Leeds West Academy
This Is Where You Perform, Create, and Belong.
Part of the White Rose Academies Trust

1:9
staff to student ratio big school opportunities and personal support.

70+
extra-curricular clubs every week. More ways to discover and belong.

1,500
students educated at Leeds West Academy every year.

£5.9M
of investment in the academies facilities in the last 5 years.

10%
of students join through our Performing Arts Specialism.

It is a genuine privilege to serve as Principal of Leeds West Academy, a school that sits at the heart of its community and is united by a shared commitment to helping every young person succeed.

At Leeds West Academy, we believe in the transformative power of education. Our vision is to unite and inspire our community through education, opportunity and aspiration, securing successful futures for the children of west Leeds.

Our values of Care, Commitment and Community underpin everything we do. We have high expectations for all students and are proud of the broad range of opportunities we provide, both inside and beyond the classroom. Through excellent teaching, strong pastoral support and meaningful partnerships with families, we help young people develop the knowledge, character and confidence they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

As someone who has served this academy for many years, I am incredibly proud of our students, our staff and the community we serve. Leeds West Academy is a place where young people are encouraged to aim high, work hard and believe in themselves. There is no limit to what they can achieve.

We would be delighted to welcome you to our academy and look forward to working together to ensure every child achieves their full potential.

Sam Pocock
Interim Principal

Ofsted
Good
Provider

Rated ‘Good’ by Ofsted in 2024

We are proud to be rated Good by Ofsted, a reflection of the dedication of our staff and the achievements of our students. **Scan the QR** code below to view our full inspection report.

“Teachers create a culture where pupils are allowed to make mistakes and learn from them.”

“The school has a well-organised approach to the teaching of reading. The school encourages pupils to read widely and often.”

“Pupils benefit from an ambitious curriculum, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).”

“Students are attentive and responsive and collaborate well to support each other’s learning.”

“Teachers are skilled at delivering the curriculum in their subjects. They have strong subject knowledge and explain basic concepts to pupils effectively.”

“Pupils actively engage in extra-curricular clubs, such as debate club, climbing and football.”

YOUR JOURNEY

Five Years. Your Story.

From your first nervous steps through the gates to walking across the stage at prom, every year here builds on the last. Here's what the journey looks like.

Year 7

Belong

New school. New people. Your place.

Year 8

Discover

Clubs. Trips. Talents. New possibilities.

Year 9

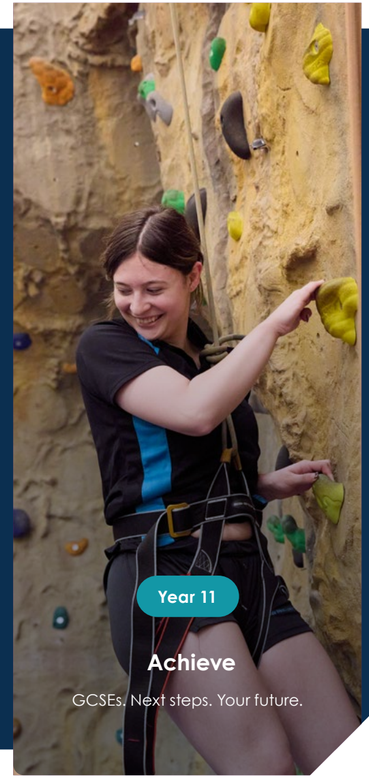
Choose

Subjects that shape your future.

Year 10

Experience

Workplaces. Leadership. Real-world opportunities.



Year 11

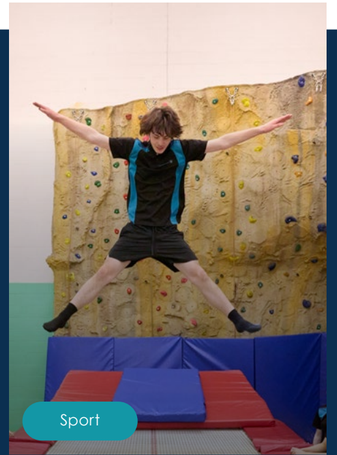
Achieve

GCSEs. Next steps. Your future.

ENRICHMENT

More than a school day

Some of the most important parts of school happen beyond the classroom. At Leeds West Academy, students are encouraged to get involved, try something different, meet new people, take on challenges and make a contribution. These experiences build confidence, character and a real sense of belonging, often becoming the parts of school life students remember most.

