

The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy

Your Aspirations, Our Inspiration



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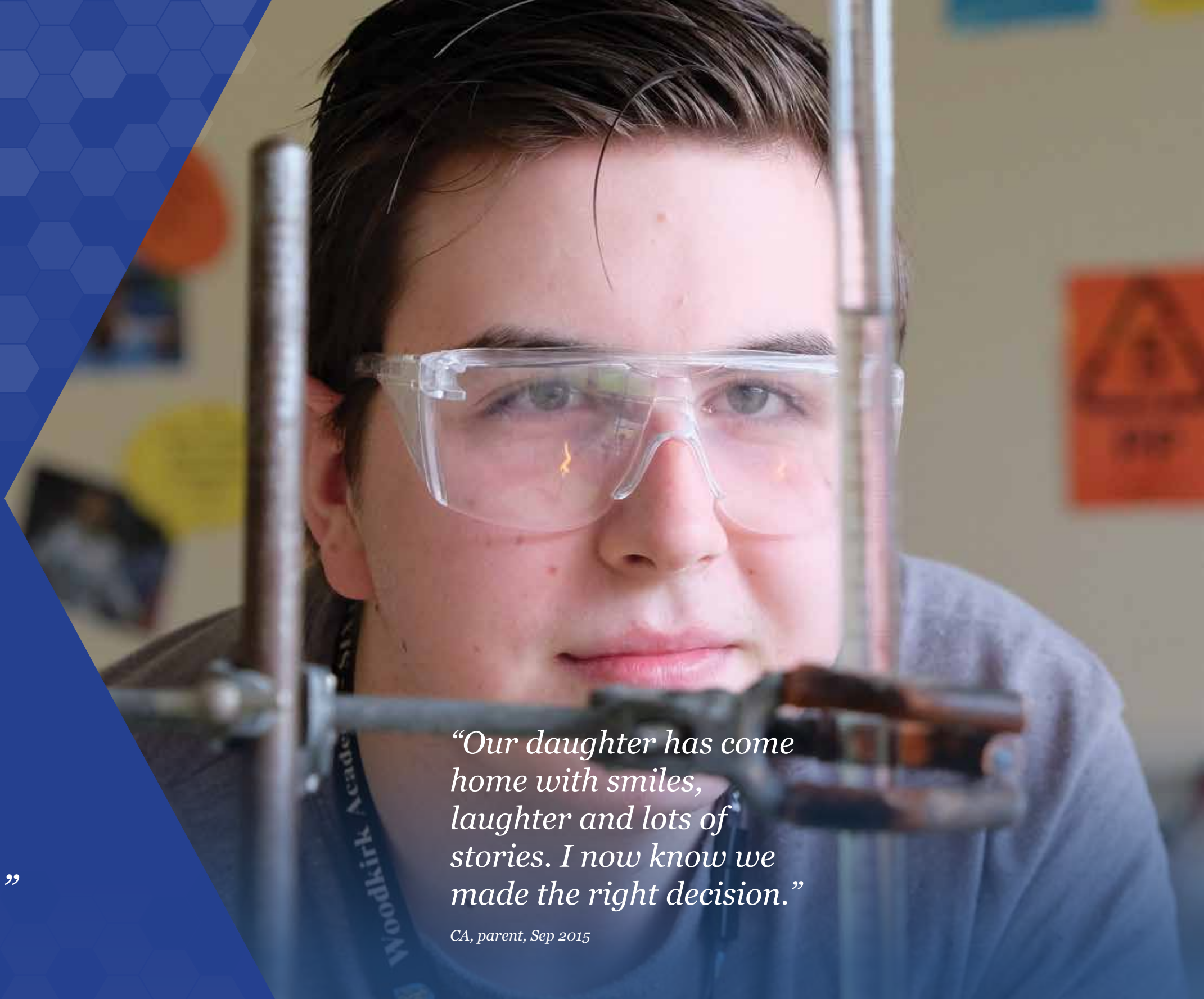
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*“Students achieve
outstandingly well.”*

Ofsted

*“Our daughter has come
home with smiles,
laughter and lots of
stories. I now know we
made the right decision.”*

CA, parent, Sep 2015





“I fully enjoyed my time in the 6th Form. I was happy and made new friends.”

