



Silverdale School



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Welcome to Silverdale

Thank you for your interest in Silverdale School.

At Silverdale, we believe that every young person deserves an exceptional education. We are committed to creating a culture where students are inspired to achieve their very best through ambition, curiosity, kindness and hard work. **We have the highest expectations of every student and believe that, with the right support and encouragement, everyone can succeed.**

At the heart of everything we do is a belief in agency. We want our students to develop the confidence, character and independence to make positive choices, embrace challenges and take responsibility for their own learning and future. Our role is not simply to prepare young people for examinations, but to equip them with the knowledge, skills and self-belief to thrive in an ever-changing world and make a positive difference to the communities they serve.

Choosing the right secondary school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a family. We understand how significant this moment is, and we are committed to supporting both students and parents throughout this exciting transition. We warmly welcome prospective families to visit our school, meet our staff and students, and experience first-hand the vibrant, inclusive community that makes Silverdale such a special place to learn.

I feel incredibly privileged to be the Headteacher of Silverdale School. Every day I see students demonstrating our values of Ambition, Belonging and Integrity, whether they are achieving in the classroom, performing on the stage, representing the school in sport or supporting one another. My commitment is to ensure that every young person is known, valued and challenged, enabling them to flourish academically, personally and socially in a school community we can all be proud of.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of life at Silverdale, but there is no substitute for seeing our school in action. I warmly invite you to visit us, meet our students and staff, and experience for yourself the energy, ambition and sense of community that define Silverdale.

I look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school.