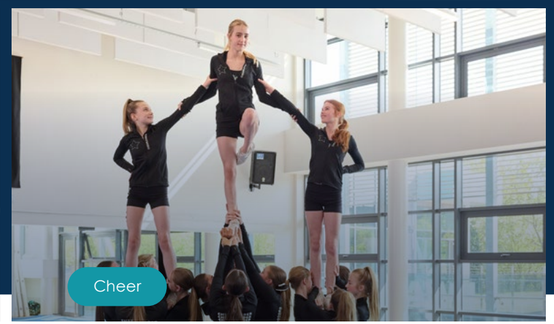

Sport

Cooking

Duke of Edinburgh

Music

Drama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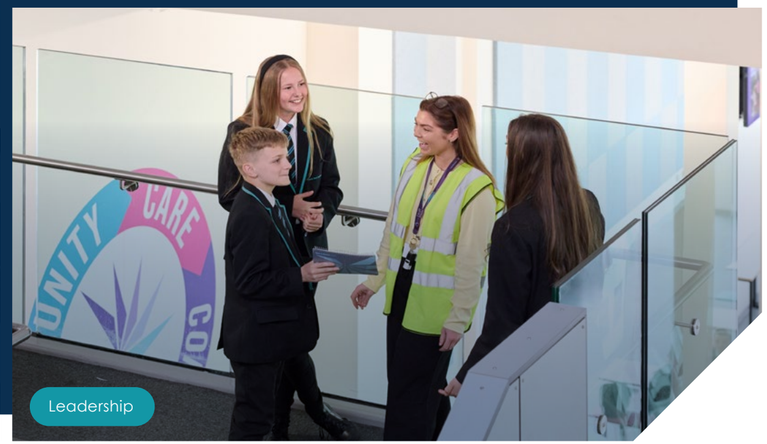


Leadership

PERFORMING ARTS

Our Specialism

Through music, dance, and drama, our Performing Arts Specialism gives students the chance to perform, create, and truly belong to something special. This small, auditioned cohort benefits from extra rehearsals, hands-on workshops, and regular live performance opportunities, all shaped by the guidance of industry professionals.

FACILITIES

A School Built for Possibilities

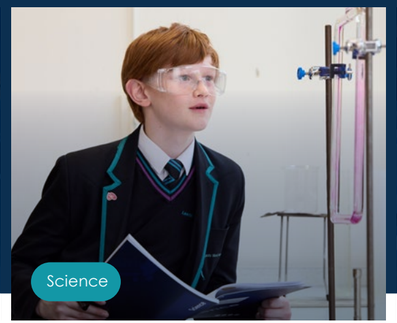
Leeds West Academy combines modern academic, vocational, sporting and performing arts facilities across one exceptional campus. From science laboratories and engineering workshops to a professional theatre, fitness suite and all-weather sport, our environment gives students room to discover what they can do.

3G Pitch

Hair & Beauty Salon

Library

Technology


Science

Theatre

Gym

SEND SUPPORT

Inclusion & Support

At Leeds West Academy, inclusion means knowing our students well and shaping support around what helps them succeed. Responsive teaching, specialist staff and dedicated learning spaces help remove barriers and meet individual needs.

For students who need something more tailored, specialist provision within the academy offers additional support while keeping young people connected to the wider life of Leeds West Academy.

FUTURE READY

Ready for What's Next

Preparing for the future starts long before Year 11.

From careers education and employer experiences to leadership, enrichment and Duke of Edinburgh, students are encouraged to explore their strengths, broaden their horizons and build the confidence to take their next step.

Whether that future is college, an apprenticeship, university or employment, we help every student turn aspiration into a plan.

COMMUNITY

LWA Community Hub

A weekly, welcoming space for families and the wider community to connect, access support and take part in academy life.

STAY CONNECTED

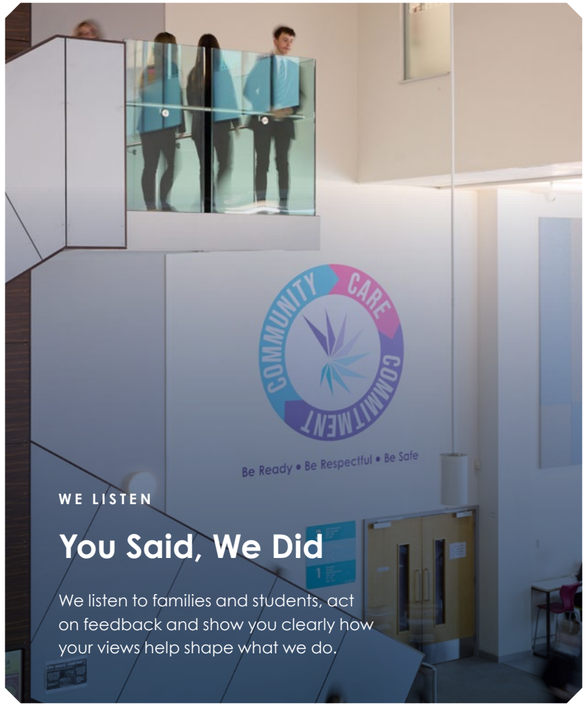
LWA Connect

Our regular newsletter sharing news, opportunities, achievements and the stories that bring academy life to life.

