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WESTHOLME

INSPIRED SIXTH FORM



WELCOME

The Sixth Form years are the most exciting days of any school journey. For the first time, our students are able to make their own decisions about what they study and how they enrich their academic lives through our broad co-curricular programme. A Level study is essentially preparation for university study, though some of our students may also explore degree apprenticeships. Either way, life in the Westholme INSPIRED Sixth Form prepares each individual for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We are conscious that our students will be the people who make our future world a better place.



Consequently, we talk regularly about acquiring 21st Century Skills. What we mean is that:

- Members of our community approach all aspects of their learning with the highest of expectations. They understand the link between success and hard work, and apply a positive mindset to their endeavors.
- Members of our community understand the importance of lifelong learning skills such as collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving. They also understand the significance of communication, both written and verbal, in the development of leadership skills.
- Members of our community learn how to look after themselves physically and mentally. They

learn to be resilient, accept failure as part of the learning process and are therefore prepared to take risks in their learning.

- Members of our community know and value the significance of respect for self and others, taking responsibility for their own lives and celebrating people from differing backgrounds and traditions.

If you share our values and want to join our mission in developing better students and better people, we would love to welcome you to the INSPIRED Sixth Form.

Mr Paul Taylor, Principal



It is our great honour to be part of your A Level journey, guiding you every step of the way and ensuring you are afforded the support, freedom and opportunities to fully express yourself. I hope you enjoy reading about what is waiting for you within our exceptional **INSPIRED** Sixth Form and look forward to answering your questions about taking the next steps within our **INSPIRED** Sixth Form family.

Mr Jonathan Oracz
Head of **INSPIRED** Sixth Form



INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC SUCCESS

**Class sizes are small
and teaching is excellent.**

*“A stimulating curriculum
utilises excellent resources.”*
Independent Schools Inspectorate

Our **INSPIRED** Westholme Sixth Form is tailored for each individual student.

The INSPIRED Sixth Form experience encompasses everything from study methods, revision processes and essay techniques, to managing examination workload and stress. A **customised programme** is created for each student based on extensive knowledge of their potential and a fruitful relationship between each student and teacher is at the heart of our academic success.

We purposely keep our teaching groups small so we can emulate a **university-style**, intimate seminar model. Our incredible teachers are not just experts in their subjects; they consistently deliver over and above to support every individual student, year on year, to become the very best they can be.

- Academic 1:1 support for every student, every step of the journey
- Regular 1:1 meetings with key academic staff
- Wider reading, private study and academic research guidance for each student
- Monitoring of academic progress and extra tutoring where needed
- Target setting and discussion between students and tutors
- Academic Research Network and virtual libraries
- Unifrog online university programme, guiding each student's personal aspirations
- Training for entrance tests and intensive courses
- Comprehensive Oxbridge programme
- Customised career spotlights and support e.g. MedSoc, LawSoc





STUDY ABROAD

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STUDY IN THE USA



SEARCH ALL COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH IN EUROPE

Why Torrens University Australia?

#DigPen
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT DIGITAL ART AND DESIGN

BE THE BEST IN YOUR FIELD

OUR DEGREE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A World of Opportunity

NETWORKING COMMUNITY

“At Westholme, aspirations were encouraged strongly, along with a clear ethos that working hard was the way to achieve them.”

Old Westholmian



**“Westholme
gave me
confidence
to know that
no dream is
too big!”**

Head Girl (2021/2022)

We prepare our students for a competitive and multi-faceted future.

We know that success is not just about obtaining excellent exam results. Every university and employer want to see that a student has engaged in their field of interest prior to the application stage. At our **INSPIRED** Westholme Sixth Form, we take every student on this journey from the moment they arrive. Our **links with top universities**, wide connections with local and national businesses, and continued support from a wide-ranging **alumni family network**, is available to assist each student.

- Extensive local and national business contacts
- Alumni and current parental connections
- Professional mock interviews
- Invited speakers for vital up-to-date knowledge and information
- Work experience placement support
- Unique management opportunities in student-led Sixth Form businesses and enterprises
- Westholme host an annual university admissions, careers and higher education fair
- Ongoing personalised careers advice
- Annual Networking Business Event
- UCAS and Higher Education Event
- Links with leading local universities



SOCIAL EXPERIENCES

**Our social facilities,
activities, trips, visits,
House competitions,
lectures and much
more will ensure you
make the most
of every day.**



“I was very happy at Westholme and made friends for life. We were taught that we could do anything we put our mind to.”