Welcome

On behalf of the Governors, staff and students I would like to thank you for your interest in The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy. It is our intention that, by reading this prospectus, you will acquire a flavour of how choosing to study at Woodkirk will provide you with a firm foundation for adult life through a happy and memorable experience.

We can offer you an extensive range of courses and experiences. Woodkirk students have an impressive history of making the most of the opportunities on offer to gain good results, to make a successful transition to higher education training or employment of their choice as well as making a valued contribution to school life and the wider community.

Our Sixth Form has a friendly and supportive environment which reflects the hard working atmosphere common to the whole school. Great importance is attached to the relationships our students share with their teachers and tutors



who monitor progress, oversee their personal development and prepare them for the next stage of their lives.

As a member of our Sixth Form you will have the opportunity to develop a whole range of skills: academic; sporting; dramatic; musical; organisational and leadership which will be of benefit to you through all of your life. Our Sixth Form is large enough to offer a wide range of opportunities while being small enough to care and treat everyone as an individual.

We are very proud of our Academy, I hope you enjoy reading about Woodkirk and, perhaps, visiting us to experience first-hand some of the outstanding work produced which reflects the standards we endeavour to achieve for all students.

Mrs J Barton, Principal
September 2016

Introductions

Woodkirk is a special place to learn. I have had the pleasure of teaching here for over two decades and the traditions of excellence, knowing our students well and promoting enjoyable learning experiences have always meant that progression routes to university and the world of work are very impressive. We are very proud of our past and will be working hard to further our deserved reputation for academic rigour and success.

Our student support systems are second to none. Year 12 and Year 13 have their own dedicated and experienced Year Tutors who provide help with the widest range of issues from emotional support, study skills, preparation for Higher Education and intellectual challenge. We have an open door policy where students are welcome to raise issues and seek advice which can lead to accessing support such as academic intervention, life coaching and mentoring. As an Academy with students ranging from 11-19

My name is Steve Alleston, current Chair of Governors and former link governor to the Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy.

I take pleasure in being able to recommend Woodkirk Academy to any prospective new students who are prepared to be pushed towards their full potential. Both my son Jake and daughter Natalie have advanced into professional careers due to the care, guidance and support offered to them throughout their time here. The Sixth Form staff are very driven and demand high standards of behaviour, work

years of age, the Sixth Form offers natural progression from Year 11 to post 16 studies. Students already have excellent relationships with staff, know the environment well and can therefore concentrate on their studies immediately.

Candidates from schools and academies other than Woodkirk find that this is a happy, warm and welcoming institution that has high standards. Students settle in quickly and come from Wakefield, Kirklees, Bradford and Leeds.

If you have the desire, commitment and positive work ethic needed for Level 3 studies, I would be delighted to see you in The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy. I can guarantee a fulfilling, rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Jamie Lowe, Vice Principal

quality and teamwork. Year in, year out, they achieve some remarkable results and they will set you up well for the future.

The inclusive atmosphere however, is what will impress you the most. Come and feel it for yourself, I am certain that you will find a warm welcome.



