



PRENTON
High School for Girls
Making a Difference

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WELCOME TO PRENTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

On behalf of the Governors, staff and students of Prenton High School for Girls, it is with great pride that I welcome you to our school.

I recognise that choosing the right secondary school for your daughter is one of the most important decisions you will have to make, and that here in Wirral, with the selection process at the age of 11 or younger, it can be extremely stressful.

When girls join us, they become part of a very special community. We believe strongly in providing every young person in our care with the very best opportunities, both within and beyond lessons. It is our aim to ensure that our students leave us as happy, strong, and independent individuals with the skills and qualifications to take the next steps in their future. We believe that all young people should be able to look forward to academic success, progressing to further and higher education as well-qualified, articulate and confident young women.

Our reputation for academic excellence and success is endorsed by the continuing growth of our academic results, and the progress that all students make has been recognised by Ofsted.

Here at Prenton High School for Girls we welcome all, and value the diversity of our school community. We fully endorse the research that girls do better

in all-girls' schools. There is no doubt in our minds that the girls who choose Prenton have a distinct advantage over those who experience a mixed-gender education. Our girls experience many exciting opportunities, taking on roles and responsibilities ahead of their years that may not be available elsewhere.

Our aim is to 'make a difference' to every student in our school, and you will see from this prospectus that it permeates all that we do. We have high expectations of all of our students and seek to nurture, develop and celebrate their individual talents and successes. Every young person should dream big, and believe in their ability to succeed.

We really encourage visits to our school – you don't have to wait for Open Evenings and Open Days. Come and see our school in action; we will be delighted to show you around on a normal working day. Simply contact the school and appropriate arrangements will be made for either myself, or one of my senior staff, to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to welcoming you soon.



Mrs Lisa Ayling
Head teacher



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“**Why Prenton?...** At Prenton it is no accident that **the girls are part of the ethos that all can achieve as they strive to do the best that they can.** *Prenton helps you achieve your goals and reach your potential. I have made great progress here. I used to be quite quiet but, here at Prenton, I started attending after school clubs and that changed! Being at Prenton has made me think about the future and consider what I need to do to achieve my goals.* **Staff always say ‘hello’ in the corridor and help you with anything - big or small.** Challenges aren’t viewed as obstacles but rather as goals that all can work hard to achieve and conquer. No two students are the same, therefore our lessons cater for all abilities and needs of the individual. *Being at Prenton has really boosted my confidence - all the staff are so friendly.* **Teachers here really push you up the ladder and they will keep on pushing until you achieve your goals.** When I returned from a trip to the Conway Centre, I was pleasantly surprised to see a piece of my artwork displayed on the wall - it really gave me a confidence boost.”

LEARNING

Learning is at the heart of our school. Enabling every student to make progress and experience a wealth of different learning experiences is central. Discovering new skills and enhancing existing skills; shaping each child and their belief that anything is possible.

The curriculum enables and encourages students to become independent learners and to develop life long skills. Our aim when teaching is twofold: to ensure that students achieve examination success and to develop essential attributes for the future. Giving students the tools to become creative, critical thinkers and preparing them to take the next steps; allowing them to realise their potential.

Lessons are vibrant with a determined focus on the individual. Understanding the different needs of students and ensuring that planning and delivery are appropriately pitched and appropriately challenging are particular strengths of our school. Looking for the distinct qualities of each individual and encouraging them to grow.

“Students are well motivated and well supported in making rapid progress”

Ofsted 2014





challenge
independence
progress
excitement

“Exceptionally well
planned teaching
and support”
Ofsted 2014

Teachers deliver exciting learning experiences in a climate of celebration and support. Excellence is a basic expectation. Instilling in every young person the realisation that they can do it, is crucial to students of all abilities making excellent progress and having a passion for learning.

Through the effective tracking of progress, teachers are able to recognise those students who are exceeding expectations as well as those in need of additional support. This approach offers challenge at every level and from every starting point. Through early identification the needs of every student are met.



Aspiration is fundamental at Prenton High School for Girls. Aspiring to make a difference and to think big. Leadership of the self and others is something that runs through our school. Being part of a strong community where students are supportive and feel supported by their peers is just one element that makes our school a great place to be.

