



# The Radclyffe School

“Working Together for Excellence”



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Our school is unique in allocating each child with a member of staff called their PLG //

# An introduction from the Headteacher

Welcome to The Radclyffe School.

The Radclyffe School is an Ofsted 'Outstanding' secondary school which provides first-class, comprehensive education in a twenty-first century learning environment.

The highly skilled, experienced and inspirational staff of the school lead our students through a five-year, personalised learning journey in the superb facilities of our flagship school. Our students not only achieve excellent examination results but also develop the broader skills, attributes and habits that will fully equip them for the next steps of their education.

We pride ourselves on the unique approach that we take regarding the development and support of our young people: this includes 'The Radclyffe Way' and 'The Five Respects' which underpin our daily practice and mission of 'Working Together for Excellence'. We also deploy all our staff as Personal Learning Guides who meet with students as individuals or in small groups on a regular basis to ensure that all their learning needs are being fulfilled and that any issues are quickly identified and resolved. In addition, the school is a fully inclusive and 'Rights Respecting' organisation which welcomes all children from our local community.

I invite you to visit the school and to observe for yourself the purposeful learning environment which is clearly evident in all of our faculties and subject areas. If you are a prospective parent or carer, you are particularly welcome to attend our annual Open Evening which takes place in September: we will be delighted to demonstrate the broad range of opportunities your child will enjoy, both within the regular curriculum and as part of our extensive extra-curricular offer.

The staff and I look forward to working with you to help your child to achieve their own personal excellence in our outstanding school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J. Cregg B.Eng (Hons)  
Headteacher







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# The Radclyffe Way & The Five Respects

At The Radclyffe School we have a commitment to excellence in everything we do. Our approach is summed up in what we call 'The Radclyffe Way.'

We aim to raise the aspirations of every student, so everyone strives to achieve the best they are capable of. We offer outstanding learning and teaching so all students can excel, regardless of gender, race, background or ability.

Respect plays an important role in the day-to-day life of the school. Our students agreed The Five Respects that now set the standard for how we behave, relate and achieve:

- **To speak respectfully**
- **To behave respectfully**
- **To respect the school environment**
- **To have respect for your own learning**
- **To have respect for other students' learning**

Our emphasis encourages attitudes of self-respect and confidence so that students become mature and responsible young adults. As a result students develop respect for others so they can form tolerant and caring relationships, and be sympathetic to the needs of other people.







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# Excellence in Learning and Teaching

From their first term at The Radclyffe School your child will study a broad range of subjects, which will inspire and challenge them. You can be sure they will learn from a team of well qualified subject specialists.

Each Wednesday afternoon, training for staff enhances their skills to directly benefit students. Newly and Recently Qualified Teachers are supported by our Excellent Teachers and Advanced Skills Teachers. Aspiring Leaders are encouraged to develop their teaching practice.

The Radclyffe School offers excellent learning experiences for all our students. Their progress is rigorously monitored at every stage so that students' individual needs are met. Young people of all abilities are able to thrive through the support of all members of staff.

We are proud to be an established school in an outstanding award-winning building. We

can boast well-equipped classrooms, making extensive use of ICT across all subject areas.

Each subject area has its own suite of specialist classrooms including eleven Science laboratories and superb Design and Technology workshops. We provide state-of-the-art facilities for Music, Art, Drama and Dance. Our Sports and Physical Education facilities are second to none, both indoor and outdoor, and are frequently used for Oldham-wide athletics events.

The Library and Digital Resource Centre offers an outstanding choice of books and magazines alongside excellent computer-based resources.







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# Beyond the Classroom

For students at The Radclyffe School, education is about more than just exams and qualifications. We offer an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities to develop their skills, stimulate their creativity and extend their interests.

We offer an inspiring range of activities both inside and outside school - from competitive sport to contests in science and technology; university visits that raise aspirations, musical and vocal performances to entertain. Enrichment activities, which round off every half term, offer more opportunities to broaden learning and develop talents.

Throughout their time at our school, our young people are encouraged to increase their involvement and express their opinions.

The Radclyffe School Learning Partners are a new group of students from Years 7 to 9 and led by Year 10 Students Leaders. They have received training and the aim is that students will get involved in looking at learning in lessons and give feedback on an agreed focus.

Through Student Voice activities students can gain experience and contribute to the life of the school, as Prefects and as Student Ambassadors, or through our Charity and Eco Teams.





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# Caring and Guidance

Though we are a large school, taking great care of the needs of each student as an individual is at the heart of what we do.

Throughout their time at the school, every student will have the one-to-one support of their Personal Learning Guide (PLG), in a process we call Personal Excellence Planning for You (PEP4U). Every student meets regularly with their PLG and receives tailored advice, support and individual attention.

Each year group has a dedicated Year Manager who takes responsibility for ensuring that students are able to achieve their own personal excellence. The team ensures that students settle in well, that they are committed to their own education and that they face their responsibilities with confidence.

Year Managers are available to students throughout the school day and deal with issues as they arise.

As students prepare to move on we offer independent advice and guidance through school-based Careers Advisers.

We strive to ensure that all students make the best academic progress they can, maintain high standards of attitude and behaviour and are guided in their personal, social and career development.





