

About Us

Outwood Academy Shafton is located in the village of Shafton near Barnsley, South Yorkshire. It is a mixed school for both girls and boys ages 11-16. We currently have 1300 students in role having been an increasingly popular choice of secondary school for families in the local and wider area.

The academy was inspected in January 2018 and we were thrilled to announce the judgement of 'Good' in every category, with Overall Effectiveness also judged to be 'Good'. Ofsted praised leadership in the academy stating that 'Leaders have established a culture of high aspirations. They are relentless in their determination to see every pupil succeed'. In addition to this they noted the high expectations that staff set for students: 'Standards of behaviour are high due to the rigorous implementation of the school's code of conduct' The judgement was a huge accolade for the academy and the community it serves and rightly recognises the transformation in outcomes for young people over the 3 years since joining Outwood Grange Academies Trust.

Having been awarded the Careers mark for work on raising aspirations and our Independent Advice and Guidance offer, the academy has an excellent track record in securing positive destinations for our students when they leave us at 16. The highest proportion of our students go on to study at Barnsley college, New College Pontefract, and other colleges in Leeds and Sheffield. The Academy has also recently been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark as a result of our demonstrable work and positive ethos around inclusion. Our school is a place where students and staff really feel like they belong to something special. Take the time to read the report on our website.

Welcome from the Principal

My name is Cara Ackroyd and it is my absolute privilege to welcome and introduce you to our fantastic academy. Ten years ago I completed my PGCE and took a job as Teacher of Science in a secondary comprehensive in Adwick, Doncaster which would convert, one year later, to Outwood Academy Adwick. I hope that this in itself speaks for the vast development opportunities available working for Outwood Grange Academies Trust. Whatever stage of your career, we have something bespoke to offer. We offer a hugely successful NQT programme, delivered in conjunction with the Outwood Institute of Education, based in Doncaster. We also offer whole -academy leadership projects for experienced colleagues who are wanting an opportunity to develop further.

I look forward to welcoming you personally to Outwood Academy Shafton. We are exceptionally proud of everything that we have achieved over the last three years in a school which was desperately stuck in Special Measures with depressingly low outcomes for students. Our academy has been transformed and so too have the lives of the young people we teach and care for.

We operate an "open door" policy and welcome you to visit us, find out more about what we do and meet our fantastic curriculum teams.

