



Crestwood
SCHOOL

Expectation+Achievement+Success



Prospectus

2024/2025

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Welcome to our School



It is a privilege to be Headteacher at Crestwood School and Sixth Form and I am delighted that you are considering joining us.

Whilst academic success is my number one priority, ensuring your child is a caring, well-rounded and responsible citizen is of equal importance. We aim for your child to become a resilient, confident and articulate young person that is prepared for the fast paced and exciting modern Britain we live in today.

As part of Invictus Education Trust 'every day in every way our students come first'. We want your child to believe 'anything is possible' and achieve ambitious goals in a supportive, positive and inclusive environment. Our expectations and standards are high. As a result, your child will be stretched in their learning to ensure they achieve the very best qualifications. They will be supported by our hard-working staff team, who go above and beyond so your child will be happy, safe and successful during their time at Crestwood.

We have a vibrant curriculum with access to a wide range of opportunities that allows all students, regardless of their ability, to fulfil their potential. We want your child to be inspired, to develop an enquiring mind and to have a love of learning.

It is important to us that students at Crestwood feel valued and know they can make a difference. An extensive extra-curricular programme alongside opportunities

for leadership and personal development exposes students to experiences that will enrich their lives. Our aim is to find and nurture your child's talents and for them to have memories of school that they will keep into adulthood.

'Community' is central to everything we do at Crestwood. To enable your child to thrive we recognise the importance of working alongside parents, community and local primary schools. We will make sure that you are kept up to date with everything you need to know about your child's learning, progress and well-being.

Your child will be joining Crestwood at a very exciting time. The new Science block, alongside our swimming pool, 4g sports pitches and state of the art ICT, means that your child will have access to the very best facilities of any school in the area.

I am delighted that we continue to be part of Invictus Sixth Form. We offer a wide range of A-Level and BTEC qualifications and our excellent pastoral care continues into our post 16 provision. Invictus Sixth Form also benefits from the expertise and resources from across the Trust so students are well prepared for their next steps, whether this is university, an apprenticeship or the world of work.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of what to expect but please come and visit us in person to find out more. Our students are proud of their school and would love to show you around.

Mr Sutton
HEADTEACHER

Crestwood School GCSE Results

Crestwood are delighted to celebrate the success of this year's Year 11 GCSE and BTEC results.

We are pleased to announce that our year 11 cohort have achieved some fantastic results, with another increase in the number of students achieving five or more passes including English and Maths. Whilst there has been a return to pre-COVID levels nationally, we have seen a significant increase in our school's results and pupils should be proud of their achievements. Special congratulations go to Oliver, who achieved three grade 9's, four 8's and two 7's and Amirab, who made the most progress of any pupil. We are so proud that all of the efforts and hard work put in by students has been recognised with some excellent results.

Joining our School

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We work hard to ensure a smooth transition from primary school. This includes visits to every primary school by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and an induction day in July when children meet up with others in their form group, meet their new form tutor and experience some taster lessons.

During Year 5 and Year 6 many children will already have visited Crestwood for taster lessons, use of the swimming pool and other special events. Children hear more about their new school and ask any questions they have during these visits. They get to meet "Buddies" who are attached to their form group to support them during the first few days and weeks at Crestwood. We talk to Year 6 teachers to get as much information as possible to help us place the children into well balanced form groups which give every child the opportunity to make new friends and have a fresh start in a new and different environment.

Induction Evening, held on the night before the first Induction Day, gives parents and children the opportunity to meet our Headteacher, Phillip Sutton, senior staff, their Head of Year and most importantly their form tutor. During this evening further information is provided about the new term and any last minute worries and concerns can be addressed. The experience of moving from primary to secondary school is unique for each child but whether your child joins us knowing others from primary school, or comes to us on their own, within a week or so most will have become settled and confident, allowing them to make the most of the opportunities we have to offer.

The transition from primary school is a major event in the life of any child and it is only natural that they will experience a mixture of emotions. Sometimes parents can feel these emotions more acutely than their children, but with staff, Buddies and Ambassadors on hand ready to help, we feel that whatever the difficulty, we have someone who is ready and willing to help establish a secure foundation for your child's future happiness, security and achievements.

If you have any questions or queries please contact Mr S Naujeer, Assistant Headteacher: snaujeer@crestwood-s.dudley.sch.uk



"Pupils concentrate in lessons and play an active part in class discussions."

