



Woodkirk  
Academy  
& Sixth Form

# Be The Best You Can Be



*Work Hard. Be Kind. Take Responsibility.*

# Welcome From the Principal

Welcome to Woodkirk Academy and thank you for considering us for your child'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 students and your children 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 Blackgates, East Ardsley, Hill Top and Westerton Primary Academies.

Leodis Academies Trust is committed to developing every child'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**



# Be The Best You Can Be

## Our aim

To ensure every individual can **be the best they can be** in all aspects of their lives as 21st Century global citizens.

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.



### Take Responsibility

We believe we are in control of our actions.



### Be Kind

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



# 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 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.





# 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 been recognised by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for its commitment to supporting hundreds of students each year to complete the programme's awards.

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.



"Thanks to all the teachers, staff and volunteers involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Our children are lucky that Woodkirk Academy supports this so enthusiastically."

-Parent



"I'm very impressed with how organised the event is and communication to parents has been exceptional."

-Parent



## A Climate for Success

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

We have high expectations of everyone at Woodkirk Academy and continually strive to enhance our 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.

Woodkirk Academy has been named in the Department for Education's School Rebuilding Programme (SRP). This means there will be significant development to the school site in the years ahead.

## Creativity and academic success in equal measure

The curriculum at Woodkirk Academy finds the balance between academic and creative subjects. Students study Art, Design & Technology, Music and Performing Arts & Drama in Years 7, 8 and 9. Alongside this, we offer a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities. 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.

Key Stage 4 outcomes are always significantly above national comparators; 70% complete the English Baccalaureate (EBacc), with over half also achieving at least one qualification in a creative subject.



# Sport and Enrichment

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. In addition to the more traditional sports, our PE curriculum includes dance, cheerleading and sports leadership.

We have many different extra-curricular and enrichment 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, including our acclaimed annual show.



# The Future

## *Be The Best You Can Be*

Students will leave Woodkirk 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.



# Woodkirk Academy Sixth Form

Woodkirk Academy Sixth Form 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.

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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."

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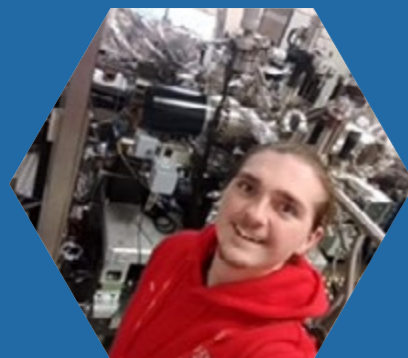
## Alumni



**Georgia Barrick**  
Paralegal



**Benjamin Hofland-Ward**  
Junior Doctor



**Latham Haigh**  
PhD Student in Nuclear  
Materials Science



**Robert Midgley**  
Communications Advisor,  
Foreign, Commonwealth and  
Development Office

## Admissions

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

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

01. Looked-after children.
02. Children who have exceptional social or medical needs which can realistically only be met by the Academy.
03. Children with brothers or sisters who will be on roll at the Academy at the start of the academic year.
04. 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.
05. Children who are at the time of application on roll at East Ardsley, Hill Top, Westerton or Blackgates Primary Academies.
06. Children for whom Woodkirk Academy is the nearest high school

Visit the Parents section of our website to view the full Admissions Policy.

[woodkirk.leodis.org.uk](http://woodkirk.leodis.org.uk)

# Woodkirk Academy is proud to be a member of the Leodis Academies Trust

Leodis Academies Trust is a Multi Academy Trust serving five schools in the Ardsley and Tingley area: Blackgates, East Ardsley, Hill Top, Westerton and Woodkirk. The four primary schools feed into our high school meaning we can forge long-term relationships with families and see children through from cradle to career. As well as providing an excellent academic education, we pride ourselves on giving our children a rounded childhood. We firmly believe in equal opportunities for our children, removing barriers where needed, to allow them all to flourish.



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Academies  
Trust

## 'Forging Young Futures'



**Blackgates**  
Primary Academy



**East Ardsley**  
Primary Academy



**Hill Top**  
Primary Academy



**Westerton**  
Primary Academy



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