

# FINHAM PARK 2

Pride Respect Responsibility



Prospectus 2024

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**Exciting enrichment opportunities** including, Mandarin, photography, business studies, art and discovery / STEM - studied as part of the year 7 and 8 timetable.

A large, circular inset image shows a young man with blonde hair, wearing a dark blue school uniform jacket with yellow piping, holding a black Nikon DSLR camera with a large lens. He is looking through the viewfinder, taking a photograph. The background of the photo is a light-colored wall with a subtle pattern.

# Enrichment

# Welcome to Finham Park 2

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## 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 leading high-performing schools?
- Was judged as 'Good' by Ofsted in our most recent inspection?

**If the answer to these questions is 'yes', then read on.**

### Our track record

Finham Park School, and more recently Finham Park Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), 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.

As the World Class Schools Quality Mark organisation stated in July 2023 when awarding the Finham Park MAT world class status, "it's difficult to marry high standards with humanity and kindness; Finham Park MAT does it."

At Finham Park MAT 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.

### 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.

If your application is successful, you child will be joining us at an exciting time as we continue to pursue our goals of being a 'World Class' school, something for the whole community to aspire to and to be proud of. The demand for places is quite rightly incredibly high; we are oversubscribed with 563 applications for 150 places in 2023.

For children starting in 2024 only, 150 places will be available as part of the Local Authority's plan for increased numbers for pupils leaving primary schools in those year groups.



**Will Keddle Headteacher**

### 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.



**Mark Bailie  
Executive Headteacher**

### From year 11 parents

*"We just wanted to extend a huge thank you to you for all your support getting our son through secondary school, particularly the last year or so and his exams. You always go above and beyond our expectations."*



Children should have the **time of their lives** at school. At Finham Park 2, we want to make that a reality.

# Ambition



# Why choose Finham Park 2?

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**O**ur ambition is to be 'World Class' with the highest aspirations for all of 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 joined us in 2015 and our exciting, new 6th form opened in 2020. Students have joined our new 6th form in year 12 from this September. 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.



## From year 6 parent following Transition Day

*"Our daughter very much enjoyed transition day and came home excited at the prospect of starting in September, she is already talking about friends that she met yesterday..."*

# How we support our students to learn

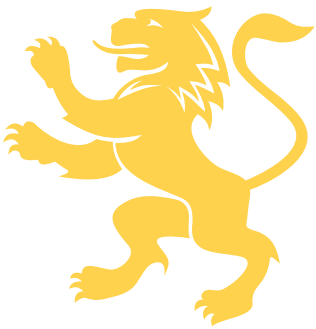


**A**t Finham Park 2 we strive to provide 'World Class' learning opportunities that motivate and challenge all of our students. Students are placed in teaching groups appropriate to their needs and abilities. Lessons are structured to ensure all students make excellent progress; they are challenging 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.

Our 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. We expect all students to attend at least one OOSHL a week.



We 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 ready to embrace the world.

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# Opportunity

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# Motivation



# What our students learn

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. During years 7, 8 and 9 all students have the opportunity to experience weekly drama, music, food technology and design technology lessons.

Our Curriculum Enrichment Programme encourages students to experience new disciplines such as Photography, Business Studies and Digital Media.

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.



The breadth of our curriculum continues into years 10 and 11 with all students studying a humanities subject and a modern foreign language up to GCSE, as well as choice of 3 option subjects.

Finham Park 2's 14-19 curriculum offers a wide range of GCSE and 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**.



*"I have had the pleasure of working with some of your pupils this term through the Scholars Programme run by the Brilliant Club and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for providing your pupils with this experience.*

*I thoroughly enjoyed my weekly visits; the pupils were very engaged with the challenging programme and we had many fruitful discussions. They were a credit to the school and I'm sure they will all go far in life."*

**From Dr Caroline Briggs,  
Warwick University**



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.

*"What a smashing group of young people you have. It was so nice to meet with a group of teenagers who were willing and able to engage in intelligent conversations with me and absorbed every piece of information I gave them. I look forward to meeting more of your students again in the future."*

**From a Trip Tour Guide**

# World Class facilities



*"I just want to say a massive thankyou to you and all the staff who have taught and helped our son over the last 5 years..."*

*He's really enjoyed his time at FP2 and we both appreciate the hard work, time and energy you all put in to help the young people there."*

**From a year 11 parent**

*"Your students are fantastic and polite. Please pass on my praise to your headteacher."*

**From an employee in the Harry Potter shop**

*"... You are the first school party I have seen in a long time and I am impressed with the students behaviour and staff who explained what things are and geographical and historical context."*

**From a curator at the British Museum**

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.

We make no apology for having the **highest expectations** of our students in all areas of school life.



# Expectations

## How we care for our students

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 online 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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*"The extent to which pupils feel safe is very high. Incidents of bullying are very rare."*

*"Leaders are creating exciting links with local employers so that pupils can regularly visit and speak to people from local industries."*

*"Leaders are passionate about pupils' development as 'fully-rounded' individuals."*

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*"I would just like to thank you, for all the support and encouragement you have given my daughter over the past 7 years... You have all been amazing."*

**From a 6th form parent to staff**

## Transition to year 7

Our extensive transition programme ensures 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."*

### From parent of year 13 student

*"Our daughter has had the most wonderful education and experiences from the day you opened your doors for the first time... Over the years the opportunities offered to her have been nothing short of outstanding and have massively contributed to the confident, happy young adult she is today. We would like to pass on our thanks to all those involved over the last seven years and for support given when needed."*



# Pride Respect Responsibility

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School is not just about learning subjects but also about supporting the **development of the whole child.**

# Inclusion



# What additional opportunities we offer our students

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The opportunities available at Finham Park 2 outside the classroom ensures 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 MAT World Class Guarantee ensures that all students are offered the opportunity of national and international visits including trips to sports fixtures, the coast, theatres and art galleries.



Finham Park 2 Ski Trip to the Italian Alps February 2023

## World Class Learning Environment



At Finham Park 2, we are blessed with a modern and inspiring school building with resources that inspire, engage and play a pivotal role in enhancing students' enjoyment of learning. Such a high-quality setting fosters positive behavior among pupils, encouraging a sense of pride and ownership and ultimately leads to improved academic achievement and a sense of well-being and support.

*"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."*

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# How to apply - Admissions policy

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Only 150 places are available in year 7 for (2024 admissions only. This will return to 120 places in 2025).

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](http://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."*



*"FP2 is fun and educating; there are lots of things to do and there are many subjects I really like."*  
**From a Year 8 Student**

*"We have amazing teachers and they are really helpful."*  
**From a Year 11 Student**

*"The choice to send both our daughters to Finham Park 2 was 100% the best choice we made and we are very proud of all that both girls have achieved during their time with you."*  
**Parent of year 11 & 13 students**



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