- Ofsted, March 2023



KEY STAGE 3:

Years 7 & 8

In Years 7 and 8 students spend a significant amount of time studying English and Mathematics. We believe that these subjects are vital in developing skills needed in other subjects and for life outside and beyond school. On entering the school students are taught in a mixture of form groups or sets. Core subjects such as Mathematics, English and Science have learning sets in Year 7 and teaching by ability increases so that students are placed in groups that match their learning needs.

During Years 7 - 8 students study the subjects to the right:

ENGLISH	GEOGRAPHY	ICT
MATHEMATICS	RELIGIOUS STUDIES	FASHION & TEXTILES
SCIENCE	ART	RESISTANT MATERIALS
MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES	MUSIC	PRODUCT DESIGN
HISTORY	DRAMA	FOOD & NUTRITION
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & GAMES	PSHE	COMPUTING

Year 9

With the demands of a new exams system and changing curricula, Year 9 is an increasingly important year for students. Our flexible curriculum in Year 9 is designed to maximise the opportunities for our students.

During the Spring Term, parents and students work with staff to make the choice of subjects that will be followed during Years 10 and 11 at Key Stage 4.

Department presentations for each subject can be found on the school website in the Year 9 curriculum section.



KEY STAGE 4:

Years 10 & 11

Every year we review the curriculum we offer to our students as they move into their final two years at Crestwood. We do this to make sure we offer each student the greatest opportunity to achieve.

All students study a core of English, Mathematics and Science. These subjects form the basis of the curriculum. Most of our students are expected to continue studying one of either a Modern Foreign Language, History, Geography or Computer Science.

In addition to these, our students have the opportunity to select from a wide range of GCSE and vocational subjects.

GEOGRAPHY	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	PSYCHOLOGY
HISTORY	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	DRAMA
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	ART & DESIGN
BUSINESS STUDIES	FOOD & NUTRITION	COMPUTING
MUSIC	iMEDIA	SOCIOLOGY
PHOTOGRAPHY	ENGINEERING DESIGN	COMPUTER SCIENCE
FILM STUDIES	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	

KEY STAGE 5:

Years 12 & 13

It is our expectation that at the end of KS4 all Crestwood students will continue studying at Post 16. As part of Invictus we are delighted and proud to be able to offer Post 16 education here at Crestwood as part of the Invictus Sixth Form. Students are able to study a wide range of A level and BTEC level

3 courses across our schools. For more Post 16 information please visit our school website or pick up your copy of the Invictus Sixth Form Prospectus from the school.

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Invictus Education Trust was created in March 2015 by a group of like-minded schools: Crestwood, Ellowes Hall Sports College, Kinver High and Wombourne High School. Two schools have since joined us, Leasowes High School in Autumn 2016 and Pedmore High School in September 2018. Rufford Primary School became the first primary school to join us in September 2021 further strengthening an already thriving Trust.

Collaboration across our Invictus schools is integral to us. We are now fortunate enough to be in a really strong position to have a range of educational settings across our Trust: Primary, Secondary, Sixth Form and Alternative Provision. Although our schools retain their identity, we have built a successful model from which we work closely together in order to learn from each other and share good practice. Our fundamental purpose for this is to ensure our students have the best educational experience possible during their time with us. Our students also have regular opportunities to collaborate through joint learning experiences. This level of partnership makes us quite unique, in comparison to other Multi Academy Trusts, due to our locality and determination to be the best that we can be. Our innovative Invictus Sixth Form, which is open to everyone, is a perfect example of how both staff and students work together simultaneously. Invictus Sixth regularly appears at the top of league tables and leader boards for progress. All of this is made possible by our expert staff and the fact that we ensure all Invictus students are not only transported to their lessons by us but are also equipped with a free laptop and free text books for their studies, throughout their time with us.

Our Invictus Subject Directors are specialist expert leaders who work alongside Heads of Department, and their teams across all of our schools, in order to lead the curriculum and ensure our students receive a quality first education. This model also ensures consistency in learning and a wider support network for our teaching teams. The focus of the directors' work is very much linked to each individual school's context and needs, spanning from Early Years all the way through to Sixth Form! In addition to the curriculum, our Subject Directors also work hard to ensure our students receive fantastic experiences and opportunities. One recent example of this is the fact that students from each secondary school visited Arvon writing Retreat, in Devon working with published poets and authors. This was fully funded by Invictus, championing our passionate writers. Another unique feature to us is that we are the only Education Trust in the country to become an



FI in Schools Academy

'FI in Schools Academy'. This gives our students amazing opportunities to participate in national challenges with Invictus teams entering in different divisions.

