Thank you for your interest in Finham Park 2, part of Finham Park Multi Academy Trust. Our ambition is for all schools in our Trust to provide a ‘World Class’ education for their young people — providing them with the time of their lives and ensuring that they all make strong contributions to the communities and societies they live in — locally, nationally, and globally. On their way to becoming ‘World Class’, each school will be described as ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted.

Our education will aim to exceed the highest national and international benchmarks for academic achievement, whilst ensuring young people develop a passion for learning in all its contexts. I hope you enjoy reading our prospectus.

Do you want to send your son or daughter to a school that:
- Aspires to be ‘World Class’?
- Aims to achieve the highest possible qualifications for all of its students?
- Wants all students to have ‘the time of their lives’?
- Is run by leaders with a proven track record in one of Coventry’s highest performing schools?
- Was judged as ‘Good’ by Ofsted in our very first inspection?

If the answer to these questions is ‘yes’, then read on.

Our track record
Finham Park School, the parent organisation of Finham Park 2, has been a highly regarded part of the educational landscape in Coventry for over forty years. We have a long and proud history of providing the highest quality teaching; an innovative curriculum offer and a wealth of exciting extra-curricular activities for young people of all ages and abilities.

At Finham Park we are rightly proud of our reputation for supporting young people to achieve at the very highest level. Our goals are to ensure that all students gain excellent GCSE grades and to continue into our Sixth Form where they receive the very best opportunities to gain entrance to a university of their choice or to access higher level apprenticeships and employment.

If your application is successful, your son/daughter will be joining us at the most exciting time as we continue to pursue our goals of being a ‘World Class’ school, something for the whole community to be proud of! The demand for places is high — we are oversubscribed with all 120 places filled in all year groups.

Our future
Finham Park 2 is a wonderful opportunity for your son or daughter to access the same educational opportunities and life chances as those on offer at Finham Park School. Finham Park 2 reflects the same ethos and ‘World Class’ ambitions of Finham Park School building upon the core values of Pride, Respect and Responsibility.

School is also about children ‘having the time of their lives’, filling their days with so many happy memories that when they look back, they also inspire future generations to enjoy learning. We constantly strive to make the learning experience at Finham Park 2 the very best it can be.

Year 8 Parent
“Since starting at FP2, I haven’t seen my daughter this happy at school for a number of years and it has been a pleasure to see. Our daughter is thoroughly enjoying FP2 and has made lots of new friends and actually looks forward to going to school... I am so happy that we made the right choice and that she was accepted into the school.”

Mark Bailie
Executive Headteacher

Russell Plester
Headteacher

Enrichment

Exciting enrichment opportunities including Mandarin, photography, business studies, art and discovery / STEM - studied as part of the year 7 and 8 timetable.
Why choose Finham Park 2?

Our ambition is to be ‘World Class’ with the highest aspirations for all our students.

We believe that:

• Every child can and will succeed
• Every child deserves the very best education
• All students should be prepared to leave school ‘ready to embrace the world’
• Lifelong learning is vital for future success and happiness
• Children should have the ‘time of their lives’ at school

As a new school with small numbers we can fully focus on supporting all of our students. We have opportunities to innovate and provide exceptional opportunities for our youngsters ensuring they are better prepared for the demands of university, further training or the world of work when they leave school.

Key features:

We are an 11-18 co-educational school with 4 forms of entry (120 students in each year). Our first year 7 cohort started with us in September 2015. Students will join year 12 from September 2020.

The school is based at newly refurbished, high quality buildings on Torrington Avenue.

We offer an academic curriculum that includes:

• Mandarin Chinese and computing
• Personalised pathways for options to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students
• A wide and varied enrichment programme to engender love of learning and a broad experience
• A supportive and aspirational transition curriculum from KS2-3 to ensure stretch and challenge and catch-up and support for students where appropriate
• The ‘Finham Park 2 Guarantee’: every child will have the opportunity to visit the seaside, art galleries, national sports fixtures and the theatre, as well as local, national and international trips (to include visits to our partner schools in China, USA, France and Spain)
• Reading has a high priority across the school

Our pastoral support approach is built upon:

• The core values of Pride, Respect and Responsibility
• Student leadership and voice to ensure high engagement and achievement
• A praise culture with clear boundaries and consistently applied sanctions
• Personal mentoring with a vertical college system

High quality teaching and learning:

• Is personalised with support, stretch and challenge evident in all lessons
• Ensures gifted and talented students are pushed to achieve their very best from the first day in school
• Uses new technologies to support learning
• Uses Frog, our virtual learning environment, which supports 24 hour learning for all students and ensures parents are kept up to date with their children’s learning and progress
• Supports all students to ensure excellent progress is made

Working with The Lion Teaching School Alliance, and Finham Park School’s National Support School status allows our staff to access the highest level of professional development, to develop the most stimulating and creative methods of delivering teaching and learning both inside and outside of the classroom.

