



The Radclyffe School
"Working Together for Excellence"

PROSPECTUS

THE RADCLYFFE SCHOOL



PROUD TO BE PART OF
Cranmer
Education Trust



WELCOME

FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to **The Radclyffe School** and to share an insight into the values, ethos and educational experience that make our school such a vibrant and successful learning community.



We are proud to be a fully inclusive **'Rights Respecting School'**, welcoming and valuing all children from across our local community.



- Mr J Cregg, Headteacher



John Cregg
Headteacher

A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

While we are proud of our students' consistently strong academic outcomes, we place equal importance on the development of broader skills, character and ambition.

We aim to equip every young person not just for the next stage in their education, but for life beyond the classroom.

Central to this is **'The Radclyffe Way'** and **'The Five Respects'**, which shape our daily practice and reflect our guiding principle of **'Working Together for Excellence'**.

We are proud to offer a first-class, comprehensive education within a modern and inclusive environment.

Our dedicated and experienced staff lead students on a personalised five-year learning journey, supported by the excellent and fully accessible facilities of our flagship school. Our inclusive pastoral structure allows us to maintain a strong focus on each student's wellbeing, progress, and individual needs.

In 2025, as part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, we were proud to become part of **The Cranmer Education Trust**.

This is a partnership that will further strengthen our school and support us in delivering the very best for our students.

We hope this prospectus gives you a clear sense of what we stand for and what we can offer your child.

If you are the parent or carer of a child currently in Year 6, we trust you will feel confident that **The Radclyffe School** is the right choice for the next chapter in their educational journey.

Rated 'Good' by Ofsted in our [2024 Inspection](#).



For more information visit:
theradcliffeschool.co.uk



THE RADCLYFFE WAY

At **The Radclyffe School**, our mission is simple yet powerful: To be a caring, safe and supportive learning community that positively transforms the lives of our students.

We are committed to delivering the highest possible standards of education, and to equip every student with the knowledge, skills, character and work habits needed to achieve their personal best. Our goal is to ensure that each young person leaves us as a confident, successful lifelong learner, fully prepared for life in a rapidly changing global society.



**RESPECT
EXCELLENCE
KINDNESS**

OUR CORE VALUES...

We are proud to be a school where students thrive because of our clear and consistent focus on our core values: Respect, Excellence and Kindness.

These principles guide everything we do and shape a school environment where all students feel valued, challenged and supported.

“ The ‘Five Respects’ underpin the sensible behaviour that pupils display in the classroom. ”

- Ofsted



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

THE FIVE RESPECTS

The Radclyffe School is a 'Rights Respecting School'. This means we teach our students about the rights they have. To support this, we have created 'The Five Respects' in collaboration with the students. These are five principles that pupils believe should be integral to the way the school operates and to how we behave towards one another.

EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING AND TEACHING



Our ambitious, inclusive, and knowledge-led curriculum is carefully planned and sequenced, ensuring new learning builds on strong foundations and helps students make meaningful connections between subjects.



Our teachers use assessment skilfully to guide adaptations to the lesson so that all students receive the precise support and challenge that they need to flourish. We take pride in fostering curious, knowledgeable, thoughtful and respectful young people ready to shape the future.



- Ms S Catlow, Deputy Headteacher



At **The Radclyffe School**, we believe that knowledge and learning have the power to transform lives and break down social barriers.

Every young person deserves the very best education, one that equips them with academic knowledge, skills, confidence and character to succeed.

Our curriculum is brought to life through high-quality teaching that deepens understanding of key concepts, creating a rich and engaging learning experience.

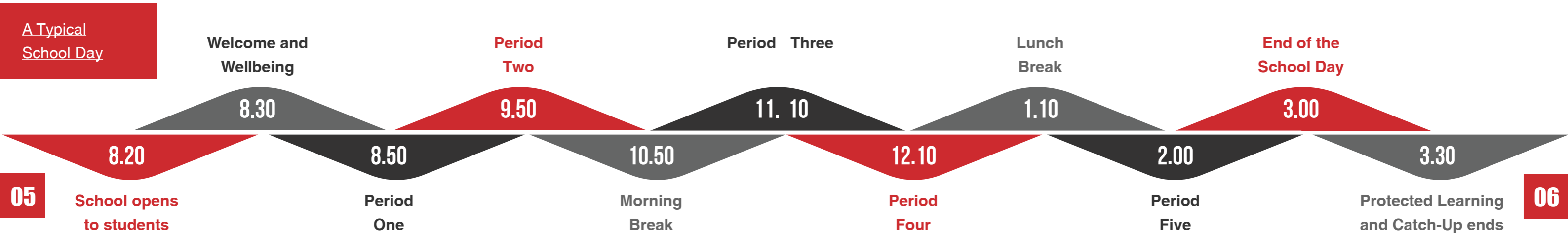
Alongside this, we develop the cultural capital and depth of knowledge students need to thrive in a changing world, while fostering resilience, independence and respect for others.