In addition to this array of opportunities we are also proud to have the very best team of staff to ensure our students' education is at the very highest level. To ensure we keep abreast of local, national and even international research, training sessions for staff are organised, using expertise from both within our Trust and also using external organisations, if needed.

Apart from our academic focus, we are also committed to ensure we provide our students with excellent enrichment and extra curricular propensities. Our Invictus Sport ethos is 'Unconquerable in Sport'. Competition between our schools is tenacious, fierce but fair and when our schools come together to face other schools and Trusts we become formidable! As well as more traditional sports, our students have enjoyed access to sailing, scuba diving, golf, skeet shooting and tennis. Our students also have the opportunity to visit, and even play at times, at prestigious sporting venues such as Wimbledon and Premier League football stadiums.

Performing Arts is a huge priority for us throughout Invictus. Again, we strive to ensure that collaboration is key across our schools and that our incredible talented musicians, dancers, singers and actors have the opportunity to perform across a number of platforms to further unlock and unleash their talent!



OUR SCHOOLS



OUR VALUES

Invictus Values

Our principles and standards of behaviour.

**Every day, in every way,
our students come first**

Our first and most important value.

Anything is possible

*We focus on the challenge to identify it,
our energy is spent finding a solution.*

Accountability

If it is to be, it is to be me.

Seek and seize opportunities

*We aim to deliver 'WOW' through
opportunities and experiences.*

**Focus on relationships
and all else will follow**

*Open, honest and empathic relationships
with clear and simple communication
are the foundations of our Trust.*

Start with the end in mind

*We identify our aspiration and put processes in
place to exceed expectations. We celebrate
our progress throughout the journey.*

Think collaboratively

*We always ask ourselves; can we
include more students, more of our team
or more of our schools in anything we do?*

Sport at Crestwood

Sport in all forms is incredibly popular and successful at Crestwood and we are extremely fortunate in having our own swimming pool and 4G pitch and playing fields. Whatever their level of ability students are encouraged to participate both competitively and socially.

As well as traditional sports including hockey, rugby, football, cricket, netball, rounders, softball and basketball, students are provided with increasing opportunities to add to their experiences with new activities. Numerous clubs complement the core provision and these allow students to take part in an even wider range of activities. They become more proficient and skilled by receiving extra coaching and learn to become umpires, referees and coaches themselves. Students are encouraged to develop their performance to the highest level and many go on to achieve Borough, County and even National status. Year 10/11 students have the opportunity to gain a Cambridge National Sport qualification and Year 10 students can begin to work towards the Crestwood Junior Sports Leader Award. This supports students in developing leadership and coaching skills across a range of sports and activities. We stick to our statement of intent, using this as a tool to develop students' skill and knowledge.

PE Department Statement of Curriculum Intent

In PE our intent is to develop a curriculum in which students are able to engage with a

multitude of sports in varying capacities and roles so that they are able to recognise how sport can have a positive impact on people's health, and its use for good.

PE Department Core Standards

- Access for everyone.
- The ability to showing willingness to progress abilities and engage.
- Promote a love of SPORT.
- Develop student's knowledge of skills, tactics and roles in each sport.
- Cross curriculum links explored and developed.
- Enhance social and emotional intelligence.
- Develop a thirst for SPORT/FITNESS that last beyond Crestwood.
- Participate in a variety of sporting situations so that students enjoy PE.

We also have Sports Academies for 6th form students so a clear pathway exists for students to study at Crestwood and represent Invictus in Football, Rugby or Netball, with specialist coaching and fixtures in each sport. Plans are in place to not only increase the number of students accessing these courses but also to diversify the sports.

All of the lessons and team activities are complimented by our truly outstanding facilities which comprise of:

- State of the art floodlit 4G pitch.
- 12 acre sports field, home to our football and rugby pitches.
- 3 outdoor tennis courts.
- Fully equipped sports centre.
- Refurbished gymnasium.
- Refurbished swimming pool.
- 4 indoor cricket nets.
- 2 trampolines.
- 15 outdoor and 4 indoor table tennis tables.
- 4 badminton courts.
- Grass running track.
- Outdoor Cricket nets



Olympian Programme

Crestwood School is a proudly OVERSUBSCRIBED. This status allows us to offer spaces to students that aren't in our catchment area based on their sporting aptitude.

If your child is currently in year 6 you can apply for a place at Crestwood School on our Olympian Programme. Applicants will be invited to a Talent Identification Day held at the school in the Autumn Term of 2023. Students with the highest scores will be assured of their space at Crestwood School and form our Olympian Team. The Olympian Programme will not affect our local catchment area students, we will be accepting 5% above and beyond our regular spaces for students with high sporting aptitude. Application packs and more information will be available at our Open Evening in September 2023.