Best of luck.
Steve Alleston

*'The Eye' by S. Smith
Year 13 (2014)*



Head of Sixth Form, J Lowe



Year Tutor, M Danby




Year Tutor, R Ellis



Sixth Form Learning Manager, F Mayet



Sixth Form Administrator, C Binks



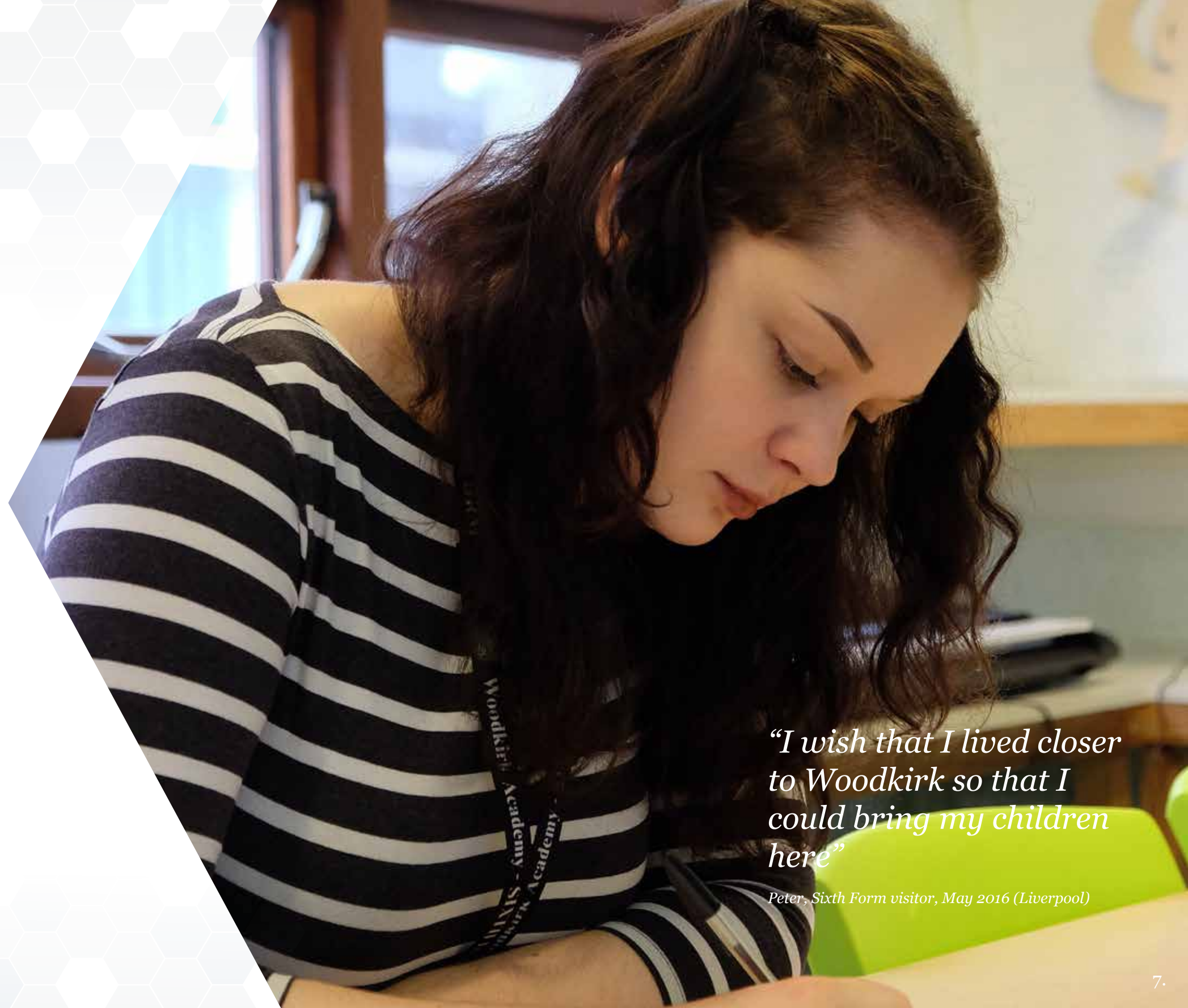
“My son has just left Woodkirk to go to university. Do not hesitate in giving this place serious consideration. The staff are unbelievably generous with their time.”

Parents - Why choose Woodkirk?

- Our results are impressive and have been for years, but this is only part of what we do.
- Our aim is to create citizens for the future who are resourceful, empathetic, respectful and multi-skilled.
- We invest heavily in pastoral care and see this as a core priority.
- We have outstanding relationships with students and expect their best at all times.
- The curriculum offers lots of choice for university, apprenticeship or work.
- Students are offered a place according to their individual strengths and ambitions.
- Our Professional Dress Policy keeps it simple for students and instils the high expectations that will be expected in their chosen career.
- All of our students, year in and year out, achieve a place in education, employment or training when they leave us.
- We offer a Bursary which supports learners on low incomes. We can also offer discretionary payments, such as contributing to the cost of Medlink courses.
- This is a safe environment where behaviour is outstanding.
- Attendance rates in the Sixth Form are outstanding too. Students clearly enjoy being here.


Students - Why choose Woodkirk?

