



William Brookes School

Prospectus
2025-26

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Respect. Excellence. Friendship.

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind



Welcome to **William Brookes School**

Dear Future WBS families

It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you to William Brookes School, a place where the Olympic values of Respect, Excellence, and Friendship are at the heart of everything we do. Set in the stunning landscape of Much Wenlock, with its rich Olympic heritage, our school offers a unique environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and physically. We believe in nurturing the whole child - which is why our vision, "*Healthy Body, Healthy Mind*", is more than just words. My Deputy and I attended William Brookes as teenagers and grew up in the catchment areas of Broseley and Buildwas; this gives us a unique understanding of the area and your child, and a really special connection to the school.

Students are encouraged to embrace challenge, explore the outdoors, and develop resilience. Whether it's through our regular physical education, enrichment opportunities, or

simply being adventure-ready in their PE kit, our learners are supported to grow.

We are proud to offer a broad and balanced curriculum enriched with outdoor learning, creative experiences, and community engagement. Our goal is to ensure every child leaves William Brookes not only with excellent academic results, but also with the values, skills, and mindset to succeed in life.

I invite you to explore our prospectus and discover what makes our school such a special place to learn. We are so proud of our school and would love you to join the team.

With best wishes,

Ruth Shaw
Headteacher

Open Evening Itinerary



WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER - 5.00-7.00PM

Welcome Presentation

5:15 Welcome Talk:
Headteacher, Ruth Shaw
Head Students:
Charlotte and Finn Year 6 Student Panel

6:00 Welcome Talk:
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Meet the Team

- Talk to our Student Prefects
- Meet the Senior Leadership Team
- Meet Teaching staff in their classrooms
- Look around our beautiful school

Tour of the School at your leisure

- Classrooms will be open for you to look around
- Our incredible leisure facilities will be available for you to see.

Talk to Us

Available on the evening:

- Admissions Team
- School Transport
- SEND Team and SENDCO
- Head of Year 7
- Safeguarding Team and DSL

Get in touch

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Do you have a question?

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Admissions
Safeguarding

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Mrs. Ruth Bennett
Mrs. Jackie Birt
Mrs. Angela Jordan
Ms. Donna Picken

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School vision and values



“ We champion respect, excellence, and friendship—values we share with the Olympic spirit. Guided by our vision of a healthy body and healthy mind, we support every student to grow, achieve, and thrive.

Ruth Shaw, Headteacher ”

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Teaching and Learning

“ We place inspirational teaching and learning at the heart of what we do. Through engaging lessons and supportive relationships, we nurture curiosity, confidence, and personal growth—helping every student to thrive and aim high.

Claire Mincher, Deputy Headteacher, Teaching and Learning ”



The Classroom



“Our classrooms are calm, welcoming spaces built on strong routines that support structure and inclusion. We use varied teaching approaches and our relational approach means connections between staff and students are respectful and positive. Our classrooms are inclusive, adaptive, and inviting.

Alex Lane, Senior Curriculum Lead, Humanities”



Reading



“ We do quite a bit of reading at William Brookes. I read with my Year 10 mentor, which has helped me get better. The library's really good and there are prizes you can win for reading. Our tutors sometimes read to us too—I actually really enjoy that because they do the voices. The teachers also dress up for us on World Book Day which is funny.

Y7 Student ”

Enrichment

“ I'd never been skiing before, but I got the chance to go in Year 10 with school. It was amazing - something I wouldn't have done otherwise. I fell over loads but had a great time with my friends and the teachers.

Y10 Student ”

“ Enrichment is a big part of life at William Brookes. Students take part in three enrichment weeks each year, exploring new places in Shropshire and abroad. With amazing facilities like our theatre and leisure centre, and lots of performing arts, there's plenty of opportunity for students to grow beyond the classroom.

Georgia Thomas, Assistant Headteacher,
Behaviour and Culture ”



“ Silver DofE was really tough - lots of hiking on Wenlock Edge, really heavy bag, and we got lost but it was actually brilliant. I learned loads, had a laugh with my group, and felt proud when we finished.

Y10 Student ”



Transition

“I was nervous but I've made friends and my form tutor's really friendly and the food's nice!

Year 7 Student

“Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 at William Brookes is a caring and well-supported journey. We offer lots of opportunities for students to visit the school, meet staff, and get to know their new environment. Our aim is to make every child feel confident and excited about starting secondary school.

Lucy Leason, Head of Year 7

Sport



“Sport is a big focus at William Brookes; our whole school vision is around being healthy. Students wear PE kit daily so they're always ready to be active - whether it's rugby, dance, swimming or more. We love winning, but it's really about getting everyone involved, enjoying it and moving.

James Boak, Head of PE”

“My child wasn't very keen on sport at primary school, but within a week at William Brookes they were asking me to buy a mouthguard! I think it's because the focus is on taking part and having fun.

Y7 Parent”



Inclusion



“My child feels safe and is getting more confident every day.”

“I like going to the Support Hub at break - it's my safe space to see my friends and chat with the TAs.”

“Inclusion at William Brookes is rooted in warmth and kindness. We take a relational, trauma-informed approach that supports every student while helping them build resilience. Our school is a caring space where children feel seen, supported, and able to thrive.”

Ruth Bennett, Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion

Outdoor learning



“William Brookes is set in beautiful countryside, and we make the most of it. Students are outside as much as possible - whether it's outdoor learning, gardening, or just being out at break, even in the rain. We've got animals on site, which help students connect with nature and take responsibility. It's all part of our 'healthy body, healthy mind' vision, encouraging wellbeing and a strong connection to the environment.

Ruth Shaw, Headteacher





Facilities

“Our facilities at William Brookes are incredible—from the theatre, leisure centre, and swimming pool to the cinema, modern classrooms, running track, and astro. They give students amazing opportunities to learn, perform, and stay active every day. We also have great art and design spaces where students can be creative and express their ideas.”

Lydia Abrahams, Senior Curriculum Lead for Performing Arts



“Our school has loads of things like a swimming pool – sometimes we get to use the inflatables as a reward.”

Y8 Student



Admission Arrangements

We are a comprehensive, non-selective school welcoming students aged 11 to 16. Each year, we admit up to 162 students into Year 7. Admissions are managed by Shropshire Council, and residents should submit their applications for English state schools via the Shropshire online portal. All applications are coordinated by local authorities.

Our current Admissions Policy is available on our website: www.williambrookes.com

Access to the Shropshire online admissions portal, additional guidance and support can be found through Shropshire Council's School Admissions Team at www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of available places, our oversubscription criteria will be applied in priority order, as outlined in the Admissions Policy.





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