



Middlewich High School – School Information

*" Pupils enjoy coming to Middlewich High School. They told us the school welcomes everyone.
Pupil say they feel safe and confident to be themselves."
(Ofsted November 2019)*

Middlewich High School is an excellent school where all children are valued as individuals. We have a strong reputation for being a caring school, and all our children are challenged to be aspirational and aim to reach their full potential. I began my Headship on April 23rd 2019 and I am incredibly excited to be leading a school which strives to ensure excellence for all. At Middlewich High School students are placed at the heart of all we do. We strive to offer a fully personalised curriculum and maintain a relentless drive to offer outstanding learning opportunities, in order to raise standards. It is our intent to ensure that students leave us confident, happy, equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life. We strive as a community to be lifelong learners and we are working hard to develop a culture of resilience and respect characterised by highly focused, inquisitive, happy students and staff.

We are an active member of the 'Chimney House Teaching School Foundation' which is a well-established partnership of schools committed to ITT and collaboration with a proven track record of successful outcomes for colleagues and pupils. Clearly from this, we have a relentless focus on raising standards through our constant focus on learning and teaching. If successful, you would join us at an exciting time in our journey, as we strategically develop our vision to be an outstanding community learning organisation.

We are proud to be the lead school for Cheshire Easts Emotionally Healthy Schools Project. This is a trail blazing initiative having excellent impact on young people from 11 – 19.

The pastoral support system is a particular strength of the school as we understand that pupils learn best when they feel safe and secure. We continue to offer the opportunity for pupils to work in an atmosphere of respect and dignity, and expect pupils to show high levels of engagement, collaboration and co-operation in and out of lessons. Responsible attitudes underpin the school's educational philosophy. This, together with our superb learning environment, enables us to strive for high academic standards.

Our international citizenship programme sees a group of pupils visiting our partner schools in Africa. We are a very active part of the International World Challenge programme and encourage all of our pupils to be global citizens. Our Student Leadership programme and i-Value (Character & Wellbeing curriculum) is recognised as 'a beacon of best practice.'

The school buildings are a blend of old and new. The main building dates back to 1906, with later additional additions including teaching areas, laboratories and technology rooms and a Music Suite. Lessons are delivered in specialised teaching areas that are well maintained by our dedicated site team and are well equipped to support pupils' learning, including the use of internet technology.

We are in the process of planning some exciting new developments for the school which will greatly improve the facilities and resources for our children.

We recently enhanced our sports facilities by opening a state of the art 3G astro-pitch, to work in partnership with our community Leisure Centre. Sports teams represent the school to great effect, and we have an excellent reputation in the County.

A purpose built Learning Resource Centre was opened in 2007 which supports pupils' studies in all areas, and we are recognised as being a truly inclusive comprehensive school, where we inspire all members of our community to believe in the motto of 'learning without limits'.

'Excellence in Learning - Achievement for All' is our school motto, this is an unrelenting focus on improvement and high aspiration. Our school priority is now to focus on further improving Maths and supporting our ambition to give all our students the opportunity to realise their full potential across all subjects.

The school caters for children aged 11-16 from Middlewich and the neighbouring towns and villages. There are presently 708 pupils on roll, and we have been oversubscribed for the last 4 years. We are a small caring secondary school that has high expectations and the vision to be an excellent community learning organisation in the near future. I would encourage all prospective colleagues to read the attached details and look at our website.

We are looking for a dynamic enthusiastic colleague with a positive attitude and a passion for learning, who can motivate pupils to reach beyond their potential.

If you decide to submit an application, I look forward to reading about how you will contribute to our vision of 'Excellence in Learning - Achievement for All'.

Heidi Thurland
Headteacher