



# Range High School Prospectus

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## Welcome to Range High School – a Southport Learning Trust school

I am delighted to welcome you to Range High School, the newest member of our Southport Learning Trust family of schools.

Southport Learning Trust is an all-through multi-academy trust, formed in 2017 by Greenbank High School, which has now grown to eight schools in September 2024. We are a local trust, consisting of many of the highest performing schools in Sefton, that has a clear vision to empower the communities we serve to positively impact the world.

We fulfil this through our four main pillars of academic excellence, inclusive education, professional development and realising aspirations for all. Collaboration and support at all levels with stakeholders is at the heart of what we do.

Range High School is a very popular, nurturing environment to start your secondary school journey being calm, challenging and aspirational for all students. I hope you enjoy reading this prospectus and please visit the school and the Headteacher Mr McGarry and his team to experience it for yourself.

**Ian Raikes**

CEO - Southport Learning Trust





## Message from the Headteacher

Range High School is a school where children flourish. We challenge all pupils in our school to excel academically and creatively. We have an excellent record for examination success and progress at all levels and our pupils are extremely well prepared for the next step in their education and careers.

Personal development is supported by a long established pastoral care system. We pride ourselves on our nurturing environment where our pupils develop a sense of security and identity, and where they can contribute to both our school and the wider community. We encourage our pupils to make a difference in whatever they do.

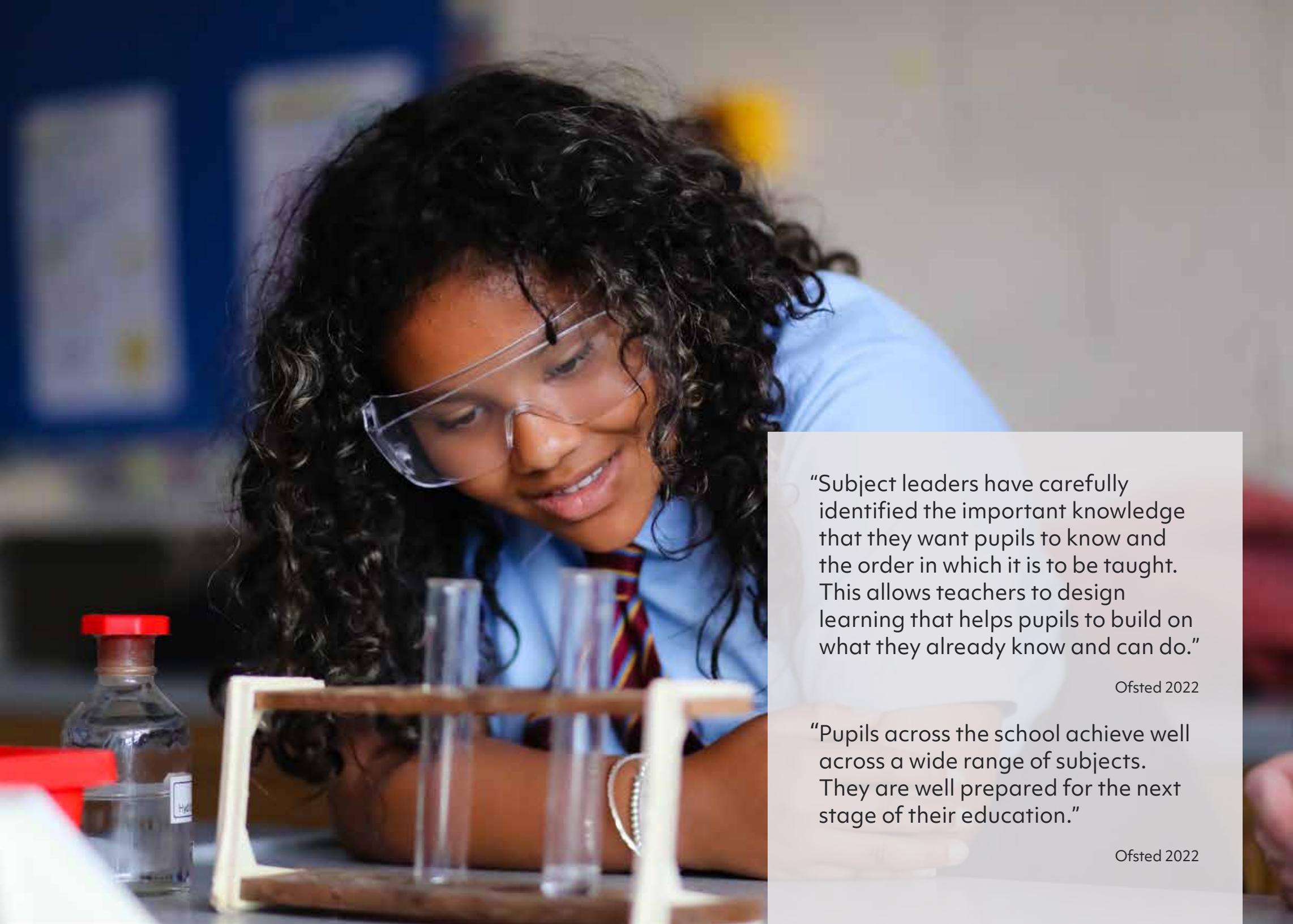
Our school is highly inclusive with a long track record of supporting pupils with varied needs. We strive to create and maintain an environment where all pupils achieve to the very best of their ability. Please take the time to speak to our young people - they really are the best ambassadors for Range. I am certain they will be happy to talk to you about all aspects of their educational experience.

