



# THE HEATH SCHOOL

## Context

The Heath is a highly successful and extremely popular school in the heart of the community of Runcorn. We are currently oversubscribed in every year group, with 1206 students on roll. The Heath is the founding school of The Heath Family (NW) multi academy Trust which includes 8 schools, 3 secondary and 5 primary. We are a truly comprehensive school which embraces students of all gender, race, faith, social backgrounds and sexuality. We are fully inclusive and supportive of all students in the challenges they face growing up, of which none are more difficult than the teenage years. The way in which we support the local community, most of all our students, is the reason why generation after generation of families continue to send their children to our school. They see us as family.

## Our Culture and Our Values

Staff, students and parents all want the highest of standards when it comes to schooling. At The Heath we provide a culture where students first and foremost, feel happy and safe. Seeing our students walk in and out of school, on the corridors and in lessons we know that we meet this standard each day. We refer to this as **The Heath Standard** and this standard runs through all elements of the school. Our culture is built on our values of **Co-operation, Aspiration, Resilience and Excellence (CARE)**. These values are recognised in our students on a daily basis and they are rewarded accordingly.

## Our Vision and Our Curriculum

Our values and culture extend through our curriculum, we are passionate for our students to **Know more, Do more, Be more**.

- **Know more** - students enjoy learning here, they are passionate to engage with our knowledge based curriculum and improve their understanding, they appreciate their teachers for the way they teach and their hard work. Our students are **aspirational** and **cooperate** with staff.
- **Do more** - students appreciate the range of additional activities and events the school provides. They recognise the impact it has on their character. All students benefit from the range of learning experiences they are exposed to.
- **Be more** - students leave the school to go on to be the people they want to be, doing what they want to do. This is because they have been developed all round, academically and socially – they have the skills and **resilience** to succeed in the future.

## **Why would you want to work at The Heath?**

### **Our Students**

Our students are amazing. They are a pleasure to work with day to day. They inspire us, as staff to work harder for them and give them the opportunities they deserve, both academically and socially. Anyone wanting to work at our school has to be child centred and dedicated to supporting each individual pastorally, ensuring they are cared for, they develop their character and go on to fulfil their potential. We are so proud to see so many of our students go on to their chosen destinations year after year and ultimately, into a range of incredible professions locally, across the UK and abroad.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

At the Heath we are committed to supporting our staff to ensure they have a positive balance between their professional and personal lives. The wellbeing of our staff is paramount, and we understand that our staff are an integral part of our school and its success. All academic strategies are designed to have maximum impact, whilst being efficient as possible in terms of staff workload. We are constantly searching for ways in which we can support our staff, examples of which currently are that we have half termly, meeting free working weeks, half termly staff breakfasts, virtual parents' evenings and we endeavour to accommodate all staff requests for any support they need personally. Leaders are regularly communicating with staff to acquire their feedback and try to respond wherever possible in their decision-making processes.

### **Professional Development and Staff**

As you would expect we place great value in ensuring the right CPD is in place to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of all our staff in their respective roles. We have the perfect blend of experience and youth across the staff body. This means there is a wealth of support available to staff at all levels, alongside the passion and enthusiasm new staff bring. The teamwork and moral of the staff make it an extremely enjoyable place to work. We reward commitment and dedication to our students, that is why so many staff stay with us for long periods of time, achieving career progression.

### **Quality of Education**

At The Heath School you will find that you have the capacity to be able to teach. Each department has fully developed curriculum maps which provide guidance as to the delivery plan for each year group but also allow for each teacher to be innovative and creative, to teach to their style and to meet the needs of their students. Our students are eager to learn and expect to be stretched and challenged, behaviour in lessons in lessons and around the building is of the highest standard, The Heath Standard. Our results over the last 5 years are deeply satisfying, our students attaining in line with the national average for progress and achievement consistently across all subjects.

### **Extra-Curricular**

Our school thrives on the opportunities we offer our students and we constantly encourage each student to take them. We rarely ask staff to commit to extra-curricular activities they insist on running them. A range of activities are offered, during and after school, including sport, drama, music, dance, chess, cypher food, gardening, STEM, tech, horrible histories, debating, in addition to regular trips across the UK and abroad to Italy, Spain and New York. We are always appreciative of anyone who can bring their own interests to the school to widen the experience for our students.