Prefects are testament to the quality experience provided at Prenton. Under the guidance of the Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl our prefects lead by example and demonstrate the immense sense of pride throughout the school. Their contribution along with the School Council, the Eco Council and our trained team of Peer Mentors make Prenton a happy and rich environment. Peer Mentors work closely with new students to enable them to settle quickly to life at Prenton.



LEADING





individual
confidence
ambition
experience

The house system at Prenton provides other leadership opportunities; generating a sense of belonging, healthy competition, celebration of success and a huge commitment to charity helps students to develop a moral purpose and awareness of the world in which they live.

Through sport our girls are leading the way with success at county level in a range of different sports. More recently and through the introduction of the Young Leader Award, students are able to give something back to their school community as they work with staff to run Active Playgrounds. This provides an opportunity for students to use equipment at lunchtime to learn and enhance skills, make new friends and, importantly, have fun! Through sport and sports' leadership our students develop resilience, motivation and an awareness of working as a team.

“Prenton has made me feel valued; I know that I am capable of achieving anything”

2014 Leaver

“Students make excellent progress from their starting points”
Ofsted 2014

Every student can achieve. We focus on closely monitoring individual progress and set challenging personalised targets for all of our students. Central to everything that we do is supporting and challenging all students to achieve their very best, not just in their academic studies, but in the many additional activities they will experience whilst at Prenton.

Unlocking potential, finding what motivates each individual student and enabling them to achieve, and to want to achieve, is essential. Connecting with others, and representing our school on a local, national and international level opens the doors for our students to the limitless possibilities that lie ahead. We want our students to dream and think big, to see what can be achieved.



achievement
f u t u r e
opportunity
aspiration



With our focus on the individual there are opportunities for students to lead in so many different ways; some of which they may never have thought possible. A wealth of extra curricular clubs and activities offer something for everyone. From Athletics to Gardening Club; STEM and Robotics to Prenton TV, students can really find their niche.

Building on these experiences we have a strong tradition of residential and overseas visits to further build on students' maturity and experience. Annual visits to Poland, Italy and Spain as well as more local trips, broaden the students' horizons and encourage an outward looking mindset.

Looking ahead, the provision at Prenton leads students onto their next phase and prepares them well for the future. Our students benefit from a structured programme of guidance which ensures that they fully explore the range of options and opportunities available to them post 16.

INSPIRING

BELONGING

Students thrive when they feel safe and happy; they look forward to coming to school. From the very first day that students walk through our gates they are part of our community. A community where everyone knows one another; a community where positive relationships build confidence and self-belief; a community where every individual counts, is heard and is recognised. We value the diversity of our school, another key factor in building strong relationships and developing young citizens and an inclusive school.

Throughout their time at Prenton our students actively engage in working with the wider local community through a range of projects and they take responsibility for co-ordinating on-going charity work within their form groups to support local and national charities that they select.

“Teachers know students well”

Ofsted 2014



respect
inclusive
support
relationships





We recognise that sometimes students face additional challenges. We have excellent support systems to aid students in overcoming any barriers that they encounter and to enable them to focus upon their learning.

Students take pride in their individual and collective achievements and success is celebrated. By working together students develop a sense of ownership and model the values that make our school a place where everyone can thrive.

Enrichment opportunities are an essential part of everyday life at Prenton. We encourage all of our students to participate in our many clubs, sports teams, music ensembles, productions, theatre trips, or residential visits. Success in these additional activities can often have a positive impact upon academic success, build future ambition and develop self-confidence.

WHAT OUR LEAVERS SAY



I've achieved my ambitions.

Prenton is truly a place where dreams come true.

My advice to all new students – make the most of every opportunity!

Prenton has made me feel valued; I know I am capable of achieving anything.

My time at Prenton has been amazing as it's changed my life and improved my grades.

Prenton has given me a great start in life and provided me with a wide range of life-long friends.

I feel ready and prepared to go to move on. Prenton is a fabulous school!!!

A once in a lifetime experience and I've loved every minute.

Prenton High School has been inspirational and very encouraging.

Prenton has been an unforgettable experience. I have met so many people I will never forget.

The support you get is outstanding and I will miss it, I love it.

Prenton has been an amazing experience and changed my life: supportive members of staff and lovely students. We are one big family.

The fastest five years of my life!





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