- Alumna



Our students continually tell us that lifelong friendships are formed through the close community at Westholme; Year 12 and Year 13 students all mingle as one large social group. All students thoroughly enjoy the social aspects of being a young adult at Westholme and the freedom to follow personal interests and pursuits.

There is something for every student to make the most out of every day. Students enjoy our social facilities, activities, trips, visits, competitions, student-run shop, student news channel, charity events and much more. Our INSPIRED Sixth Form students develop **lifelong memories** and become part of our alumni family network; once a Westholmian, always a Westholmian!

- Time with friends in the INSPIRED Sixth Form café and common room
- Trips, activities, visits and international camps
- Organising charity events and fundraising
- Freedom and time to explore personal interests
- Challenge days and outdoor adventures
- Work experience and work placements during the holidays
- Fun group activities away from School

Fun, laughter and social experiences are a big part of our **INSPIRED** Westholme Sixth Form experience.

INSPIRED life at Westholme Sixth Form is never dull!



SOCIOLOGY IN THE NEWS



PERSONALISED 1:1 SUPPORT

**“Without
Westholme, I
wouldn’t be the
person I am today.”**

Old Westholmian

“Students form excellent
relationships with their teachers
who are generous of their time to
provide support and guidance.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate

INSPIRED Sixth Form students benefit from enhanced, personalised guidance throughout their time at Westholme.

Every student is welcomed, recognised, and appreciated for their individualism. We provide **personalised assistance** within every aspect of the INSPIRED Sixth Form journey, so every student maximises their experience and is fully prepared for the next stage of their lives. All students benefit from a custom-made programme to successfully navigate each stage of their INSPIRED Sixth Form journey.

We are also extremely proud of our award-winning careers programme, which saw us win first place in the Careers Provision category at the Independent Schools of the Year Awards 2023. We saw off competition from some of the leading independent schools in the country to claim the award in a ceremony which was held in London.

The personal development and career advice available to every student at Westholme is a key outcome of our INSPIRED Sixth Form experience.



➤ Independent School of the Year 2023 Award Winner in the Careers Provision Category.



The fun and laughter along the way is just as important to us as the exam results at the end!

- Incomparable pastoral care and 1:1 guidance
- Personal support to strengthen each student's wellbeing and happiness
- Time given to listen, guide and encourage every student
- Mentoring sessions with the Head of Year, Head of INSPIRED Sixth Form and specialist personal tutors
- Careers mentor provided for each student to prepare for the future
- University preparation with subject-specific interview practice
- Guidance for every student to create the very best individual UCAS personal statement
- Personal references written by staff to ensure all students' applications are competitive
- 1:1 guidance from the Sixth Form Academic Achievement Co-ordinator





INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

**“Students show
highly effective
leadership.”**

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Every member of the INSPIRED Sixth Form takes full advantage of the Westholme innovative leadership programme.

There is a **broad programme of opportunities** to lead, mentor and be role models for younger students; to develop invaluable **skills for the 21st century workplace**. INSPIRED Sixth Form students play a pivotal part at Westholme and take responsibility for House events, co-curricular activities, sports, charities, clubs, societies, subject mentoring and so much more. Becoming part of the **Student Executive** and INSPIRED Leadership Team. as a Head Student, Prefect or Subject Captain in a formal role allows students the opportunity to develop leadership skills in public speaking, organisation and communication.

- Defined programme of leadership opportunities for all students
- Sixth Form responsibilities to develop initiative, confidence and decision-making
- Community Sports Leadership Award (CSLA)
- Volunteering opportunities within the local community
- Informal roles to nurture creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving
- Activities throughout the year to build collaboration and adaptability
- Formal roles available on the Student Executive
- Charitable leadership including the Amnesty Human Rights Programme
- Students inspired to form their own societies and student-led initiatives
- Mentoring Programme





RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

“Students enjoy significant success in the wide and challenging co-curricular programme and have achieved considerable success in a range of external competitions.”