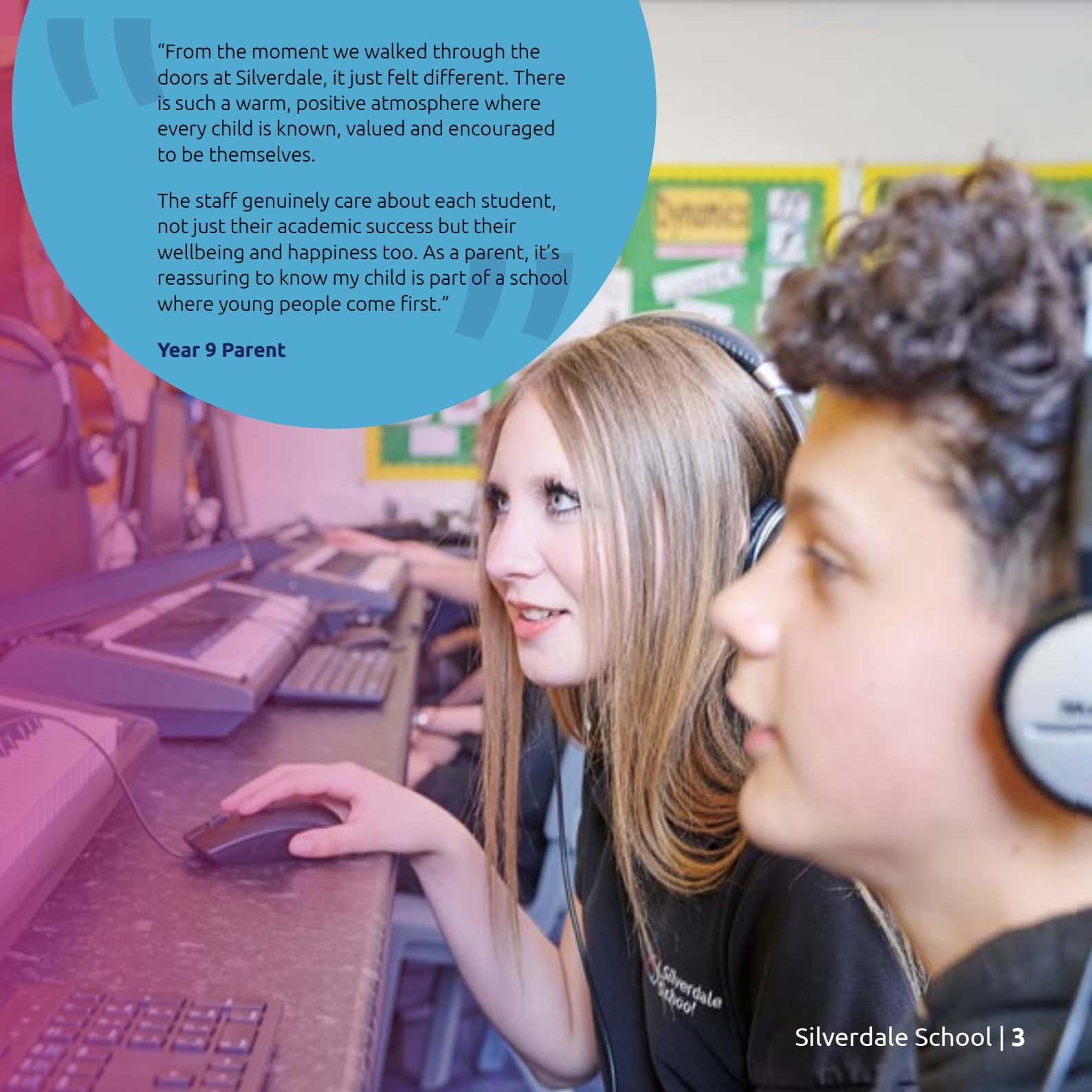
Jim Smith
Headteacher



“From the moment we walked through the doors at Silverdale, it just felt different. There is such a warm, positive atmosphere where every child is known, valued and encouraged to be themselves.

The staff genuinely care about each student, not just their academic success but their wellbeing and happiness too. As a parent, it's reassuring to know my child is part of a school where young people come first.”

Year 9 Parent



Ethos

Silverdale is proud to be part of Chorus Education Trust. As a family of schools, we are united by a shared mission, vision and values, working together to provide the very best education and opportunities for all young people.

Being part of Chorus enables us to collaborate, share expertise and learn from one another, while maintaining the unique identity and strong community spirit that makes Silverdale such a special place to learn and grow.

Our Mission

Working together to empower everyone to thrive and succeed.

Our Vision

The Chorus community is cared for and supported to be the best they can be.

Our Values

- Ambition
- Belonging
- Integrity





“We visited several schools, but Silverdale stood out immediately. There was a real sense of community and belonging that you could feel as soon as you arrived.

Every member of staff we met was welcoming, and the students spoke so positively about their experiences. We wanted a school where our child would be happy, well supported and inspired to reach their full potential, and that’s exactly what we found at Silverdale.”

Year 7 Parent

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“From my very first day, I felt like I belonged. My teachers and Tutor know me really well, they’re always there to help, and they’ve given me the confidence to try new things. Silverdale feels like one big team, and I’m proud to be part of it.”

Year 8 Student

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Pastoral Care

At Silverdale, we know that every child is unique. We are committed to providing outstanding pastoral care that places each young person at the centre of everything we do. Our supportive and nurturing environment ensures that every student is known as an individual, valued for who they are and encouraged to become the very best version of themselves. We believe that when students feel safe, happy and connected, they are able to flourish both academically and personally.

One of our core values is Belonging. We want every student to feel that Silverdale is a place where they are welcomed, accepted and celebrated for who they are. We foster a culture where positive relationships are at the heart of school life, where every student has trusted adults who know them well, and where everyone feels part of a community that supports, challenges and encourages one another to succeed.

Our Form Tutors play a vital role in building strong relationships with students and families. They are the first point of contact between home and school, providing guidance, encouragement and support throughout your child's journey. By getting to know every student as an individual, our pastoral teams ensure that achievements are celebrated, challenges are overcome and every young person develops a genuine sense of belonging within our school community.

At the heart of our pastoral approach is a belief in agency. We want our students to develop the confidence, resilience and independence to make positive choices, take responsibility for their actions and become active participants in their own learning and development. We

encourage every student to discover their strengths, embrace new opportunities and develop the character to make a positive difference to others.

Silverdale is a caring and inclusive community where wellbeing is everyone's responsibility. Our dedicated pastoral and safeguarding teams work alongside families to ensure that every student receives the care, guidance and support they need to thrive. Together, we create a culture where students feel respected, listened to and empowered to succeed, knowing they truly belong.



