent learning. Many employers see this as an essential development tool to progress hearts and minds.



“ We would like to thank the staff at Woodkirk for providing such a great opportunity for our son. ”  
– Parent





## PERFORMING

We inspire our students to be the best they can be, both academically and creatively

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We have high expectations of everyone at Woodkirk Academy and continually strive to enhance the Academy as a learning community. We have suited subjects together to allow students to learn in specialist environments, have

a spacious Learning Resources Centre and a 'state of the art' 3G pitch for Physical Education, giving our students access to the best facilities to enhance their learning.

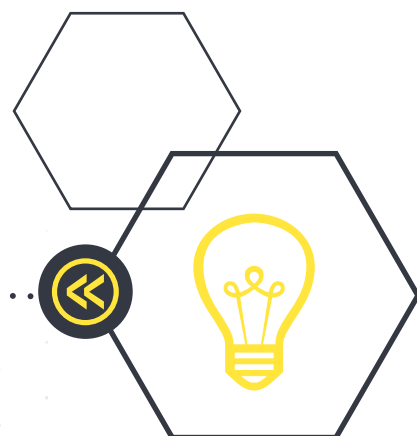




## CREATIVITY

We believe it is important to inspire students to recognise the value of creativity as a life-long experience. Students have the opportunity to express themselves in many ways.

Students in Year 7 experience Art, Design & Technology, Music, Performing Arts and Drama







## SPORT

All students are encouraged to be involved in sport so they can experience the enjoyable challenges of competition and teamwork and understand the importance of having a fit and healthy lifestyle.



Our PE curriculum includes dance, cheerleading and sports leadership







## ENRICHMENT

We have many different extra-curricular activities which are available to students before and after school, and during lunch time. These include dance, drama, languages, music and sport.

The richness of Drama, for example, showcases the diverse talents of our students through numerous in-school and public performances throughout the year.





**Bethany Furlong**  
Religious Studies Teacher



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Woodkirk gave me the basis to think outside the box, that anything is possible and to aim high. The creativity and independent way of thinking instilled in me has carried me through my career and every day I find myself using the skills I learnt from the Sixth Form in some way or another.



## THE FUTURE

### Be The Best You Can Be

Students will leave the Academy with the qualifications and skills they need to progress to the next level of education or employment and the confidence to be successful in all aspects of their lives.

**The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy** - is the only school based Sixth Form in the local area. This allows us to offer continuity and stability to our students as they move on to

the next important stage of their academic career.

Preparation for university and employment is an integral part of the Sixth Form programme. Each student is assigned a specialist mentor to offer them specific advice and guidance on the pathways available to them.



## ADMISSIONS

If the number of applications does not exceed the number of places available, all applicants will be granted a place at the Academy

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If there are more applications than available places the following criteria will apply:

- 1 Looked-after children.
- 2 Children who have exceptional social or medical needs which can realistically only be met by the Academy.
- 3 Children with brothers or sisters who will be on roll at the Academy at the start of the academic year.
- 4 Children of staff at the Academy, where a member of staff has been employed at the Academy for two or more years at the time the application is made.
- 5 Children who are at the time of application on roll at East Ardsley, Hill Top, Westerton or Blackgates Primary Academies.
- 6 Children for whom Woodkirk Academy is the nearest high school.



Visit the Parents  
section of our website -  
**[www.woodkirk.leodis.org.uk](http://www.woodkirk.leodis.org.uk)**  
to view the full Admissions Policy

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