We provide opportunities for students to develop their oracy so that they can become confident and articulate communicators.

We are committed to providing all students, regardless of background or starting point, with a supportive learning environment that enables them to leave well qualified and confident, ready to meet the challenges of the future.

Through a broad range of experiences inside and outside the classroom, we nurture well-rounded individuals who are prepared to make positive contributions to their communities.

Our curriculum meets all national requirements and offers flexible pathways tailored to each student's aspirations, whether that leads to university, apprenticeships, or employment.



CARE AND GUIDANCE

“Some students may face additional challenges, and when they do, our team of Learning Mentors is there to offer extra support to help them overcome barriers to learning.”

- Mrs J O’Brien
Achievement and Access Manager

The Radclyffe School is a large and vibrant community, but at its core is a deep commitment to supporting each student as an individual.

Every student receives personalised guidance and care throughout their time with us.

Excellent Pastoral Support.

PERSONAL LEARNING GUIDES

At the start of each day, students meet with their [Personal Learning Guide \(PLG\)](#) during our Welcome & Wellbeing sessions. This daily contact provides ongoing, one-to-one support, where students receive tailored advice and encouragement to help them thrive both academically and personally.

Each year group benefits from the dedicated care of a [Year Manager](#), [Assistant Year Manager](#), and a member of the [Senior Leadership and Management Team \(SLMT\)](#). This team works closely with students to ensure they settle in smoothly, feel safe and supported, and grow in confidence as they take responsibility for their learning and behaviour. Year teams are available throughout the day to address any concerns as they arise, helping to maintain a positive, focused environment for all.

As students prepare for life beyond [The Radclyffe School](#), we offer impartial [careers advice and guidance](#) through our in-house [Careers Advisers](#). We are committed to ensuring every student is well-prepared for the next stage of their journey, whether that be further education, training, or employment.

At [The Radclyffe School](#), we are proud to foster academic achievement, high standards of behaviour, and the personal, social, and career development of every young person in our care.



OUR SEND DEPARTMENT

Our dedicated [SEND Department](#) provides tailored support to ensure every SEND learner thrives. We offer a wide range of personalised interventions, including access to skilled [Learning Mentors](#), and targeted strategies to develop confidence, independence, and academic progress. Working closely with families, staff and external agencies, we create inclusive pathways for success, meeting a wide range of needs. With a strong focus on early identification, we empower students to overcome barriers to learning, so they reach their full potential within a supportive and inclusive community.

Individual support at the heart of what we do.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Pupils enjoy the extensive opportunities for their wider personal development and the range of sporting activities available to them.

- Ofsted



We are proud to offer a wide range of [Student Enrichment](#) activities at [The Radclyffe School](#), before, during, and after the school day, giving every student the chance to explore new interests and develop valuable skills. Our programme nurtures positive relationships and essential transferable skills such as communication and leadership, preparing students for success both during their time here and beyond.

Over 30 student enrichment activities.

Dance.

Literacy.



CLUBS AND STUDENT ENRICHMENT

The wider curricular offer provides opportunities for students to pursue interests, build skills, and spend time with peers outside the classroom through structured activities that nurture character and cultural capital. This includes enrichment opportunities, trips and visits, sporting activities, after-school clubs, and leadership roles.

There is a broad range of activities available, from sport, music and drama, STEM and E-Sports, to cooking and personal fitness.

These opportunities offer many benefits, and we encourage all students to take part in as many as possible. Students collect enrichment stamps for each activity, with the chance to be entered into our termly prize draw. We carefully track and celebrate each student's participation through our Lesson 6 tracker, recognising their commitment to [personal growth](#) outside the classroom.

By complementing academic study, the wider curriculum helps to shape confident, resilient young people who are well-prepared to embrace future challenges and opportunities.



Over 20 Lunch Time Clubs



Over 15 After School Clubs

Sports.
Music and Drama.
STEM.
Literacy.
Cooking.