Curriculum

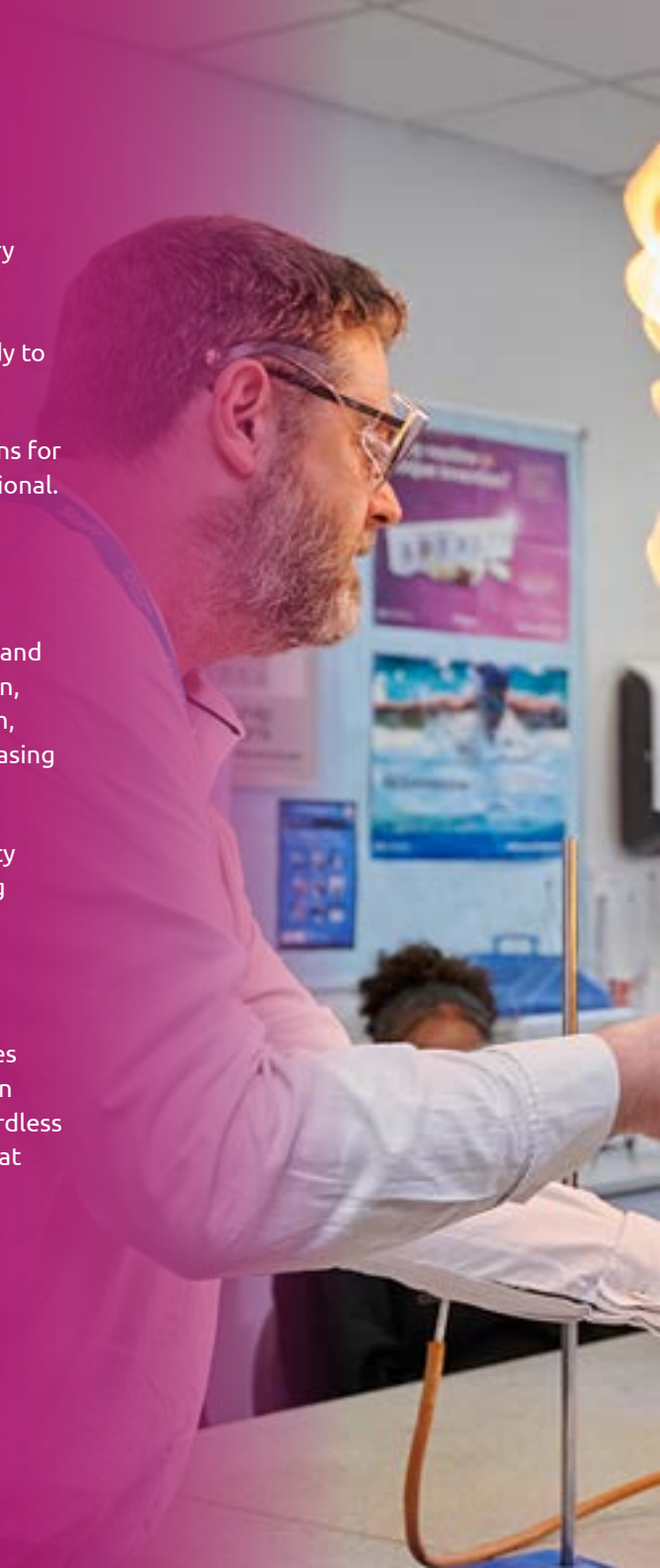
At Silverdale School, our curriculum is rooted in our core belief that every young person deserves an education that is ambitious, inclusive, and transformative. It is designed not simply to deliver qualifications, but to shape confident, knowledgeable and principled individuals who are ready to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Our curriculum is challenging by design. We hold the highest expectations for all students, ensuring that learning is consistently ambitious and aspirational. Through carefully planned experiences, we engage, support and stretch every learner, removing barriers while maintaining a relentless focus on excellence.

We are proudly knowledge-led. Our curriculum is coherently sequenced and thoughtfully organised so that learning builds over time, lesson by lesson, year by year. This enables students to secure knowledge in the long term, make meaningful connections, and apply their understanding with increasing sophistication.

Our curriculum is impactful. Through purposeful assessment, high-quality feedback and responsive teaching, we ensure that students make strong progress towards clearly defined curriculum goals. Departments use assessment not as an endpoint, but as a tool to refine teaching, deepen understanding and maximise achievement for all.

We are committed to developing cultural capital. Our curriculum provides rich, diverse and inspiring experiences that broaden horizons and deepen students' understanding of the world. We ensure that all students, regardless of background, access the knowledge, opportunities and experiences that empower them to succeed beyond school.





We believe in learning for life. Our curriculum prepares students to be confident, resilient and self-assured citizens, equipped to navigate an unpredictable future. It develops not only academic knowledge, but also character, independence and the ability to think critically and act with purpose.

Our core values of Ambition, Belonging and Integrity are the foundation of our curriculum.

- **Ambition** is reflected in our high expectations and the drive for every student to achieve their very best.
- **Belonging** is cultivated through an inclusive curriculum where every student sees themselves represented, valued and supported.
- **Integrity** underpins our approach to learning, encouraging students to act with honesty, responsibility and respect in all that they do.