FOLLOW US

LWA Social Media

A vibrant window into daily life at Leeds West Academy, celebrating learning, events, opportunities and student success as they happen.



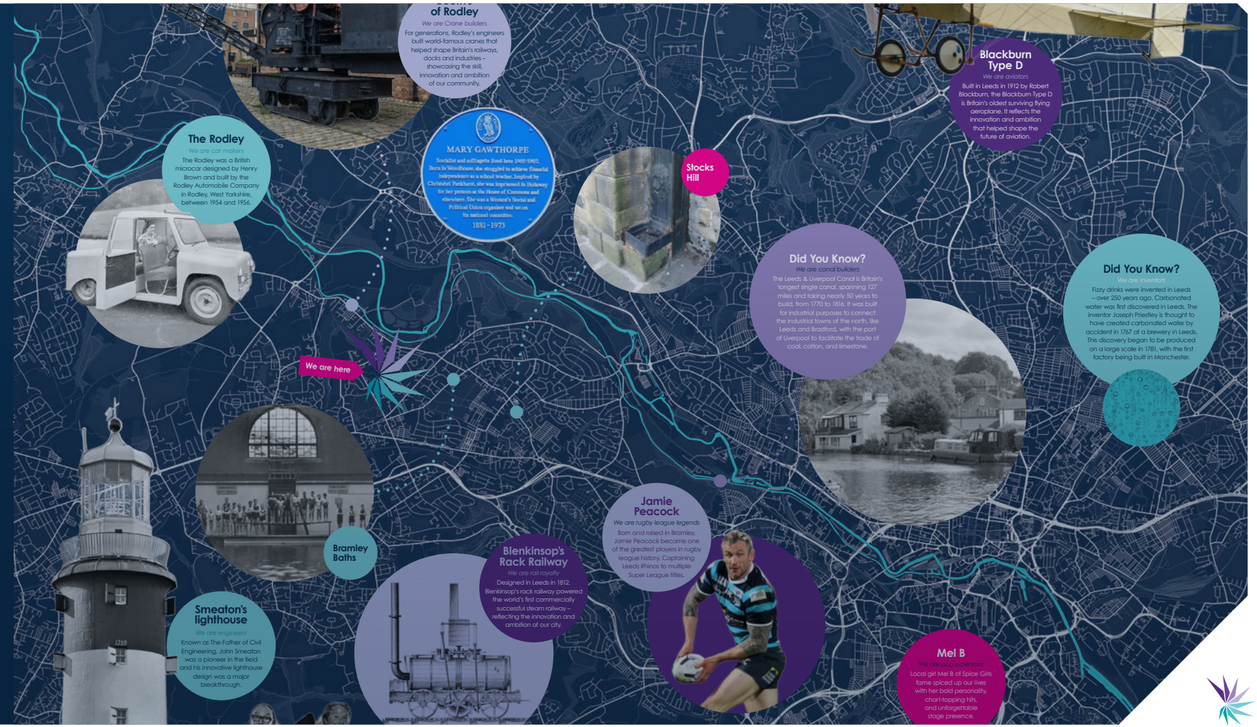
WE LISTEN

You Said, We Did

We listen to families and students, act on feedback and show you clearly how your views help shape what we do.

Proudly Serving the West Leeds Community

Celebrating the people, places and heritage of West Leeds.



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ALDER TREE PRIMARY
BELIEVE - BELONG - BECOME
Leeds City Academy
Leeds East Academy

We are textile weavers, boot makers, mill workers, engineers, canal builders, comedians, pop superstars, Bramley Baths swimmers, stone quarriers, football fanatics, tram drivers, nature walkers, tellers of stories, rugby league loyalists...

We are friends, parents, students, teachers, colleagues, neighbours, teammates, volunteers, community champions...

We are dreamers, innovators, creators, doers, leaders of tomorrow, citizens of west Leeds, of Yorkshire, of the world...

We are Leeds West.

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