Finham Park 2 Parent

“We can’t believe our son has completed his first year at FP2, he is so happy... We love all the additional opportunities the school offers and are so pleased he is part of FP2.”
How we support our students to learn

At Finham Park 2 we strive to provide ‘World Class’ learning opportunities that motivate and challenge all of our students. Students are placed in teaching groups appropriate to their needs and abilities. Lessons are structured to ensure all students make excellent progress; they are challenging and engaging.

We continue to build relationships with our parents to enable them to support learning and form a successful part of our Home School Partnership. Learning is also enhanced by our work with outside professionals such as business leaders, sports coaches, local artists, universities, musicians and many others.

By creating personalised learning pathways supported by committed and highly trained staff we aim for each student to achieve success. In order to ensure that every student makes exceptional progress we provide expert advice and guidance so that they are set and achieve the most challenging targets.

The extended school day runs from 8am - 4pm to allow students to attend study support and homework club as well as additional out of school hours’ learning (OOSHL) activities.

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**The breadth and flexibility of our curriculum will prepare our students for the demands of the working world where the ability to communicate, work in teams, analyse information and problem solve is essential. In years 7 and 8 we do this by combining subjects to allow us to focus on these skills. For example, ‘Discovery’—where students learn about how the universe can be explained by science and explored by mathematics.**

**Our Curriculum Enrichment Programme encourages students to experience new disciplines such as Photography, Business Studies and Digital Media. Working alongside Finham Park School’s ‘Confucius Classroom’ status Mandarin Chinese is introduced to all students in year 7 and 8. We are also proud to be one of a small number of schools nationally to offer the Mandarin Excellence Programme— an intensive language offer and immersive experience of Mandarin and Chinese Culture.**

Finham Park 2’s 14-19 curriculum offers a wide range of GCSE (and in the near future A level) options as well as more technical and vocational subjects, thus ensuring that all students are prepared for the next stage of their education or training. Our extensive curriculum will allow all students to achieve an appropriate number of qualifications reflecting their breadth of study.

**Beyond the curriculum, we make no apology for having the highest expectations of our students in all areas of their life. We foster an environment where respect and courtesy is the norm, allowing them to build excellent relationships with their peers and adults, based on Pride, Respect and Responsibility.**

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**“Thank you for the fantastic work you’ve done helping our daughter in maths during her first year at Finham Park 2. The progress that she has made whilst being taught at FP2 over the last 6 months, not only academically but also emotionally, has shone through. You’ve built her confidence and helped her become engaged and she is back to loving maths again like she used to.”**

Year 7 Parent
Our out of school hours learning programme provides further opportunities for students including sporting clubs, Japanese, ukelele, school newspaper, film club, extra tuition and much more.

“Our daughter is the only girl coming from her school and was obviously a little anxious about the day. She, however, came out absolutely bursting with enthusiasm and anticipation for the new year.”
Year 6 Parent after Transition Day

“The trip to Macbeth today has been lovely. Our students were truly amazing….. by far the smartest, most well behaved, most considerate and polite in attendance. I was absolutely bursting with pride as I looked around at them being so wonderful.”
Finham Park 2 Teacher

“Thank you for inviting me to see tonight’s performance it was brilliant! I could tell from their faces how much they enjoyed taking part in such a fabulous show. You must all be so proud of the pupils, they are great ambassadors for the school.”
Visitor to School of Rock Performance

We are extremely proud of the wonderful facilities we have at Finham Park 2 that support both more creative subjects as well as traditional academic areas: a drama studio and new theatre; recording studio, fabulous music equipment and numerous practice rooms; a dance studio; eight fully equipped science labs; state-of-the-art sports hall; fully equipped engineering room; and professional standard food room.

