



# West Park

*'A caring school where we put pupils and their achievement first'*

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

**Parents' Open Evening**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.**

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well during these strange and challenging times and that you have experienced a positive return to school life. We have welcomed back our pupils and they have swiftly settled back into our 'new normal' at West Park. As always, the school feels positive and productive with lots of smiley faces. We are very proud of our pupils and the way that they have responded during the current pandemic.

You are now having to make decisions about which secondary school is best for your child, a very difficult decision at the best of times. This will shape your child's transition into their Key Stage 3 curriculum, GCSE and BTEC qualifications, further education and ultimately employment.

West Park may not be your catchment school but this doesn't necessarily mean that your child cannot have a place. If you wish to be considered for a place be sure to name West Park on the common application form. If you have any queries about admission to this school whether you are in or out of area please contact Jackie Walker, Admissions Officer on the above number or the Local Authority. You should return your common application form to the LA by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. You can view information about the school on our website: [www.westpark.derby.sch.uk](http://www.westpark.derby.sch.uk) I urge you to read the Admissions Criteria with care.

We are confident that West Park is a school that you would be proud to send your child to. We work hard to ensure that our pupils are happy and well supported providing them all with a platform to be successful. We focus on getting the basics right, allowing teachers to teach and pupils to learn away from the distractions of low-level disruption. In March 2020 we had an Ofsted inspection which identified numerous strengths in what we do. The final report can be found at: <https://www.westpark.derby.sch.uk/ofstedresults.php>

As part of the preparation for choosing a secondary school for your child we host an annual Open Evening which gives prospective parents, carers and pupils an opportunity to tour the school site and to meet our fantastic team of staff. To help you make the decision about your child's future, come and see the school and hear about what makes West Park special.

The Open Evening on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September will be between 5.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. during which time you will have the opportunity to see subject areas and speak with staff. Drop in at any time during this period. At 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. there will be a short presentation from myself.

Parking your car will be a problem and I strongly advise you to walk or use public transport if at all possible. Limited parking may be available in the school grounds at the West Road and Park Road entrances.

We also aim to facilitate tours of the school as this will allow families to see the school day in action. The co-ordination of these will very much depend on demand and current government guidance. Please contact Jackie Walker after our Open Evening if you would like to take up this opportunity.

I wish you and your family all the best over the coming months and I look forward to working with you over the years to come.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott McGregor', written in a cursive style.

Scott McGregor  
Head