



## Wath Comprehensive School

Wath Comprehensive School is a large regularly over-subscribed secondary school in Rotherham, South Yorkshire. The school was founded in 1923 as Wath Grammar School and changed to Wath Comprehensive School in 1974. We are a mixed 11-18 school with 1793 students on roll, including 320 in the sixth form.

In April 2005 we moved to brand new accommodation on our original site through a PFI scheme and now benefit from a building equipped for the demands of education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. A new floodlit full size synthetic turf sports pitch was added in August 2008 and, through a separate project, a community swimming pool was completed in December 2008.

The school is set in extensive grounds and enjoys excellent facilities, including a well-resourced library/learning resource centre, drama studio, sports hall and recreation centre, dedicated ICT areas and fully equipped science and technology areas. Subjects are suited with dedicated staff work/preparation areas available throughout the school. Investment in ICT is ongoing in all areas of the school and all classrooms have interactive whiteboards.

From November 2018, the school is due to become a sponsored academy within Maltby Learning Trust and we are looking forward to continuing to provide an environment where the highest standards of teaching and learning can take place.

There is a strong and effective partnership between school, parents and the community.

The school's aims are to ensure that:

- Students achieve high standards in their work and behaviour.
- Students and staff are encouraged to achieve their full potential.
- The school is a happy, secure environment and a caring community.

Wath Comprehensive School has a well-qualified and dedicated staff. The school's management style is based on teamwork and team leaders are supported by the Senior Leadership Team.

We are committed to continuous improvement. As such this is an organisation which values its staff and their work with students. Staff are supported with training opportunities designed to improve the quality of teaching and learning as well as their own individual professional development. A comprehensive programme of support for newly-qualified teachers and staff new to the school is well established and is viewed as a key strength by those who have followed it.

Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their work and behaviour. They are also encouraged to develop their own values and to respect those of others. We have an extensive programme of extra-curricular provisions, including many visits and residential opportunities. The work with representative student groups is a strength of the school.

Wath Comprehensive School is a school in which we aim to challenge, develop and support all our students. There are many opportunities for them to develop their talents, skills and interests. Sport, music, drama, community service and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme are all flourishing activities that students can enjoy. We aspire for our students to leave us "able, active and qualified."

We ask parents to work in partnership with the school. Parents are asked to support the school in its efforts to encourage students to behave responsibly, dress sensibly and work effectively. In addition to specific communications we inform parents of our activities and key information through our half termly in-house newsletter 'The Torch,' our website, social media and through regular progress reports for all students.