We are delighted to have joined Southport Learning Trust in September 2024. We work closely with our wider family of schools and the Trust Leadership Team to ensure that all of our young people get the very best education possible.

We are very proud of Range High and we look forward to welcoming you.



**Mr M McGarry**  
Headteacher – Range High School



“Subject leaders have carefully identified the important knowledge that they want pupils to know and the order in which it is to be taught. This allows teachers to design learning that helps pupils to build on what they already know and can do.”

Ofsted 2022

“Pupils across the school achieve well across a wide range of subjects. They are well prepared for the next stage of their education.”

Ofsted 2022

## Learning through challenge

At Range High School the quality of GCSE grades or 'Attainment 8' has remained significantly higher than local and national levels since their introduction. This is consistently among the best in Sefton. The number of pupils making better than expected progress in a range of subjects is also consistently higher than the national figure.

Most of our pupils choose to study in our thriving sixth form where achievement at Level 3 (A-Level and vocational courses) is similarly high, with students achieving places on apprenticeships and the university courses of their choice, including a large number starting courses at prestigious Russell Group universities.

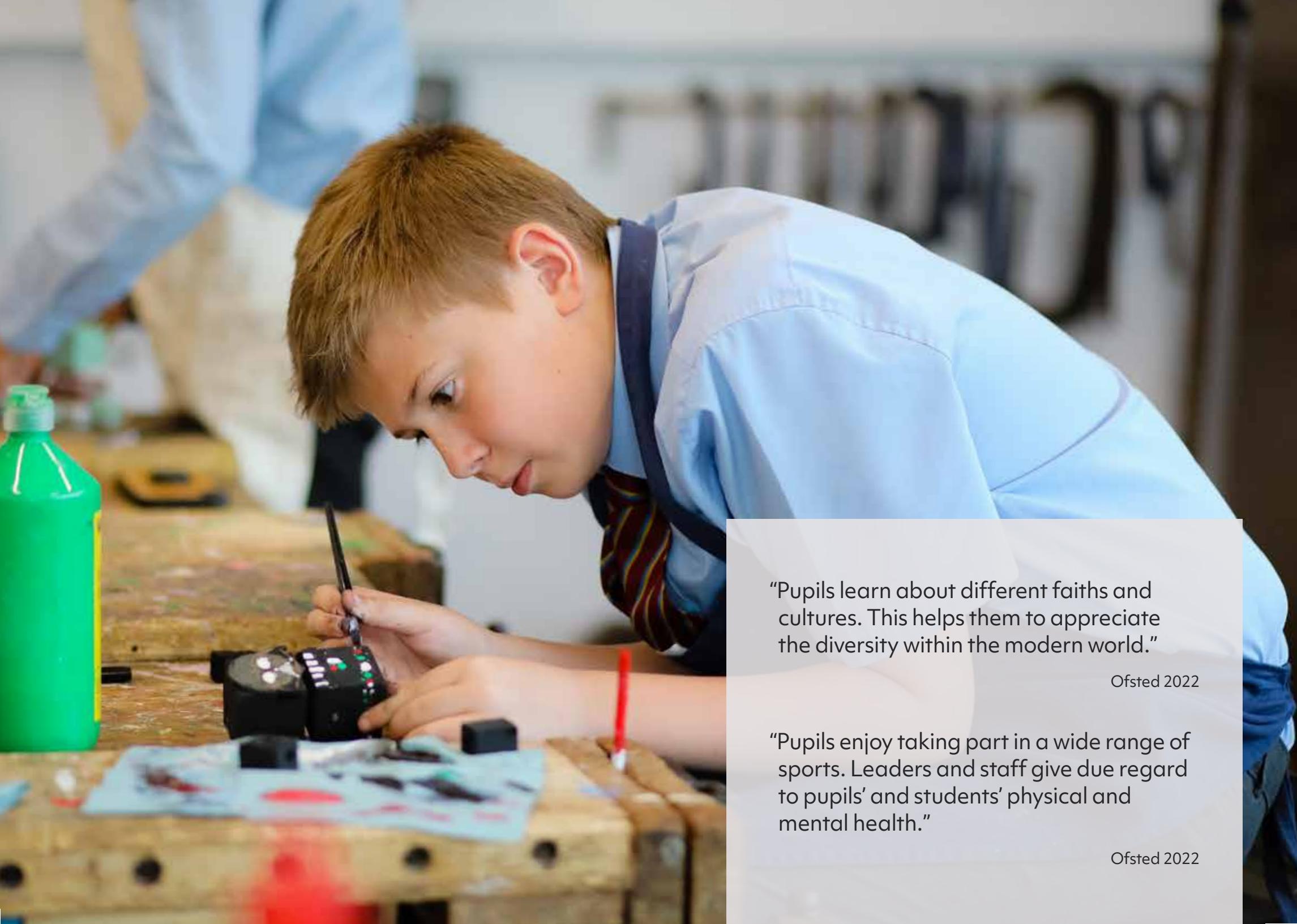
We challenge all our pupils to achieve academically through a varied and personalised curriculum.