Spread the word, we are serious about sport...

Performing Arts Powerhouse

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We are now accepting applications for our performing arts programme. 5% of our intake is available to the most talented singers, actors and dancers, regardless of where you live! Information available at our Open Evening.

Over the last few years our Performing Arts team, comprised of our Music, Drama and Dance departments, have pushed the standard of school performances to a level never seen before.

Recent whole school productions include 'Back to the 80's', 'Sister Act' and 'Grease'. Grease was the highlight of 2023 and really demonstrated a thirst for Performing Arts from our students which ranged from Year 7, through to Sixth Form. The feedback and support from our local community is always overwhelming and often results in a waiting list for show tickets! We have an extensive extracurricular programme running alongside of our productions in both Music and Drama consisting of Choir, Gifted and Talented Choir, Boys Choir, Rock Band, Samba Band and Drama Club to name a few. From experiencing an enriched curriculum in both academic and practical Music and Drama, many of our students decide to study both Music and Drama at College and University, with some students gaining places at prestigious Conservatoires, most recently the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts and London based Drama Schools.

The passion and enthusiasm from our students has led to a complete overhaul of the Performing Arts Facilities. A brand-new Drama Studio, new Music suite equipped with state-of-the-art Apple Mac computers, a stage, sound, and lighting set up that would not be out of place in a city theatre, 200 capacity retractable seating unit, full air conditioning plus, further facilities and equipment that match our students' talent, which is unrivalled! Upon applying for a place at Crestwood School, Students now have the opportunity to become part of the Performing Arts Programme (Via aptitude test), a specialist programme of activities designed to push our students' talents to their maximum potential.



Unique Opportunities & Elite Experiences

Enrichment Opportunities

We are proud of the range of exciting and challenging opportunities we offer to students. Whatever their interest, ability or talent students will find something they will want to be involved in.

Activities range from clubs in Art, Music, Drama, Film, Textiles and Information Technology to The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme where students develop their expedition skills and contribute to the local community, Student Leadership Accreditation offers many opportunities. We have biennial ski trips to Europe and have had trips to

Iceland, France, Germany and different locations in the USA. We also provide many educational trips throughout the year. There are fun reward trips and activities every term. There are many additional opportunities to take part in a full and varied programme of clubs and activities as well as a range of study support and homework clubs. We also host special events throughout the year and a range of musical events which are enjoyed by parents and students alike.

4 years ago we launched our very own cadet detachment, over 40 students were sworn in during their passing out parade with new recruits enrolling each year at the beginning of year 9.



“Staff expect pupils to work hard, behave well and participate in school life.”

- Ofsted, March 2023



Welcome to *Invictus 6th Form*

Invictus Sixth Form brings together the very best teaching, learning and achievement from six successful schools; Crestwood, Ellowes Hall, Kinver, Leasowes, Pedmore and Wombourne.

We are committed to providing a high quality, forward looking and caring educational experience which enables all our students to fulfil their potential. We recognise and value achievement within all aspects of Sixth Form life, be it in an academic, sporting, creative, personal or social context and are keen to celebrate our students' many successes.

We offer a wide variety of advanced level courses and our small group sizes ensure that each student has the support and challenge needed to be successful. All students receive regular academic mentoring and pastoral support as well as support with careers and university applications. We have an extensive enrichment programme which complements our students' academic studies, providing them with opportunities to develop new skills, make new friends, gain additional qualifications and settle into Sixth Form life.

Each taught at campus within Invictus Sixth Form has its own sixth form area. We believe that this allows our students the freedom and independence to develop their own sense of identity and confidence as well as providing the support and challenge needed to ensure that they can meet the demands of Sixth Form study.

We have high expectations of our students in every sense. Studying at Invictus Sixth Form is demanding and advanced level work can be challenging as well as exciting, rewarding and fun. Students are expected to work independently, manage their own time and balance the many demands placed upon them. If you find such a prospect attractive it is likely that you will enjoy and gain enormously from becoming an Invictus Sixth Form student.

We welcome applications from Year 11 students within Ellowes Hall, Crestwood, Leasowes, Kinver, Pedmore and Wombourne High Schools as well as from other schools within Wolverhampton, Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen or further afield. After 5 successful, enjoyable years at your school we look forward to welcoming you to Invictus Sixth Form.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Morgan".

Emily Morgan
Director of Sixth Form

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