



# Stoke Park School

— Prospectus —

“Working together is a key ingredient in enabling your son or daughter to gain excellent qualifications, have a fulfilling school experience and a future that they deserve.”



## Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Stoke Park School.

This prospectus is an introduction to our school, our ethos and what we can all achieve together: staff, parents and students.

At Stoke Park we have a strong sense of purpose in delivering an inclusive education, and our mission is to increase the life chances and aspirations of young people from our diverse, inner-city community, by raising standards of learning and providing outstanding educational experiences and outcomes.

Our vision is that all students at Stoke Park School understand the importance of our **RESPECT** values, Resilience, Excellence, Self-Belief, Pride, Enjoyment, Care and Tolerance; they understand the importance of showing **respect** to all. Through the promotion of these values the students feel a sense of belonging and understand how they can contribute positively to an

effective 21st century society. Students are ambitious, have high aspirations, knowing they will be supported and challenged and they are determined to overcome any barriers to learning in the pursuit of **excellence**. They show **resilience** in how they approach their studies, determined to secure continual improvement. They can articulate what they need to do to improve in a range of academic and vocational subjects and understand the value and **enjoyment** of participating in enrichment and extra-curricular activities which develop positive **self-belief**, confidence and well-rounded learners. They have developed strong oracy and literacy skills enabling them to talk about their learning, and to communicate effectively through our broad and balanced curriculum. Our learners value equality, inclusivity and **tolerance** and understand the positive school culture we create when we show **care** for all in our community. Students wear their uniform with **pride** knowing that respect for others begins with respect for oneself. Students understand that they can shape their lives positively through choice, not chance.

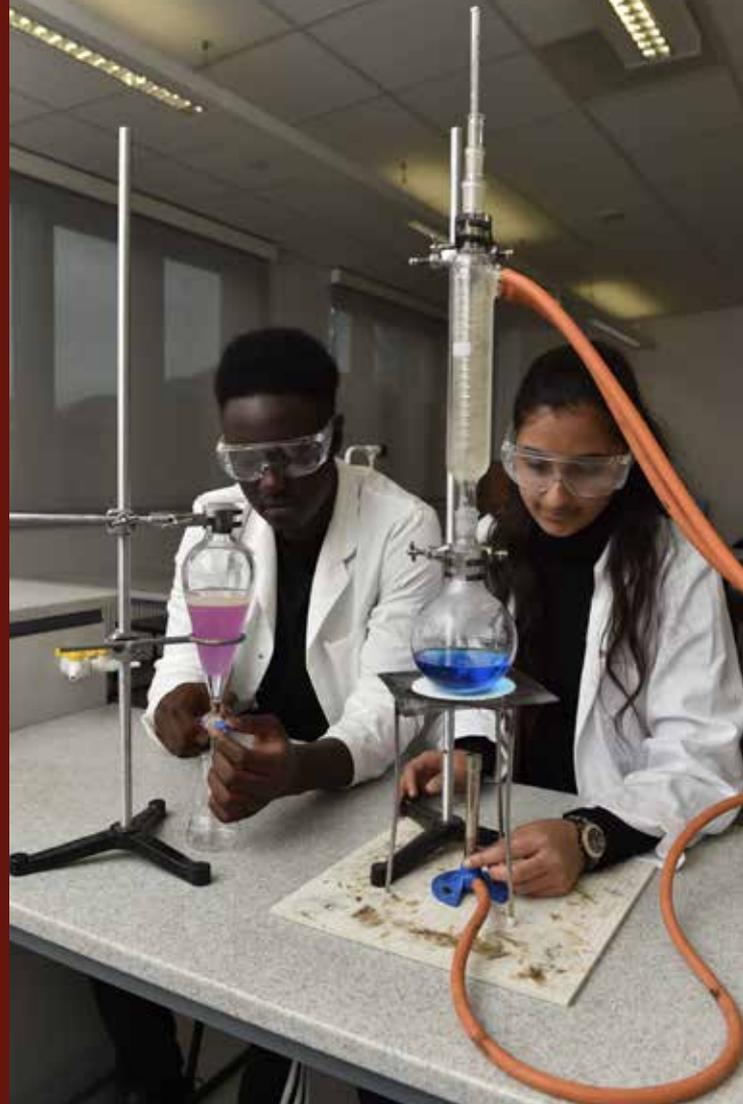
At Stoke Park School we are passionately committed to the achievement of every individual and aim to provide a high-quality education in a safe, happy, caring and disciplined environment. We promote a growth-mindset culture and believe that all students can succeed given appropriate self-belief, challenge and support, and whilst we guide and nurture students both academically and pastorally we encourage them to take responsibility for their own learning and personal development. We insist on high standards and equip students with life skills to support them in their learning journey.

