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Admissions Information for Year 7 Places in September 2022

Stockport School, on Mile End Lane, has become widely recognised as an incredibly popular choice as a secondary school for the parents and students in the Stockport area.

At Stockport School we are very proud of our broad and balanced curriculum offer and our community based inclusive ethos, which has over recent years, helped us to establish an excellent track record in terms of academic performance and achievement, placing us firmly, twice in the last few years, **within the top 10-15% of all schools nationally in terms of student progress and outcomes at GCSE.**

Stockport School continually seeks to instil a belief amongst our community in personal ambition, progress and achievement for all, aiming to be the best that we can be and outstanding in all areas. This is a challenge that we as a school, have evidentially risen to, with Ofsted recently judging the school as *'Better than Good'*, and stating in their findings that...

"Pupils' life chances have been significantly improved, especially those of disadvantaged pupils, as a result of the school's relentless focus on high standards and its dedicated moral purpose. The school's motto 'Velis et Remis' – meaning 'with sails and oars' – aptly characterises the school's collective passion and determination to achieve its goals."

***"... pupils are provided with high quality learning opportunities, which they enjoy and relish."
"Teachers have high expectations of every pupil. Pupils rise to the challenge as a result. The most able, in particular, are on track to make even better progress than in previous years across many subjects because teachers aim high."***

"Pastoral care is second to none." and

"Pupils' behaviour in class and around the school is exemplary."

Ofsted

Stockport School has also achieved continued success and recognition at a national and international level, receiving several high-profile awards across a range of areas for best practice that recognise the exceptional work that we undertake to support our students and ensure successful outcomes for our learners.

In addition, pre-pandemic, Stockport School was also a Finalist in the 2019/20 prestigious Manchester Evening News, **'Secondary School of the Year Award'**, and was the proud outright Winner in the previous year, 2018/19, of the Manchester Evening News, **'School in the Community Award'**.

In my role as Headteacher, I have also recently received a congratulatory letter from the Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, which thanked and congratulated Stockport School, for its work in ***"continuing the drive towards high standards of educational achievement!"*** The letter also confirmed that Stockport School's results show that it is now ***"amongst the top state-funded schools in England"***.

As the Headteacher of Stockport School, I am delighted to have received these recent accolades which are a great recognition of the terrific dedication and commitment to learning that our staff and students apply, and the ongoing support and investment that we receive from parents and from our governing body. I believe the school's success has been brought about by our high expectation and our relentless determination to provide quality of opportunity and bring out the best in all people. ***"The culture of Stockport School is that of aspiration and improving the life chances for its students."***

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Awards & Accreditation

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Basic Skills Award

The school was successfully re-assessed for its considerable work to support literacy, numeracy and SEN and wider basic skills under the national Basic Skills Award criteria, and as a result, was awarded for the seventh successive time.

“Stockport School continues the drive to equip all students for adult life through ensuring they have secure English and Maths skills. Well organised and wide-ranging evidence confirms the school’s ongoing and very positive commitment to the award.”

Basic Skills Award



International School Award

Stockport School was also successfully reaccredited with the International School Award for 2020-23, by the British Council in recognition of our work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council’s work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today’s world.



E-Twinning Quality Award Label

Stockport School has continued to develop its practice and its work in relation to its ‘International School’ status, resulting in the School receiving an additional special E-twinning Quality Award Label, in recognition of the hard work of teachers and students on international projects in recent years. It also recognises the School as a leader on the European level in the areas of digital practice, e-safety, innovative and creative approaches to pedagogy, promoting collaborative learning, and continuous professional development. At the time of the award, Stockport School was proudly one of only 29 schools across the UK to have been recognised with this award.





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The IAG Quality in Careers Standard

Stockport School has been awarded the IAG national Quality in Careers Standard for its outstanding work with careers education, information, advice and guidance provision. The report states that...

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Investors in People Award

As a school that within its core values seeks to invest and develop potential and talent at all levels, Stockport School was delighted to once again, be awarded with the prestigious Investors in People Award. The Investors in People Award is awarded to organisations that meet the world-recognised Investors in People Standard reflecting the very best in people management excellence.

“Stockport School has endeavoured to embrace the principles of high performance, despite the tremendous pressures experienced within the field of education over the last few years. There have been significant improvements across the school which have been driven by the commitment and dedication of both the leadership team and the staff. Across all 9 indicators of the framework, there were significant examples of good practice which would indicate the opportunity for the school to be recognised at a much higher level within the Investors in People Framework.”



The Prince's Teaching Institute Mark

Stockport School and in particular its Modern Foreign Languages and Science departments, have once again, been recognised by The Prince's Trust for their commendable work with progress towards increasing challenge within the curriculum, enthusing students through subject-based activities beyond the curriculum, developing their staff's specialist subject knowledge, and forging subject-based links outside school.



2020-2023

Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)

The Leading Parent Partnership Award is a national award that provides a coherent framework through which schools, early years settings and other educational organisations can deliver effective parental engagement from early years to post-16.

As a result of our strong track record of working to support parents and carers, together with a wide variety of new initiatives, we were successful in achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA).





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**MEN, 'School in the Community Award Winner for 2018/19'
and 'Secondary School of the Year Award Runner-Up for 2019/20'**

Stockport School were delighted to be the very proud winners of the prestigious **Manchester Evening News, 'School in the Community Award for 2018/19'**, for our work in the community supporting dementia care, and in particular through our School Dementia Choir, who have performed alongside dementia patients over the past three years.

