

Urmston Grammar



prospectus year 7

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Parent,

At Urmston Grammar, we celebrate the pursuit of excellence and encourage each individual student to achieve their personal best.

If your child comes to join us, they will achieve the highest academic standards and benefit from exceptional pastoral care. Moreover, they will enjoy outstanding opportunities for personal development and achievement through our extensive extracurricular programme. We provide students with an education that is built on a tradition of courtesy and mutual respect. Hence our motto, “manners makyth man”.

The teaching and facilities at Urmston Grammar ensure that your child will receive an education that prepares them for a successful, fulfilled life in this demanding twenty-first century.

Our school building retains much of its original structure while newer areas incorporate elements of modern design. These fit together seamlessly to provide an excellent working environment, reflecting our philosophy on education, which is built on strong traditions but open to new ideas and approaches.

The success of Urmston Grammar is not just based on the aptitude of our students, but on the expertise of our staff to nurture each individual. Students are challenged and supported to maximise their achievement. They are expected to actively participate in school life and make a valuable and sustained contribution to their wider community.

Our key messages for everyone in the Urmston Grammar community are:

- Take **PRIDE** in yourself and in all that you do;
- **PARTICIPATE** and make the best of the opportunities at Urmston Grammar;
- **EMPATHISE** with others so that you can understand how they feel, thereby developing tolerance and mutual respect.

Educating children is a great responsibility and privilege. If you are a parent of a child already at the school, thank you for entrusting us with this role. If you are considering sending your child to Urmston Grammar there are many opportunities for you and your child to come and see the school at work.

I know you will be impressed with all that we are able to offer our youngsters.

R S Wall
Headteacher





"Urmston Grammar has a great atmosphere, friendly pupils and amazing teachers, that are always here to help and back you up"

Gokul, Year 8.





"The expectations are high here but if you strive for the best, then there is no reason that you can't achieve it!"

Lucy, Year 10.

Nurturing excellence

We are proud of our tradition of academic success, sporting and cultural achievement and outstanding pastoral care. At the heart of our ethos is an enjoyment of learning, consideration for others and opportunities for personal development.

Our excellent facilities, academic resources and dedicated, experienced, highly qualified teaching and support staff, will allow your child to follow their passions, develop their interests and build on their strengths.

Our staff work together, and with students, to ensure that each child will reach the highest academic standards and develop a lifelong love of learning. We also create opportunities to build character and resilience in students, so that they are ready to take on the challenges of life in the twenty-first century: we prepare young people to take up their place as responsible global citizens.



Providing support

School life at Urmston Grammar is characterised by strong, positive relationships between students and staff, and between all students. An atmosphere of mutual respect will give your child the opportunity to develop their self-esteem, individuality and confidence.

Our comprehensive induction programme for new Year 7 students ensures that the transition between primary school and Urmston Grammar is as smooth, happy and trouble-free as possible. During the Summer term, through into the early part of the Autumn term, a variety of events and activities are arranged so that Year 6 pupils and their parents can become increasingly familiar with the staff, the organisation of the day, the school building and our expectations.

At the heart of our pastoral system lie the relationships between the student and their Tutor, Pastoral Leader and Head of School. All staff support the pastoral development of students and this creates a family atmosphere that we are proud of. At Urmston Grammar, students and staff look after one another.

Students are encouraged to access the support they need, whether academic or pastoral. Our staff give above and beyond to ensure positive outcomes for every student. We set students up to succeed and support them every step of the way.

"Being a student at Urmston Grammar is absolutely amazing."

Eleanor, Year 7.



"The main reason I decided to stay at Urmston Grammar was because of the general atmosphere here which definitely continued into the sixth form. Teachers are always willing to give up their time to help and pupils are incredibly friendly and sociable. There are also many opportunities to enhance the experience here with the plethora of extra-curricular activities."

Cian, Year 13.





"I enjoy all the experiences we get, to try new things; both in our lessons and extra-curricular activities."

Esha, Year 10.

Inspiring and challenging learners

At Urmston Grammar, we have created a culture of achievement to ensure that every student is challenged and supported to excel academically and socially.

Students at the school enjoy working alongside staff in a calm, relaxed and productive atmosphere. They appreciate the 'open door' policy offered by teaching, pastoral and support staff.

Highly qualified and experienced teachers harness the very best of twenty-first century teaching to sustain our traditions of academic rigour and achievement. We ensure that the process of learning is stimulating, challenging and exciting both inside and outside the classroom. We are proud of the examination success achieved by our students who regularly secure results which are amongst the best in the country. We strive to ensure that each of our students becomes a confident, passionate and independent learner.



Providing opportunities and encouraging participation

We believe passionately in giving all our students a rounded education and are committed to developing the whole child. We encourage all students to participate in a wide a range of extra-curricular activities. If your child joins us, they will have the chance to play competitive sports, learn Mandarin Chinese, take part in Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, take on STEM Challenges, become BBC School Reporters and Sports Leaders, get involved in debating competitions, contribute to Reading Groups, and to participate in Cipher Challenges, Skiing and Snowboarding Clubs, Music Clubs, Art workshops... the list goes on and on.

Our teachers have taken children on expeditions to the WW1 battlefields in Belgium and the ski slopes of France, as well as to countries as far flung as Costa Rica, Honduras, Iceland and Kenya. Each year, we also run an exchange programme with our partner school in Lille and offer Year 9 students the opportunity to visit Germany. These trips develop our students' language skills and expose them to different cultures.

Our annual summer 'expo' event brings together students and staff to work together on a common theme to promote collaboration amongst students and staff and develop team working and independent learning skills. Themes have included "Chinese Language and Culture", "Manchester – Past, Present, Future", "Commemorating WW1" and "The Battle of the Books".

Through our packed extra-curricular programme students learn how to work with students across the year groups, take responsibility for themselves and develop their leadership skills. Along the way, they achieve success, gain self-confidence and build resilience.

"I enjoy the fact that everyone has a positive attitude towards their work."

Dylan, Year 8.



"Since coming to Urmston Grammar I have become more confident. I have joined extra-curricular clubs and made lots of friends. Urmston Grammar has helped me to expand my knowledge in all aspects of learning and it is the best school I could have come to."

Grace, Year 8.





"I stayed at Urmston Grammar because I simply love it here. There is a friendly atmosphere and a good variety of activities for everyone."

Hannah, Year 13.

Continuing education: Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is an outstanding choice for your child if they are currently in Year 11 at our school or at another school in the region. By retaining an emphasis on our core values, the Sixth Form provides a structured environment within which your child can flourish.

The Sixth Form has a reputation for academic success. We thoroughly prepare students for university and the working world and we regularly feature as one of the top state schools in the country in the 'A' Level league tables. If your child joins our Sixth Form, they will enjoy enrichment, leadership and volunteering opportunities. Sixth Form students are role models for our younger students and are expected to inspire others and promote the school's values, all of which we are proud to say they do laudably.

Expert guidance on study options, careers and university choices begins in our main school and continues in the Sixth Form. All Year 12 students are offered work experience in the summer term. The majority choose to go on to university and many obtain places at Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities.

Our aim is for our Sixth Form students to become mature, confident young adults with a secure framework of moral reference and outstanding personal characteristics. Students leave us enthusiastic and ready for the challenges and opportunities of adult life, whether choosing university, apprenticeships, travel or employment.



For further information about our fantastic school and Sixth Form,
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