



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 23rd September 2024 – 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that you have experienced a positive start to the new term. We have welcomed back our pupils and they have swiftly settled back into life 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 behave and interact during the school day.

You are now having to make decisions about which secondary school is best for your child. 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 31st October 2024. You can view information about the school on our website: www.westpark.derby.sch.uk

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/documents/ofsted-report.pdf>.

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 23rd 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. There will also be a short presentation by our Head of Inclusion, Fiona Hawkins at 6.00 p.m.

Representatives from Derby City Council's Admissions Team will be on hand during the evening to answer any queries or concerns around applying for a secondary school place that you may have.

Parking your car may 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 during the school day. This allows families to see West Park in action and to get a true feel of our ethos and what makes the school a success. Please contact Miss 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