Together, these pillars and values ensure that the Silverdale curriculum is not only academically rigorous, but deeply human, developing knowledgeable learners and principled individuals who are ready to make a positive contribution to society.





“Silverdale’s academic reputation first caught our attention, but it was the people and the culture that convinced us it was the right school. Every student is encouraged to aim high, and every success is celebrated. Our child has been challenged, supported and inspired to achieve their very best.”

Year 10 Parent

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Achievement

At Silverdale School, we believe that every young person can achieve extraordinary things. Academic excellence is at the heart of our culture, and we are proud to be one of the highest-performing schools in the region.

Our students consistently achieve outcomes well above the national average, reflecting the dedication of our students, the expertise of our staff and the high expectations that define our school.

One of our core values is **Ambition**. We encourage every student to aim high, embrace challenge and believe in what they can achieve.

Ambition is not simply about examination results; it is about developing the confidence to step outside your comfort zone, the resilience to persevere when learning is difficult and the determination to continually improve. We want every student to leave Silverdale believing that there are no limits to what they can accomplish.

Our ambitious, knowledge-rich curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire every learner. Through exceptional teaching, high-quality pastoral support and a culture where achievement is celebrated, students are encouraged to fulfil their potential, whatever their starting point.

Alongside outstanding academic outcomes, we place equal importance on developing character, leadership and agency, ensuring students take ownership of their learning and are equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive in the next stage of their education and beyond.

Achievement at Silverdale extends far beyond the classroom. Through sport, music, drama, STEM, leadership opportunities, educational visits and a wide range of enrichment activities, students discover new talents, broaden their horizons and build the confidence to become the very best version of themselves.

By combining Ambition, Belonging and Integrity, we create an environment where every student is inspired to succeed and every success is recognised and celebrated.



Personal Development

At Silverdale, we believe that education is about much more than academic success.

Our Personal Development programme is designed to help every student discover who they are, develop the confidence to embrace new opportunities and build the character to make a positive difference in the world.

Through PSHE, careers education, student leadership, cultural experiences, educational visits and our Habits and Values programme, we nurture young people who are ambitious, act with integrity and feel a genuine sense of belonging within our school community.

We want every student to leave Silverdale not only with excellent qualifications, but with the skills, values and agency to lead happy, successful and fulfilling lives.

Our commitment to 11 by 11 sits at the heart of this vision. Every student is guaranteed 11 meaningful milestone experiences by the end of Year 11, ensuring that every young person benefits from a rich and varied education beyond the classroom.

Whether representing the school in sport, performing on stage, taking on a leadership role, participating in educational visits, engaging with employers and universities, volunteering in the community or discovering a new passion through our extensive extra-curricular programme, every experience is carefully designed to broaden horizons, build confidence and create lasting memories.

We believe these opportunities help students discover what they are capable of, strengthen their sense of belonging and develop the ambition to achieve more than they ever thought possible.





“There’s always something to get involved in at Silverdale. Whether it’s sport, music, drama, STEM clubs, Duke of Edinburgh or school trips, everyone can find something they enjoy. It’s made my time at school so much more exciting and has helped me become more confident.”

Year 9 Student

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Transition to school

We know that moving from primary to secondary school is one of the most exciting milestones in a young person's education, but we also understand that it can bring uncertainty for both students and their families.

At Silverdale, we place great importance on ensuring that every child experiences a smooth, positive and confident transition. Our carefully planned transition programme is designed to help students feel welcomed, build friendships and develop a strong sense of Belonging before they even begin their first day.

Our transition journey starts well before September.

Through visits to primary schools, transition events, induction days and opportunities for families to meet our staff, we take the time to get to know every child as an individual. We work closely with parents, carers and primary schools to ensure that each student receives the support they need to flourish.

From the moment students join Silverdale, they become part of a caring and ambitious community where they are known, valued and encouraged to develop the confidence and agency to embrace the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

“I was nervous about starting secondary school, but everyone at Silverdale made me feel welcome from day one. My Form Tutor and teachers got to know me really quickly, and I made friends straight away. It didn't take long before I felt like I truly belonged to Team Silverdale.”

Year 7 Student





Y5 Info Meeting

Open Evening
September

Applications to Sheffield Council
Online Deadline October

Allocations shared by Sheffield Council
Early March

Transition Visits to Primary Schools
March onwards

Conversations between SENDCos
March onwards

Induction Evening and Transition Days
June

Summer School
3 days in August

Year 7 Start and Transition Support
September onwards

Check our
website for
specific dates

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