- We get to know you as a person and as a student.
- We don't hide the fact that the courses are difficult and at times, you will need extra support.
- We will help you through such phases and help you develop your 'growth mindset' – you can achieve your dreams.
- Relationships with staff are more relaxed. However, we still have high expectations of you.
- All teachers in every department really are experts in their field. No one teaches outside of their degree expertise.
- If you have a problem with your studies, anxiety, personal issues or you are concerned about your progress, the Pastoral Team are there to help.
- Do you want to be rewarded for outstanding attendance? You could win some excellent prizes if you do.
- You will have independent study time on your timetable.
- You can aim to be on the Senior Council which is fantastic for your CV and you can help improve the Academy further.
- Join in with the extra curricular activities such as our amazing show.
- Excellent food!
- Easy to get to on the bus.
- Earn some excellent results by working with dedicated and conscientious teachers.



“I wish that I lived closer to Woodkirk so that I could bring my children here”

Peter, Sixth Form visitor, May 2016 (Liverpool)



“I came to Woodkirk because of your outstanding A Level results. When I came to the Open Evening for Sixth Form all the students and teachers were very welcoming and friendly which instantly made me feel comfortable about moving. As soon as I started at Woodkirk I knew that I had made the right decision as everyone was so enthusiastic and I cannot wait to achieve great things here.”

Grace, Year 13

Environment

All visitors and new students make positive comments on the atmosphere and environment that pervades here. You too, will enjoy it.

The Portable Device Policy and free WiFi allows you to work on your laptop or tablet.

We expect our Sixth Form students to maintain our high standards at all times and be role models for our main school students.

The Dennis Fisher Sixth Form Centre is well resourced with two common rooms, divided into silent study and social study areas. We also have two dedicated Study Support Suites, managed by specialists with expertise across a wide range of subjects. We also provide excellent ICT facilities, with over fifty computers and colour printing facilities dedicated solely for Sixth Form use during independent study periods.

You can keep up to date with current affairs through BBC and SKY news.

We regularly publicise the latest apprenticeship and employment opportunities. You will also have access to university prospectuses, information about Access courses and other relevant materials to support you in making well informed choices about your future.

Staff will issue Commendations as praise for good conduct and work. These can be used at our on site cafeteria.

100% of our students feel safe, 95% rate relationships as being outstanding and 95% rate the teaching and progress as outstanding too.

Study Support

The Learning Resources Centre is a quiet study area where you can access support materials for your course. Here you will also find a team of Learning and Support Managers, who can support you on a one-to-one basis, or in small group work, to enhance your progress.

All departments offer workshops, led by subject specialists. These are usually small group seminar-style sessions, allowing you to receive one-to-one feedback and accelerate your learning.

The Marking and Feedback Policy supports progress and we will expect you to respond to any comments you receive, to facilitate deeper learning.

You will receive the very best advice to support university, apprenticeship and employment applications. We have access to a highly experienced in-house Careers Advisor. Parents are welcome to attend appointments.

Our reports and tracking system is informative and provides improvement points for you to work on.

Email support from staff.

Revision and organisational skills sessions.

Spaced learning initiatives and the 'Mastery Zone' to help with stretch and challenge.

Scholar's programme.

Drop-in sessions for parents.

