



REDDISH VALE  
HIGH SCHOOL



# Prospectus

Respect Aspiration Determination Independence



*“At a vital point in my child’s life, I am very grateful for all the support she has received. Thank you to all the staff. Keep up the amazing work!”*

# Welcome to Reddish Vale

I am very proud as Headteacher to welcome and introduce you to Reddish Vale High School (RVHS). Our school has gone through an exciting period of transition and improvement. Through values driven leadership which is underpinned by dedicated teaching and support staff, the school is on an exciting pathway in ensuring that all its learners are enabled in realising their full potential. This is my mission. Here at RVHS, we are dedicated to ensuring our vision of **'Positively Changing Lives - through personal growth and academic excellence'** becomes a reality for the entire school community.

We place great importance on driving up standards to improve the quality of teaching and learning at RVHS. This ensures our learners are continually developing the skills, knowledge, attitudes and personal qualities, which will enable them to flourish and succeed in a rapidly changing world. We provide a safe and inclusive school where learners have the opportunity to flourish as people. We provide a stimulating, supportive and challenging curriculum, which is personalised to meet the needs, abilities and interests of all our learners.

High quality, committed staff, provide a positive, disciplined and nurturing environment that inspires a passion for learning so that every learner progresses and can thrive. Our learners are encouraged to achieve their best personally, academically and socially. As a result, we are seeing improved rates of progress throughout the school. High expectations and standards are driven through teamwork and underpinned through the school's core values of; **Respect, Aspiration, Determination and Independence.**

Choosing a secondary school is an important decision and one which will shape a child's future. Experiences in secondary education help to mould a person's character and prepare them for adulthood. At RVHS, any parent or carer, can rest assured that their child and their future, is in safe hands.

This provides only a brief introduction to our school community and a flavour of our ethos and values. We hope very much that it will encourage you to visit us to see our school in action. The learners, staff and I, look forward to welcoming you.

**Darren Moroney**  
Headteacher





## Vision and Values

The aspirational vision is one of **'Positively Changing Lives'**, recognising that school and education should be focused on developing every individual pupil as a confident, articulate, well-mannered and resilient young person ready to make a positive contribution to the community, in addition to the pursuit of academic excellence, through outstanding pupil progress.

This vision is underpinned through our core values of **Respect, Aspiration, Determination and Independence.**

**Respect:** Pupils follow the four pillars of respect; self-respect, respect for peers, respect for adults and respect for the environment.

**Aspiration:** Pupils are encouraged to aim high, be proud, lead by example and get involved. *"Be the best you can be."*

**Determination:** Pupils are encouraged to show commitment, determination and resilience adopting a *"can do"* attitude even when faced with difficult challenges.

**Independence:** Pupils are equipped with the skills to make the right choices, decisions and actions on their own in preparation for employability. *"Independence isn't doing your own thing; it's doing the right thing on your own."*



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## Curriculum and Learning

At Reddish Vale High School we provide an inclusive, stimulating and challenging education to all our pupils through a curriculum which promotes high aspirations and enables academic success. Our broad and balanced curriculum is designed to offer pathways appropriate to pupils' future needs, whether they are our wide range of GCSEs in academic courses, vocational qualifications, careers guidance or functional skills. Our curriculum structure enables pupils to acquire and retain the core knowledge and skills that they require in each subject discipline, in order to be successful in education and transferable to later life and further learning.

The core skills of literacy and numeracy lie at the heart of learning. All pupils study English, Maths and Science core subjects daily. We actively support the rigour provided by the English Baccalaureate Qualifications and encourage pupils to complete GCSEs in a combination of Humanities and Modern Foreign Language subjects.

Giving each child a high level of academic challenge alongside the opportunity to access a broad range of additional subjects offered, ensures pupils can excel, pursue their individual interests and enhances their social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

Personal development is delivered through bespoke PSHE lessons and also embedded across the curriculum in order to support personal growth. This prepares and equips pupils for success in all aspects of their adult life. Our personalised and differentiated careers education, information and guidance programme complements this.



