



West Lodge School

A co-educational prep school for 3-11 year olds

Head of Music - Message From the Head

West Lodge is a non-selective independent school specialising in providing a well-rounded education for children aged 3-11. We are a grounded and inclusive school respected and known as being diverse, dynamic, successful and kind. Staff and children enjoy working at West Lodge with an emphasis for all upon friendship and team work, where every individual's talents, be they an adult or child, are developed, encouraged and nurtured.

As a not for profit charitable trust you can be assured that the priority is to provide a high quality education for our children and their families. The sound financial management of the school helps to ensure its continued success.

We have a talented team of hard working staff who take pride in working at West Lodge and are forward thinking in their approach to teaching. We have strong core values set out in the West Lodge Way and classroom practice is underpinned by the principles of metacognition and a growth mindset.

Challenge is actively encouraged and embraced and we actively promote our 5 Learning Powers: Resilience, Co-operation, Concentration, Self-improvement and Curiosity. These principles are embedded from Nursery and developed progressively as the children move through the school.

We offer a broad curriculum with specialist teaching with significant strengths in Computing, Music, PE and Art. The broad curriculum enriched by the arts, sport and a varied programme of clubs to be of great benefit to our children. All staff are encouraged to run clubs, for which there is additional remuneration.

One of the joys of working at a small school, but one with big ideas and ambitions, is that everyone is known as an individual and that every child has the opportunity to represent their school as part of sports teams, musical groups or participate in an array of regional and national competitions and challenges.

Recruitment is strong and as a one form entry school we are currently full with 176 children for September 2024. We hope this advert and the information on our website has encouraged you to consider joining our fantastic staff team, whose brilliant work I greatly appreciate as Head. If you are a teacher in the first few years of your career and would like to embrace this opportunity to lead a department we welcome your new ideas and enthusiasm and can offer you fantastic support. As an experienced teacher we would value your expertise and will give you a range of opportunities to develop as a teacher whilst you enjoy working with our fantastic children.

Please do contact the school and come and visit us.

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