

The Fernwood School

"High Achievement with Care and Discipline for All"

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The Headteacher's welcome addresses will be at
5.15pm and **6.15pm** in the main hall.

Curriculum

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The school's curriculum has been intelligently designed so that it is ambitious for all pupils, including those with SEND.

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The Fernwood Curriculum

The Fernwood curriculum is designed and delivered by a **passionate and skilled** body of teachers. It is rooted in **a traditional approach** to subjects and the acquisition of knowledge, skills and understanding. Interwoven throughout their curriculum journey are competencies and experiences designed to promote **each pupil's personal development** and wider learning. The impact of this well-designed curriculum, implemented effectively, can be seen in the **well-rounded, respectful** and **responsible** young people of Fernwood, who are ready for their futures ahead of them.

We provide a **broad and balanced curriculum** relevant to young people in the 21st century. We set high expectations and challenge all pupils to become independent learners who can **take responsibility** for their own work.



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Extra-Curricular & Enrichment

At the Fernwood School we are proud of the **wealth of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities** we have to offer. These **creative, sporting, cultural** and **academic** opportunities enhance and enrich the learning experience.

These help pupils to pursue their **passions**, raise their **aspirations** and develop their **teamwork, interpersonal** and **social skills**, whilst also contributing towards The Fernwood Award. From the beginning of Year 7 your child can enjoy these experiences with a trip to Sherwood Pines, followed by a residential to Hagg Farm in January, which is situated in the heart of the Peak District.



Last Year's Exam Results:

Progress 8 score: +0.6* (which means children on average gained over half a grade higher in all subjects at Fernwood compared to similar children nationally).

English & Maths pass rate: Standard (4+): 89%, Strong (5+): 73%

Attainment 8 Average Point Score: 59.23

Pupils entered into the English Baccalaureate: 32%

* Estimate based on 2024 coefficients

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Pupils achieve very well academically and become well-rounded individuals ready to achieve their goals in life.

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Pastoral Care

Care

At Fernwood we are passionate about ensuring that each and every individual pupil enjoys school, feels safe and can make lasting friendships. Every pupil can then focus and engage in inspirational learning in the classroom to achieve their very best.

Our aim is for all pupils to feel respected, included and feel a sense of belonging at Fernwood.

This strong foundation of pastoral care is built on the following:

- On entry to the school pupils are placed carefully into tutor groups of **25** (taking into consideration friendship groups).
- Pupils **will stay with their tutor for the full 5 years** 7-11 (wherever possible) for continuity of care.
- Tutors will therefore get to know individual pupils and their family extremely well and the tutor group is the hub of the "**Fernwood Family**" in school.
- Each Year group has a Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year, a Senior Leader Link, a Head of Key Stage and the Pastoral Deputy Head who provide a **comprehensive framework of support** for individual pupils and their family.



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Staff talk about the 'Fernwood family'. They know that they play a vital role in preparing pupils for their lives beyond school. Staff fulfil this role with enthusiasm. Pupils and staff develop respectful, trusting relationships.

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- Pupils are encouraged to take part in a wide variety of **extra-curricular clubs and activities** to build social skills and to develop teamworking skills and their wider aspirations for the future. This also allows pupils to build their Fernwood Award.

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OFSTED Report 2024

All staff work hard to ensure that pupils, including those with SEND, feel comfortable and confident and achieve their best.

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The Fernwood Award

Culture & Ethos

The Fernwood Award plays a vital role in promoting the school's **positive culture and ethos**. It is a multi-faceted reward system that allows all pupils to receive **regular and deserved praise** for their achievements.

At Fernwood, **we value the contributions that all pupils make** to the school community and The Fernwood Award allows us to celebrate their academic and personal achievements, in and out of the classroom.

Fernwood is passionate about developing **well-rounded individuals**. The six categories that make up the Fernwood Award motivate our pupils to gain points in the following areas: **Learning, Progress, Citizenship, Teamwork, Getting Involved, and Well-Being**.

Pupils are required to achieve a certain number of points in each category if they are to achieve a particular milestone. Parents/carers are able to see their child's points on a daily basis, using the school's Arbor app.



Milestones

There are five significant milestones to strive for during a pupil's journey at Fernwood. The **Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards** are accolades that all pupils have the potential to achieve. For those pupils who excel, there is the opportunity to strive for the **Platinum and Headteacher's Award**.

Each pupil receives a prestigious certificate and a handmade trophy when they achieve their award, presented in year group celebration assemblies across the academic year. These awards are **recognised by a number of post-16 destinations** and certainly help our pupils to **stand out from the crowd** when they move on to the next stage of their education.



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“Pupils’ behaviour is exceptional”

Want to know more?



We hope that this evening has given you an insight into what life is like at the school. If you wish to know more our website (www.fernwood.school) has detailed information on all areas of pastoral care, and our curriculum (both the taught curriculum and extra-curricular provision).

Thanks for visiting us!



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