



Oakwood Academy Profile

Oakwood Academy is an outstanding school and is part of Kings Academy Trust.

Oakwood Academy is a provision for children and young people with moderate and/or moderate learning difficulties aged between 9 to 19 years. The majority of pupils live in the Salford area and the percentage of pupils who are eligible for pupil premium is routinely around 60%.

We have 315 pupils and students on roll who are supported by around 35 teachers and 75 support staff. The school is on a shared site with another special school and we are housed in a PFI build which is maintained to exceptionally high standards.

All our pupils have conditions that co-exist, overlap and interlock creating a complex profile of learning and emotional needs. All pupils are working at academic levels significantly behind their chronological age and nearly all have speech, language and communication needs which interferes with their ability to learn and cope with their environment.

Pupils at Oakwood follow the National curriculum and are broadly in terms of their attainment. Class groups in Year 5, 6 and 7 are taught in our foundation learning provision which follows a primary style curriculum and method of delivery. This is a nurturing, secure provision which helps pupils get ready for transition into secondary school.

Years 8 to 11 are taught by subject specialist teachers in a conventional secondary school model of provision. Each year group has 4 classes which vary in size from 8 - 12 pupils. Each class has access to a teacher and teaching assistant for support in all lessons.

We offer base classes that follow the more primary model structure for Year 8 and 9. These classes are for pupils who have significant learning, speech, language and communication needs and who require additional time and support before moving into the main body of Key Stage 4. All these pupils will transfer at Year 10 into accredited courses with support.

Year 12, 13 and beyond undertake further qualifications in English and Maths and take part in a wide range of vocational courses, extensive work experience, apprenticeships and support internships to ensure that they leave with a clear path into paid, meaningful employment and make value contribution to society.



Typically, pupils enter Oakwood Academy with attainment levels of P7 and NC level 2 across most subjects.

The majority of pupils continue at Oakwood Academy until they are 16 years of age, at which point their attainment levels range from NC level 1 up to GCSE qualifications. Pupils then choose either our 6th Form or make the transition to college provision elsewhere.

Pupils of all ages receive careers advice and education. We have a strong exam culture and 100% of pupils leave Oakwood with a good range of qualifications. We offer extensive work experience with quality providers such as the BBC at Media City, Lowry Theatre and Holiday Inn hotel. All students leave our 6th Form with a clear route into meaningful employment, apprenticeship or supported internship.

Attendance is routinely 95% which is excellent given the complex medical needs many of our pupils have. Punctuality is excellent, most pupils are transported to school by the Local Authority but we encourage independent travel to and from school wherever possible.

Exclusions are very rare and routinely at zero. We have exceptionally high expectations with regards to behaviour, uniform and the quality of the school environment.

Oakwood Academy accesses regular support from the Local Authority Hearing Impaired Service, the Visually Impaired Service, Educational Psychology Service and we work closely with Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and SALT Services. We provide confidential counselling/therapy for identified pupils from our Trust Counsellor. We also have our own Inclusion/Disability team onsite which offers extensive support to pupils with physical disabilities. We have access to a hydrotherapy pool that is on site.

Oakwood Academy also works closely with children's social care teams to secure good outcomes for children. We have a number of cared for/LAC pupils and a small number of pupils on Child Protection Plans.

At Oakwood we promote traditional British Values and the fundamental rule of law. We do not accept religious, homophobic or extremist views and have made referrals to Children's Services when we have had concerns over extremist views, FGM and forced marriage.



All staff have had access to PREVENT training and all staff have received safeguarding training with daily updates from Senior Staff or daily briefings and staff meetings/insets.

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