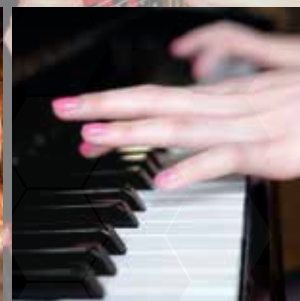


“It’s not the mountain
we conquer, but
ourselves.” *Sir Edmund Hilary*

Courses

POST 16 COURSE LIST. COHORT STARTING IN 2017 AND COMPLETING IN 2019

COURSE TITLE	AWARD	A LEVEL EQUIVALENT	COMPLETE IN
APPLIED LAW	BTEC	1	2019
ART and DESIGN	BTEC	3	2019
BUSINESS STUDIES	BTEC	1	2019
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CERTIFICATE	BTEC	1	2019
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DIPLOMA	BTEC	2	2019
MUSIC	BTEC	1	2019
PERFORMING ARTS	BTEC	1	2019
SPORT	BTEC	1	2019
COURSE TITLE	AWARD	A LEVEL EQUIVALENT	COMPLETE IN
ART	A LEVEL	1	2019
BIOLOGY	A LEVEL	1	2019
BUSINESS STUDIES	A LEVEL	1	2019
CHEMISTRY	A LEVEL	1	2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	A LEVEL	1	2019
ENGLISH LITERATURE	A LEVEL	1	2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE	A LEVEL	1	2019
GEOGRAPHY	A LEVEL	1	2019
HISTORY	A LEVEL	1	2019
LANGUAGES	A LEVEL	1	2019
MUSIC	A LEVEL	1	2019
PSYCHOLOGY	A LEVEL	1	2019
PHYSICS	A LEVEL	1	2019
SOCIOLOGY	A LEVEL	1	2019
COURSE TITLE	AWARD	A LEVEL EQUIVALENT	COMPLETE IN
FURTHER MATHEMATICS	AS/A2	1	2018 or 2019
GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	AS/A2	1	2018 or 2019
LAW	AS/A2	1	2018 or 2019
MATHEMATICS	AS/A2	1	2018 or 2019
PRODUCT DESIGN	AS/A2	1	2018 or 2019
COURSE TITLE	AWARD	A LEVEL EQUIVALENT	COMPLETE IN
APPLIED SCIENCE	TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE	1	2019
CORE MATHEMATICS	LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE	0.5	2018
DIGITAL MEDIA	TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE	1	2019
COURSE TITLE	AWARD	A LEVEL EQUIVALENT	COMPLETE IN
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN BRICKLAYING	DIPLOMA	0	2018



Entry requirements



Eligibility for admission – priority order

1. Young people in public care.
2. Applicants from students in Year 11 at Woodkirk Academy.
3. Applicants from students in Year 11 from other institutions.
4. Applicants from out of year, will be considered on an exceptional basis.

Criteria for entry – Year 12

Students will be offered a place in the Sixth Form on an individual basis. This will be guided by:

- Attainment at Key Stage 4
- Attitudinal factors
- Attendance data
- Readiness for Level 3 work

Both the number and combination of courses will be taken into account when organising student options.

All subjects have entry requirements which must be met. In some cases, students may be allowed to trial certain courses on a contract basis.

Students who have not achieved a Grade C (or equivalent) in English and/or mathematics will be required to resit these.

Evidence from the current school that the student could cope with at least three A2 Level courses, or equivalent.

Application process

- An application form and instructions can be found on the Sixth Form section of our website: www.woodkirkacademy.co.uk
- We are also listed on UCAS Progress at www.ucasprogress.com
- To speak to Mr Lowe, or to arrange a visit, please call 0113 887 3604.

Extra curricular

“Students have positive attitudes to learning and play a full part in the life of the school.” Ofsted