Stockport School was also a Finalist in the 2019/20 prestigious **Manchester Evening News, 'Secondary School of the Year Award for 2019/20'** which was a terrific achievement.

Investment into our Buildings & Facilities

In addition to the recent awards, recognition and accreditation that chart the ongoing development and success of the school, we are also delighted, to now benefit from a very recent significant £7.5 million capital investment into our buildings and facilities which will allow us moving forward, to only further enhance our provision and outcomes for students.

Works which are now just reaching completion on-site, include, the construction of a new 8 classroom teaching block (featured in the graphics below).

The new building as well as increasing our classroom capacity by four from that of our previous provision, also includes a new passenger lift, stairwell, toilet facilities, and an upper floor link corridor joining it to our main building and across on the other side to the J Block, enabling both the main building and the J Block to be fully connected, with a much improved one-way system for students and staff through new corridors and access doors.



In addition to the construction of the new 8 classroom block, the wider school buildings and facilities have also been greatly improved through this £7.5 million capital investment programme, including:





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- The complete re-roofing of the entire school with the replacement of all original pitched roofs and re-covering of flat roofs to ensure that the school is water tight for many years to come.
- The complete electrical re-wiring of the school, including the installation of new LED lighting and energy efficient systems across the school, including the construction of new modern false ceilings in all classrooms and corridors around the school, with all rooms and corridors fully re-decorated.
- Radiators replaced across the school and a new energy efficient valve system installed.
- The installation of a new state of the art fire alarm system and CCTV system across the school.
- A new telephone system working off VOIP data has been installed across the school to improve communication systems internally and externally.
- The outer walls of the school buildings have been re-pointed to ensure that they remain watertight and stop the ingress of damp.
- A number of windows across the school have been replaced with modern double-glazed units.
- External pathways and walkways now have new outdoor LED lighting installed to ensure that the grounds are well-lit in the evening.
- Two new specialist Science Laboratories have been constructed from existing classroom spaces to ensure that we have the very best specialist facilities available for our students and staff to access, supporting the curriculum.
- A new specialist ICT Room has been created from an existing classroom in a different area of the school, again to ensure that students and staff have access to specialist facilities and so the curriculum can be delivered effectively within the timetable.
- Student toilet facilities have been completely replaced with modern and re-designed layouts and facilities installed, which have both increased capacity and improved the quality and appearance of those important facilities for our students.
- Improvement and enhancement of our external dining and recreational playground/sports facilities, including canopy coverings in some areas, to provide better all-year round usable space for our students.
- The installation of modern interactive TV display screens across all classrooms, and the gradual upgrade of classroom furniture and equipment.

The completion of these works will be hugely beneficial for our school community in the short, medium and long term and will in many ways, ensure that Stockport School is be able to continue successfully on its present site for generations to come. You will be pleased to know that most of the building works outlined above, have already been completed and are now in use, with just a few aspects remaining for completion by November 2021.

Educational Recognition and Academic Achievements

In association with the School's continued improvement and its determination to achieve outstanding success for all of its students, Stockport School has also received a congratulatory letter from the Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, which thanked and congratulated Stockport School, for its work in ***"continuing the drive towards high standards of educational achievement!"*** The letter also confirmed that Stockport School's results show that it is now ***"amongst the top state-funded schools in England"***.





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The Views of the Headteacher

Having had the pleasure to lead Stockport School as its Headteacher for the past eight years, I am truly delighted for all associated with Stockport School, that we have continued to develop the school, maintaining and enhancing still further our academic opportunities and outcomes for all students. The recent accolades are a great recognition of the terrific dedication and commitment to learning that our staff and students apply, and the ongoing support and investment that we receive from parents and from our governing body.

As Headteacher, I believe the school's success has been brought about by our high expectation and relentless determination to provide quality of opportunity and bring out the best in all people.

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Selecting a secondary school for your child is one of the most important decisions that you will ever have to make on their behalf. Before you make your choice at the end of October 2021, I invite you to visit our school website at www.stockportschool.net and to also read and explore our School Prospectus, in order to gather a more informed view of the unique and exceptional high quality educational experience offered by Stockport School.

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Applications

How to Apply

- Stockport School is very popular and is always over-subscribed.
- We have a Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 270 students for September 2022

Stockport School Admissions Criteria

A. Looked after children and previously looked after children
B. Children considered to have highly exceptional medical / social reasons
C. Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
D. Children who live in the catchment area of the school
E. Children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years or are offering a shortage subject/area
F. Children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission and reside outside the catchment area
G. Any other applicants, in order of straight-line distance measured between home and the school
H. Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A–G above

- Follow the Local Authority guidance closely to ensure you secure a place.
- ✓ **You MUST apply in time, by October 31st 2021.** (You will hear the outcome on 1st March 2022).
- ✓ Apply online at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions
- ✓ You have up to 6 choices – Rank in order of Preference!
- ✓ Prospectus pack – also available on our website www.stockportschool.net
- ✓ Admissions Helpline at Stockport Local Authority: 0161 217 6022
- ✓ Parent Partnership will also be able to help you, should you need them.

What if I don't get a place?

- ✓ Follow the Local Authority appeals process. We have no say in who gets in.
- ✓ Stockport School will be allocated up to 270 students, as this is the agreed Admission Number for September 2022.
- ✓ We are a successful and popular school, and as such we are usually oversubscribed.
- ✓ You have the right of appeal, via Stockport Local Authority.
- ✓ Parents do win appeals in addition to the 270, for genuine reasons every year. So, you should seriously consider this, if unsuccessful.

We hope to be able to welcome you to Stockport School as a potential future student or parent/carer in September 2022!

