



# Prospectus

**Welcome to Whitehill Community Academy**

Information for parents and children looking to join the academy

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## Welcome from the Principal

I have worked at Whitehill since 2004, and like so many of our staff, I love it here so much that I have stayed! Now I am in the privileged position of being Interim Headteacher of this wonderful school. I pledge to work my very hardest to provide the children with the best education possible with the best care.

Should you wish, please contact me to arrange a visit. I know you'll be impressed by our School and the special atmosphere we have fostered.

**Jon Boyle** | Interim Headteacher



# Welcome from the Trinity MAT CEO

In 2015, when the Trinity Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) was established, our brief was a simple one. Whilst the intervening period of time has seen numerous different challenges, one thing has remained constant: We are determined to make a positive difference, on as wide a scale as possible, where it matters most. That is as complicated as we allow it to become. The Trust now contains eleven institutions, catering for ages 3 to 18, across five local authorities, with exciting programmes like Trinity Scholars and Earthshot. It also incorporates White Rose Education, an organisation that has improved the life chances of countless young people around the world, and the West Yorkshire Maths Hub – as well as working to support thousands of staff regionally through our Trinity Institute of Education outreach work. Our journey has taken us a long way; our ambition for young people, coupled with our desire to continually improve, tell us that this is just the start. For parents seeking educational excellence with an exciting broad extra curriculum offer for their child/children, we warmly welcome to Trinity.



Michael Gosling | CEO



*"Effective collaboration, across a wide number of schools is an important part of who we are."*



# Proud to be part of Trinity MAT



We are overjoyed to be a part of Trinity MAT. The support we receive from our external initiatives and fellow schools helps us to achieve all that we do. The success of our MAT rests on the team around us and we are sincerely grateful to all who are part of Team Trinity, contributing to our success and growth every day.

## Trinity MAT is officially titled a World Class MAT

Trinity MAT has officially been awarded as a World Class MAT! We are one of just six Multi-Academy Trusts' in the country to receive this accreditation, demonstrating the world class education and students that are at the core of Trinity MAT.



## Trinity MAT has been crowned 'Medium MAT of the Year'

Trinity MAT has been awarded the title 'Medium MAT of the Year' by the Multi Academy Trust Association (MATA). Staff across our academies, external initiatives and central services were overjoyed with the news.



Trinity Multi-Academy Trust has a reputation of transforming schools, delivering a 'world class' education to every pupil and the families we serve. This translates into a unique education provision for your child:

- Well balanced curriculum: Enabling every child to master the core elements of English and Maths; plus working with our secondary schools to provide special input to STEM and arts subjects at primary level.
- An excellent behaviour and learning environment, including good quality classrooms, clear expectations of staff and pupils and high standards of education, with our children's well-being at the centre of our ethos.
- Consistency through end-to-end education: Excellent preparation for pupils moving through the academy and then on to secondary phase of education.
- Wraparound care to support working parents: Provision of high-quality wraparound education, including before and after school clubs, extra-curricular experiences and development of life skills.

# Our Vision and Values

## Our Vision

At Whitehill Community Academy, we strive to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child feels valued, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential. We believe that education is the key to unlocking a brighter future, and we are dedicated to providing our students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to succeed in life.

## Our Values

At the heart of our school community are three core values:

**Ready:** Our students are prepared for challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. They are eager to learn and develop their skills, and they are confident in their ability to succeed.

**Respectful:** Our students treat each other with kindness, compassion, and understanding.

**Responsible:** Our students take ownership of their actions and make positive choices.

***Our values of  
Ready, Respectful  
and Responsible  
are at the heart of  
everything we do.***





# Developing skills in and out of the classroom

**Our curriculum is underpinned by the National Curriculum, which sets out the programmes of study that our pupils cover in their classes.**

However, when we talk about successful Whitehill Community Academy pupils, we aim to develop each child's special skills, talents and interests – including the provision of an appropriate educational programme for all pupils with special educational needs.

Pupils are encouraged to participate in many memorable experiences during their time at the academy, which will enthuse and interest them in areas such as sports, science, drama, dance and the arts.







Pupils at Whitehill Community Academy benefit from exceptional outdoor areas with fantastic play equipment for all ages. Our children also have the remarkable learning opportunities presented by a Forest School – right in the heart of our academy grounds.

This popular provision encourages children to appreciate and enjoy the outdoor environment. Engaging in Forest School activities gives our pupils the freedom to explore and experience the natural world in all seasons and all weathers. It is an ideal environment to work co-operatively with others, solve problems, be creative and develop independence. In the Forest School, we use natural resources for inspiration, which allows children to get involved in a wide range of activities such as observing wildlife and den building.







## Nursery Admissions

Parents wishing to apply for a place at our Nursery must complete an application pack and submit it directly to the school office. All children will be eligible for admission into our Nursery from the September after their third birthday. Admission to the Nursery will be subject to an application being made and places being available.

## Reception Admissions

Our admission number is up to 90. Parents wishing to apply for a place in Reception should fill in an online Calderdale Admissions Form prior to admission in September. We hold open events for parents and children, where they have the opportunity to meet the staff and see the Reception area.

## Years 1 – 6 Admissions

Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 wishing to join the academy are invited to make an appointment to visit. An application form is available from the academy office and completed forms can be returned to the academy or to Calderdale Education Department. The application will then be considered at the fortnightly North Halifax or Central Halifax BAC panel meeting.





## Wraparound care (The Zone)

We are delighted to be able to offer a breakfast and after school club, The Zone, that offers excellent facilities and staff. We pride ourselves on our wonderful activities that focus on learning through play. The Zone breakfast club runs every school morning and offers pupils a variety of cereals, toast, milk, and fresh fruit. Our children look forward to enjoying a varied programme of activities at the after school club, including a wide range of arts and crafts, sports and physical activities.

### **Zone Breakfast Club**

Available from 6.45am – 8.30am

### **Zone After School Club**

Available from 2.45pm - 6pm

We provide nutritious snacks for the children attending both clubs. Sessions can be booked and paid for via an easy to use app.









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