ALUMNI AND SCHOOL LEAVERS

Lemaa Alisha 2018 - 2023

Lemaa Alisha, former student ambassador and Oldham Youth Council member, has received an offer to study Law at the University of Oxford, a special achievement as the first in her family. Passionate about human rights, she's determined to use her voice to create real change and believes her time at **The Radclyffe School** helped her develop the confidence and ambition to pursue this.



Daisy Greenwood 2018 - 2023

Daisy Greenwood credits her time at **The Radclyffe School** for helping her build the confidence and skills needed to succeed, from achieving top GCSE grades to taking part in extracurricular clubs. Now, she is excited for what is next as she looks towards her future of studying English at the University of Oxford, with plans of a career in academia.



James Walsh 2018 - 2023

James Walsh, former Head Boy, is preparing to study Engineering at the University of Cambridge, also the first in his family to attend university. Keen to explore the subjects he's passionate about, James made the most of every opportunity at **The Radclyffe School**, both inside and outside the classroom.



*The support I had at **The Radclyffe School**, both in lessons and through all the extra opportunities, really helped me build the foundation I needed to aim higher.*

- James Walsh



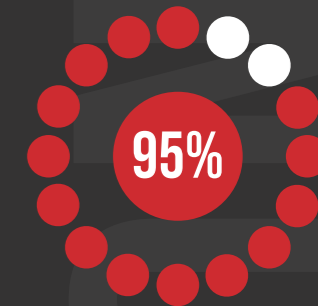
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More Alumni profiles are available online [here](#).

DESTINATIONS AND POST 16 EDUCATION



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95% of 2024 school leavers went on to further education or training[†]

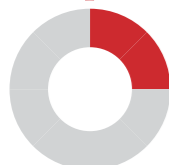
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- Leeds Beckett University
- The University of Law
- University Campus Oldham
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bolton
- University of Bradford
- University of the West of England
- Royal Northern College of Music
- Manchester Foundation Trust
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Brunel University of London
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Manchester
- University of Salford
- University of Suffolk
- University of Cambridge
- University of Oxford



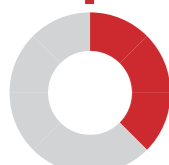
[†]Data From 2022 - 2024[†] As of October 2024

**AUGUST**

Applications open via the Local Authority

**SEPTEMBER**

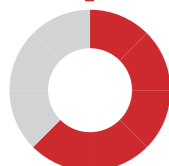
Open Evening at The Radclyffe School

**OCTOBER**

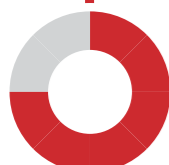
Application closing date

**NOVEMBER**

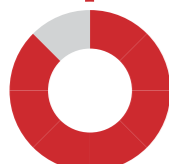
Late applications open via the Local Authority

**MARCH**

Offers are made by the Local Authority

**APRIL**

Deadline for appeals

**JUNE**

Transition meeting for new parents

**JULY**

Year 7 Induction Day

ADMISSIONS AND TRANSITION

We understand that moving from primary to secondary school can be exciting and daunting for students and their families. That's why we're proud to offer a supportive transition programme to help every child start their journey with confidence.

Our experienced team works year-round with local primary schools to build early connections and introduce children to life at **The Radclyffe School**. Those with confirmed places benefit from extra visits and preparation, including our [Induction Day](#), an opportunity to explore the school, meet key staff, and begin learning the daily routines.

We also value strong family support. Parents and carers are kept informed throughout and are warmly invited to our [New Parents' Evening](#) to meet staff, ask questions, and feel reassured.

We admit 300 students each year, with places allocated according to our [Admissions Policy](#), available on our website. To apply, list **The Radclyffe School** as a preference on the Local Authority's application form.

For more information on the application process please visit:

theradcliffeschool.co.uk/admissions/



THE CRANMER EDUCATION TRUST

We want the best, you want the best. Our students deserve the best.

The Radclyffe School is an academy within the Cranmer Education Trust, a family of schools across Rochdale and Oldham, all supported by a strong teacher training and development arm. We are proud to be part of the Trust, working together under a shared ethos to improve the life chances of young people, while retaining our name, uniform, values, and identity.

The Cranmer Education Trust's mission is to be a leader of education and a provider of excellent schools which nurture children and young people. Its aim is to help all pupils achieve, make progress and find success, becoming good people, good neighbours and good citizens whom we are all proud to know.



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