World Class facilities
Every student joining Finham Park 2 will become part of a small, vertical mentor group comprising of approximately three students from each year group. Mentors give high quality support to each student while their subject teachers meet with parents each year to discuss their progress and set challenging targets.

One of our dedicated College Leaders works closely with mentors to ensure all students are cared for and are achieving their very best. The Hub is a vital additional support for those students who may have greater learning needs. Here they can be provided with the most appropriate support both inside and outside the classroom.

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Finham Park 2 Ofsted

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Our extensive transition programme will be jointly developed with partner primary schools to ensure our new year 7 students settle into secondary school life smoothly and are happy, confident, challenged and supported from day one. Feedback on our transition programme from parents and students has been extremely positive.

First Day at Finham Park 2 - Feedback from Parents

“We appreciate all the hard work the teachers are putting in but mostly all the belief and support that they show our daughter, we couldn’t ask for anything more from a school. So thank you all very much.”

“Our daughter is still floating on Cloud Nine and hasn’t stopped talking about the awards evening last night! One very happy (and proud) Finham Park 2 student and family. Thank you so much for inviting her, she certainly ‘had the time of her life’. The whole experience has been an inspiration for her.”

Finham Park 2 Parent

“It was wonderful to attend the parents’ meeting on Tuesday and meet all the dedicated teachers. They are an absolutely outstanding team! It’s pleasing to know that my son is being supported and taken care of and I really do appreciate this so much.”
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Inclusion

What additional opportunities we offer our students

The opportunities available at Finham Park 2 outside the classroom ensure that absolutely no one is left out. There is something for everyone - for example, chess tournaments, creative writing, school productions, ukulele, ‘Grub Club’ and Maths Challenge, as well as homework club, sport training and matches and extra tuition. The Finham Park 2 Guarantee ensures all students are offered the opportunity of national and international visits, including trips to sports fixtures, the coast, theatres and art galleries.

What does the future hold?

School is not just about learning subjects but also about supporting the development of the whole child. We do this through teamwork and developing skills for independent learning. To achieve this we ensure that the school has the resources needed by every student. Our new classrooms are well-equipped for learning and high quality technology is available in all areas throughout and beyond the school day.

“Pupils conduct themselves well during breaktimes and lunchtimes and are polite to staff on duty. They are friendly and courteous to visitors. Pupils are proud of their uniform and they are punctual to lessons.”

“Staff and pupils ….. are proud to be members of the school.”

Finham Park 2 Ofsted
Only 120 places are available in year 7. This is deliberately small, to maintain a small, close-knit community as we reach our capacity of 800, catering for 11-18 year olds with a focus on individual success.

Parents should apply for Finham Park 2 via the local authority as with other schools in Coventry.

For further information and to view our full Admissions Policy, including details of our oversubscription criteria in the event that the school receives more applications than we can accept, as well as our appeals procedure, please visit our website at www.finhampark2.co.uk

Feedback from new parents at Finham Park 2

“I am grateful to all the staff for making an exceptional start to the year and being fantastic role models for our daughter. All of you have made her learning journey so exciting that she is self-motivating herself to reach her full potential. She really takes pride in being a student at FP2. Knowing how happy she is in every aspect, makes me feel so thankful and blessed. I hope my other children will be able to attend FP2.”

“Thank you for the wonderful job you have done this term. Our daughter has made the transition to secondary school with an ease I never imagined possible. She seems so settled and happy and really appears to enjoy school. Her confidence is increasing and we are very proud of her sticker accomplishments! Thank you.”

“Pupils have positive attitudes to their learning. They have high aspirations and want to do well.”

Finham Park 2 Ofsted

“I also wanted to say what an amazing school, FP2 is. I do, as you can imagine, go to an awful lot of schools both in the Midlands and beyond, and I can honestly say that yours is by far the friendliest, most accommodating that I have ever been to in 20 years of working in them. Every member of staff who I have encountered there has managed to mix their professionalism with a great deal of fun and it is clear that they genuinely care about the students, and it is a pleasure to see the students interacting with them; the discipline is firm and fair, and the students clearly respect both that and the staff. The students are also a credit to you - rarely have I had so many doors opened for me, or so many students smile and say hello. They are all confident, open and polite young adults.”

Business Leader Visitor