As a school we are energised and motivated by the prospect of changing lives and improving life chances for all our young people. We are committed to raising community-wide aspirations and encouraging individuals to consider their role in society and the needs of others.

I hope you will find this information useful.

**Mrs S. Jones**  
**Headteacher**

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At Stoke Park we are on an exciting journey to becoming an outstanding school. We have a vibrant learning community that recognises students as individuals and offers appropriate pathways for a wide range of students of all abilities.

## We are...

### Student focused

There are no limits for outstanding learning and outstanding achievement. Students, staff, governors and parents are totally focused on developing and improving the learning of students, underpinned by positive and respectful relationships. We have high expectations of them, high aspirations for them and demonstrate complete belief in them. Our students deserve the very best.

### Learning focused

There are no barriers and no excuses. We give support to ensure students, staff, governors and parents maximise the academic achievement of students whilst enabling them to develop and flourish as well rounded individuals. We are all role models; everyone is responsible jointly and individually for our students and their outcomes; everyone buys in and everyone owns the resulting success. We give trust and respect whether it is deserved or not: we choose to be here and we set the standard.

### Curriculum

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum which includes the EBACC academic offer comprising the core subjects, Maths, English, and Science as well as History, Geography and a language, and the more practical and vocational courses such as Drama, Music, Design, Technology, Art, Textiles, Nutrition & Food and PE.

### Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is vitally important for a successful academic experience as well as being essential for our students to develop into well-rounded individuals who can cope with the demands of our ever changing society. We aim to equip students with a set of life skills to help them navigate through life.



**“Our aim is to provide an excellent education for all students at Stoke Park.”**

# The House System

At Stoke Park we have a House system which creates a sense of belonging, pride and a respectful ethos that underpins our values. It establishes a caring, supportive environment in which each student becomes a valued member of a small 'family unit', the house, within a larger 'family' the whole school. It helps build an individual's strengths within a group and create bonds with students of all different ages which mirrors everyday life. The House System helps us to combat bullying by building frameworks which cross year groups for peer support. We offer, motivate and engage our students in a range of extra-curricular activities which will enrich, broaden and enhance the experience of our students and provide well-ordered, stimulating and enjoyable atmosphere with the highest possible standards of conduct where rapid progress can occur. We promote and provide opportunity for student voice, student responsibility, team building, leadership skills and co-operation. Students will increasingly work together with staff to run their House, with students voting to elect leaders, exercise leadership and manage their own success as partners with the staff. Whilst we are four houses we are one **community** creating a school which the students, parents, staff, governors and wider community can be justly proud of.



## Transition

We are very aware of the importance of students making a successful transition to secondary school. We ensure that students get support to help them find their way around the building and we actively discuss any worries they have. We explain how a secondary school operates and if any child has any specific concerns they wish to discuss, our Pastoral team will always be on hand.

The Year 6 Induction period is very important and includes the sharing of information between schools, visits by the Heads of House, meeting staff through a range of activities, spending at least a day in school and the opportunity of attending some after-school activities.

## Working with Parents

Building strong partnerships with parents is essential in enabling your son/daughter to gain an excellent set of qualifications. We will be in regular contact with you to ensure lines of communication are open and any concerns or successes are shared.



**“We are a school who will support and challenge all students to achieve more than they thought possible.”**

**“At Stoke Park School we have a relentless focus on standards.”**



### **Thinking Ahead**

Key Stage 4 is a very important stage in the education of our Year 9 students. We will ensure that all students benefit from careers information, advice and guidance and discuss appropriate courses for them with their tutor.

After students have completed their GCSE and equivalent courses they must remain in full-time education for the next two years. Many of our students choose to remain in the 6th form although they may also choose to pursue a course at college, an apprenticeship or full-time employment with training.

We will support and challenge students to achieve their best in a safe and productive learning environment and to enjoy their school journey alongside us.

**“We are a values-led school that has a strong sense of purpose in delivering an inclusive education.”**

## Enrichment

We aim to create the best possible opportunities for our students, both in the classroom and out.

We have a strong and varied enrichment programme which includes activities before, during and after school. Getting involved in these enrichment activities will help students get the most out of their school experience. It is a great way for them to meet others with similar interests, make new friends and it will add value to a university or apprenticeship application. Enrichment activities may include trips abroad, university open days, ICT, Drama, Sport and Music clubs.



**“Believe you can achieve at Stoke Park.”**

Resilience

Excellence

Self-belief

Pride

Enjoyment

Care

Tolerance



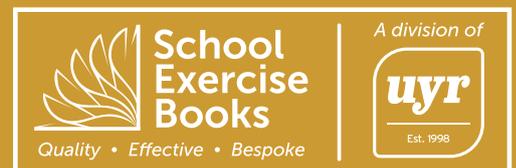
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