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Our **INSPIRED** Sixth Form students are encouraged to broaden their horizons, try something new every term and become balanced and well-rounded individuals.

As a top independent School, Westholme is big enough to offer everything that a young adult is looking for but more importantly, small enough that every student gets the opportunity to fully take part. Each year we have students who excel and **achieve national recognition** in their field, alongside students taking up a new discipline for the very first time.

- Outdoor adventures including rock climbing, canoeing, mountain biking and trekking
- Science Olympiad Competitions and UKMT Sixth Form Maths Challenge
- Local competitions e.g. MEM (Mathematical Education on Merseyside) competition
- Diploma in Cooking and Food Allergen Awareness Certification
- Community sporting links, from golf to ice-skating and regional athletics
- Opportunity to learn British Sign Language





- Musical theatre, acting, verse and prose LAMDA qualifications
- STEM Challenge, Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions
- Creative art clubs and photography competitions
- Professional quality productions – onstage and behind the scenes roles
- Charity Enterprises, Human Rights Group
- Sporting opportunities from football to fitness, bootcamp to yoga
- Develop an area of interest with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)





ENTREPRENEURIAL 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

**“Students show strong
communication skills,
their practical and
investigative skills are
particularly strong.”**

Independent Schools Inspectorate

The
INSPIRED
Westholme
Sixth Form
offers
pioneering
opportunities
to ensure
all students
are prepared
for the 21st
century
workplace.

Through the Westholme Enterprise Scheme, students **develop business skills** and hone their entrepreneurial flair by running their own Private Limited Company. 21st century skills such as communication, adaptability and emotional intelligence are woven into the exciting academic curriculum and provision outside of the classroom. INSPIRED Sixth Form also provides the opportunity for students to produce and broadcast news programmes. Westholme School Student News (WSS News) is an impressive team of dedicated students working together to **develop skills in technology and media**.

- Programme of developing 21st century entrepreneurial skills for every student
- Debating and public-speaking guidance
- British Sign Language and Deaf Awareness Qualification
- Academic research programmes
- Westholme School Student News
- Westies – the School shop run by the students, for the students
- Role models of innovation and ingenuity within the Westholme community
- English Speaking Board Qualification
- Academic Societies
- Financial, technological and engineering challenges





“I’ve been encouraged to grasp every opportunity life throws at me. With outstanding support from my teachers I’ve been able to focus on my own ambitions and personal growth. I wouldn’t have wanted to study anywhere else, and Westholme has always felt like a second home.”

INSPIRED Sixth Form Leaver 2024

DESTINATION READY!

Every step of the **INSPIRED**
Westholme Sixth Form journey
prepares you to take on the world
as a confident, accomplished and
well-rounded young adult.



“My time at Westholme gave me the knowledge and the confidence that I could achieve anything, anything at all!”

Old Westholmian

Before the pandemic, the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) reported that nearly half of all employers found young people were not ready for the world of work; broader skills are needed, such as real-world experience, creativity, application of knowledge, leadership, independence and problem-solving. The INSPIRED Westholme Sixth Form is predicated on providing the right balance

- INSPIRED Sixth Form is one big family and the journey is a lot of fun
- Academic achievement is only one outcome, students depart with so many more
- 21st century skills are woven into everyday experiences

of holistic education that not only prepares students for their destination but also equips them with **skills that will sustain a successful, professional career**. The students get the best of both: freedom to develop essential attributes in a fun and relaxed environment whilst benefitting from personalised provision that fully supports their career aspirations.

- Students acquire the confidence and ability to pursue their ambitions
- Lifelong links with the alumni family to support and celebrate your future success
- Westholme friends are friends for life

YOUR INSPIRED JOURNEY

A Level subjects on offer at Westholme:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Dance
- Drama & Theatre
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Ethics, Philosophy, Religion (EPR)
- Fashion & Textiles
- Fine Art
- Food Science and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- German
- Graphic Communication
- History
- Latin
- Mandarin
- Mathematics & Further Maths
- Music
- Music Technology
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

* Please note that all subjects are available subject to demand. You can explore our A Level subject brochure for more information for each subject on offer at A Level.





BE INSPIRED
EVERY DAY



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