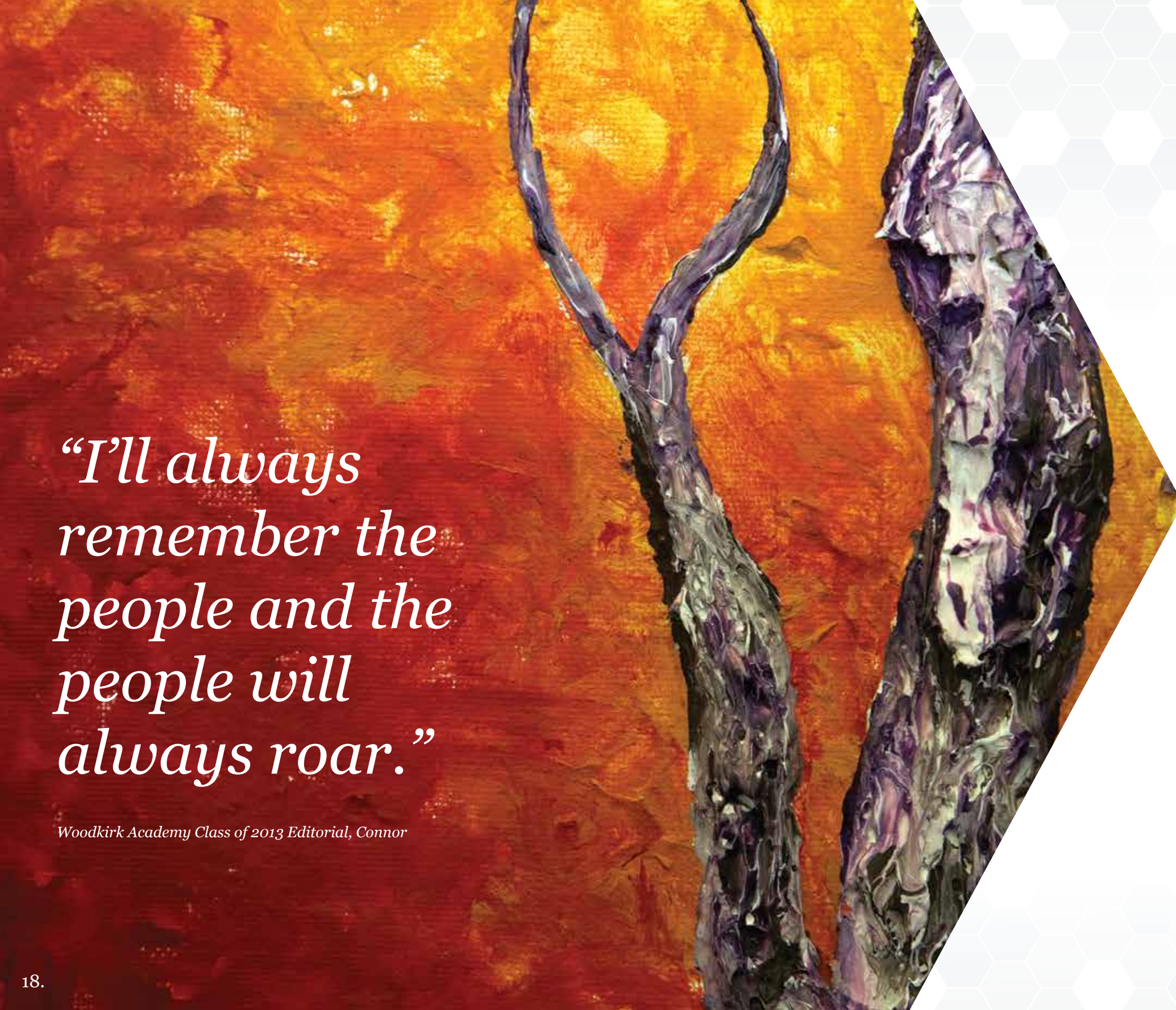
We encourage our students to take part in all forms of sporting, musical and other activities. Relevant work experience is also an essential part of wider learning as are courses such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The student body collaborate well with each other and last year raised £6000 for our nominated charities: Candlelighters and Ewings Sarcoma Research.

When you join The Sixth Form @ Woodkirk Academy you too will have the opportunity to be involved with a number of charity fundraising days, mentoring opportunities and enrichment courses. We are keen to hear from you about what you would like to see in the future!

We have a truly exceptional Sixth Form Senior Council who serve as outstanding Ambassadors for the Academy. They take an active role in representing the student body, recruiting staff and attending local charitable events. The Council have sub-committees offering valuable insight from the students' perspective which then contributes to the Academy's ongoing improvements to 'Teaching and Learning', 'Attendance and Environment', 'Rewards and Sanctions' and 'Charity and Fundraising'.





*“I’ll always
remember the
people and the
people will
always roar.”*

Woodkirk Academy Class of 2013 Editorial, Connor



James and Im - former Head Boy and Head Girl 2014-2015. James is reading Mathematics at the University of Manchester. Im is reading Management at the University of Leeds.



Stevie Ward, Leeds Rhinos. A Levels in PE, English Language, English Literature.



Ben and Ellis, current Head Boy and Girl.



Tom and Maisie - Head Boy and Head Girl 2015-2016. Maisie achieved Grades A, A, B and is reading Geography at EAU. Tom achieved Grades A, A, B and is reading Music at the University of Nottingham.

Alumni

We are immensely proud of our alumni and they remain part of the Woodkirk family long after they have left us. Many come back to visit and several former students deliver talks and provide support for career action planning to current students. Having given our leavers the firm foundations on which to build, the staff at Woodkirk Academy are keen to celebrate their achievements and continue to wish them the very best for the future.



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