We pride ourselves on our curriculum offer. There are a variety of courses to study in Science and Computing. Our Maths and Computer programmes give our pupils many transferable skills in this digital age.

Our PE programmes of study are broad and varied, and there are many opportunities for pupils to develop their sporting and dance talents to different levels. Many of our pupils play sport at county level and beyond. The breadth and quality of our PE programmes have led us to be named Sefton Sports School of the Year on four occasions.

Pupils are also challenged to develop as young adults, supporting younger pupils as literacy and numeracy mentors, sports captains and year council representatives, undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and supporting local and national charity schemes.





“Pupils learn about different faiths and cultures. This helps them to appreciate the diversity within the modern world.”

Ofsted 2022

“Pupils enjoy taking part in a wide range of sports. Leaders and staff give due regard to pupils’ and students’ physical and mental health.”

Ofsted 2022

## **Growing in a supportive environment**

Our year system ensures that each pupil is looked after and their progress monitored by their Head and Assistant Head of Year in addition to their Form Tutor throughout their time at the school.

We expect and maintain high standards of behaviour and pupils take seriously the responsibility they have to make our school a calm and safe place to learn.

Our team of learning mentors and peer mentors are available to offer support when it is needed.

Pupils with different needs are supported by a large, highly skilled team of teaching assistants to help them to achieve their potential across the curriculum including PE and expressive arts subjects.

Our Inclusion Team is ably led by our experienced SENDCO and we have our own qualified nurse on the premises each day.

A specialist team delivers literacy and numeracy support to pupils if and as they need it, and there are differentiated pathways through the curriculum for pupils of different abilities.

The school and year councils give pupils the opportunity to give their views and to shape and contribute to the development of the school.

**"The teachers help you with whatever you need and are very understanding."**

Pupil





## Learning through new opportunities

Our half-termly 'career days' provide time to explore topics in depth, to learn outside the classroom in different groups and with input from invited speakers. Both our Year 11 and Year 12 students get the opportunity to complete a full week of work experience allowing them to develop new skills and make more informed choices on their future.

We also run regular careers fairs, inviting large numbers of employers, apprenticeship providers, colleges and universities into school to meet our students.

We are the largest Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme centre in Sefton and support all pupils who take part.

We offer several international trips every year including destinations such as Iceland, Spain and France as well as our Italian ski trip. All of this is in addition to many local and national trips to enhance our students' learning experience of many aspects of the curriculum.

Pupils develop team skills and confidence through mixed-aged visits to outward-bound centres, such as Winmarleigh Hall in Lancashire. Our pupils are also involved in charity fundraising and significant events such as 'Matthew's Mile' and sponsorship of the East Meru Community School in Tanzania.

Our wealth of performing arts activities include drama groups, choirs, orchestras, jazz bands and dance groups. Individual instrumental lessons are also available. Our annual 'Arts Star' competition gives all pupils the opportunity to showcase their creative talents and develop performance skills. Concerts in school and in the community give performers the chance to shine. Our commitment to the arts of all kinds is recognised in our Artsmark award.

Pupils have the opportunity to be involved in work experience and also take part in activities designed to develop them as entrepreneurs with a strong understanding of business and trading.



"I just wanted to thank you and all of my daughter's teachers for assisting her in such a caring and motivating manner. Thanks to your mentoring and support she has settled in well and is thoroughly enjoying her time at Range."

Parent feedback 2023

"Leaders provide high-quality careers education and guidance for students. Almost all pupils in Year 11 and students in the sixth form move on to education, employment or training."

Ofsted 2022



## Developing confident young adults

At Range High School our pupils learn to take responsibility, to become an active member of our school community and to contribute to the learning and development of others.

We believe that they flourish not only as learners but as young men and women who are clear about their developing role in society and who are ready to play an active part as local, national or global citizens.

The vast majority of our pupils continue their education in our thriving sixth form, where their progress and development continue to be supported by a specialist pastoral team.

In the sixth form students make use of the transferable skills they have learnt by acting as mentors for other pupils, by increasing their independence in preparation for higher education and employment, and by following our extensive enrichment programme.



"I don't know any school that provides the additional support that Range and its staff provide. I am forever grateful and thankful for the journeys my children have experienced through Range High."

Parent feedback 2024

"Our staff and members were very complimentary on how polite, courteous and well behaved the children were. They were a credit to your school."

Local employer feedback 2023



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