***“All of my child’s teachers are so supportive and encouraging, and the comments on their work really do go a long way.”***



## Careers

Preparing pupils for their future career path is at the forefront of what we do at Reddish Vale High School. We are committed to providing an engaging programme of impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) for all pupils across Years 7 – 11.

At Reddish Vale High School we continually implement exciting career opportunities above and beyond the experience of the classroom. Working alongside our extensive network of external companies and providers across Greater Manchester, we are committed to supporting our pupils reach their aspirational goals.

In addition, all pupils have access to bespoke careers guidance meetings, employer opportunities, college and university visits, and work experience.

## Pastoral Care, Support and Inclusion

Our excellent pastoral care underpins all aspects of school life and supports wellbeing. Tutors, teachers and pastoral teams provide extensive support and guidance. They work closely with our SEND department, where appropriate sign posting and support interventions take place in an inclusive environment.

At Reddish Vale High School we celebrate and embrace diversity. Every pupil receives fair and equal opportunities to develop their full potential.

We believe in prioritising emotional and physical wellbeing for all and foster a positive and proactive safeguarding culture.





*“Thank you for your help and support in my son’s decision on secondary schools. The response times have been fantastic, and I have really been shown a warm welcome.”*



*“I have been really impressed with everything since my son started at Reddish Vale. I have no complaints whatsoever.”*



## Life at Reddish Vale

Here at Reddish Vale High School, we firmly believe that creating good learning habits and creating high standards and expectations allows every learner to be successful both at school and in the future. We want to encourage pupils to achieve as highly as they can and to know how good it feels to succeed and take pride in their work. We love to celebrate success and regularly reward pupils for academic achievements and for displaying the school values. Our behaviour and rewards system centres on our core values of **Respect, Aspiration, Determination, and Independence** monitored through our RADI point system.

We strive for excellence in all that we do. Being suitably equipped and prepared helps pupils to be in the correct frame of mind for learning. Reddish Vale High School is committed to providing an education of the highest quality for all its pupils and recognises this can only be achieved by supporting and promoting excellent school attendance for all. This is based on the belief that by attending school regularly and punctually, pupils will be able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

Student leadership opportunities span across all year groups. Alongside the traditional prefect roles, student ambassadors proudly lead on many topics such as, anti-bullying, cultural diversity, mental health and environmental matters. They also play a valuable role in supporting new and transition pupils settle in.

## Beyond the Classroom

School is about much more than classroom learning and we provide a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities, catering for a diverse range of enrichment opportunities and experiences.

Each year pupils have the opportunity to participate in trips, both in the local area and overseas.

With a well-equipped theatre, the Performing Arts Department present stunning performances in school shows and events.

Reddish Vale High School has a strong reputation for high quality representation in sports competitions and events at local and national level. All pupils are encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle through a range of sporting activities in our excellent facilities, which include our sports halls and 3G playing surface.

Each year a number of Year 10 pupils participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme where pupils complete skills and expeditions. This is the world's leading achievement award for young people and is highly regarded by employers and universities.

Our on-site farm provides an outdoor enriching and enhanced learning classroom experience alongside offering a resource to encourage social, personal and therapeutic development.

## Parents, Partnership and Community Collaboration

We value and respect the significant impact that good communication and parental engagement with their child's education can make on their achievements. We regularly share reports with parents relating to progress, attainment, attendance, punctuality, rewards and sanctions. Subject teachers offer opportunities to offer advice on how to support your child in their education or expectations around homework.

We host Parent Forum meetings, the Forum is designed to ensure that parents and carers, in conjunction with staff, can have a meaningful influence on both the operational and strategic direction of the school.

Although our deepest partnership is with you as parents, we also have strong community relationships with our primary feeder schools, collaborative links with secondary colleagues, our Trust partner school, post-16 providers and other external agencies.

At Reddish Vale High School, we understand that the transition to high school can be a big step for both pupils and parents alike. We believe that one of the best ways to find out more about our school is to come and visit us. If you have any questions about the transition process or about our school, please contact us using our dedicated email address [transition@reddish.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:transition@reddish.stockport.sch.uk)



*“Thank you for all the hard work and dedication of your teaching staff. My child has enjoyed every minute of their school life and we’re very grateful for the support they have been given at Reddish Vale.”*



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