



Oldfields Hall
Middle School

'This is a wonderful school. The staff are incredibly hard working, passionate about their work and very caring towards the children'

Parent quote for Ofsted June 2016

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Dear Parents or Carers

I am pleased that you are considering sending your child to Oldfields Hall Middle School. As Headteacher I would like to share with you my vision for the future of the school.

In my experience, parents/carers and teachers want the same thing. We want our children to achieve their potential, we want them to work hard, we want them to be happy and we want them to become good citizens. It is my job to ensure that they are well taught and well behaved.

My vision of Oldfields Hall Middle School is a school based on strong principles. A school where all members of our community are valued. A school where passionate teachers provide engaging, interesting lessons to pupils they care about. A school where pupils are happy and eager to learn and contribute to our community. A school that is civilised and well-ordered and a school where parents/carers are valued partners in ensuring that all of our pupils achieve.

If you share this vision, then perhaps Oldfields Hall Middle School might be the right school for you.

Carl Gliddon
Headteacher



Facilities

The school has beautiful gardens and grounds, with excellent outdoor learning areas. Pupils also benefit from other wonderful resources including an adventure area (the O-Zone), different patio areas for different age-groups and picnic areas. We have an Astroturf pitch, extensive playing fields and a sports track with magnificent views. Our curriculum is enhanced by innovative resources including 3 ICT resource centres, an attractive, well stocked and up-to-date library, Apple Mac computers for creative subjects and iPads.

Community and Governors

We work hard to be a community school and encourage pupils to be committed citizens through initiatives which enable pupils to care for our local environment and community. We take care over our transition programme and this is appreciated by our new pupils. In 2015 we introduced a Summer school for Year 5 which thanks to its success is now an established part of the transition process.

We foster a caring approach through the support of a number of charities chosen by the children. Our active and supportive team of school governors challenge us continuously to improve what we offer to children and parents at the school.

Before and After School Care Happy Hours Fun Club

We work in partnership with Happy Hours Fun Club to provide wraparound affordable and safe childcare on the school site from 7.00am to 6pm.

The School Curriculum

We provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all children and aim to make learning varied and interesting. Information is sent home every term outlining the topics covered in all subject areas. Children are timetabled from the start with specialist teachers in main subjects. Year 5 classes are taught in their tutor groups in most subjects.

- As soon as children start in Year 5, they are placed in ability groups for Maths and English.
- Some lesson groups are taught in mixed ability classes: most practical subject groups especially further up the school have smaller class sizes.
- Swimming instruction takes place at local facilities if children are not able to swim 25 metres.



School visits – providing broader and more enjoyable learning experiences:

The school is proud of the wide range and variety of Extra Activities on offer to pupils which enrich the curriculum. We offer a half week residential outdoor education course at Laches Wood Centre to Year 5 pupils. A week long residential outdoor education programme is also offered to Year 7 pupils at the Standon Bowers Centre. Year 8 pupils are offered a week long Sports Tour and a week long trip to France.

A few examples of educational visits from last year include;

- A year 8 trip to The Arboretum War Memorial in Alrewas as part of the War Literature unit,
- A London theatre trip to see Peter Pan. In

PE and Sport Success

PE and Games have a very high profile at Oldfields Hall. Games clubs run almost every day at lunchtime and after school. There is a huge enthusiasm for sport and many school sporting teams regularly play matches against other local schools. We have a variety of house matches throughout the year, giving all pupils the opportunity to participate for their house. We finish the year with Sports Day which gives all pupils the chance to take part in a wide range of activities and events.

We hold the 'Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award 2016-17 and have maintained Gold status for the past 4 years.

The School Games Mark was launched in June 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community via club links.

These are some of our amazing achievements over the last year:

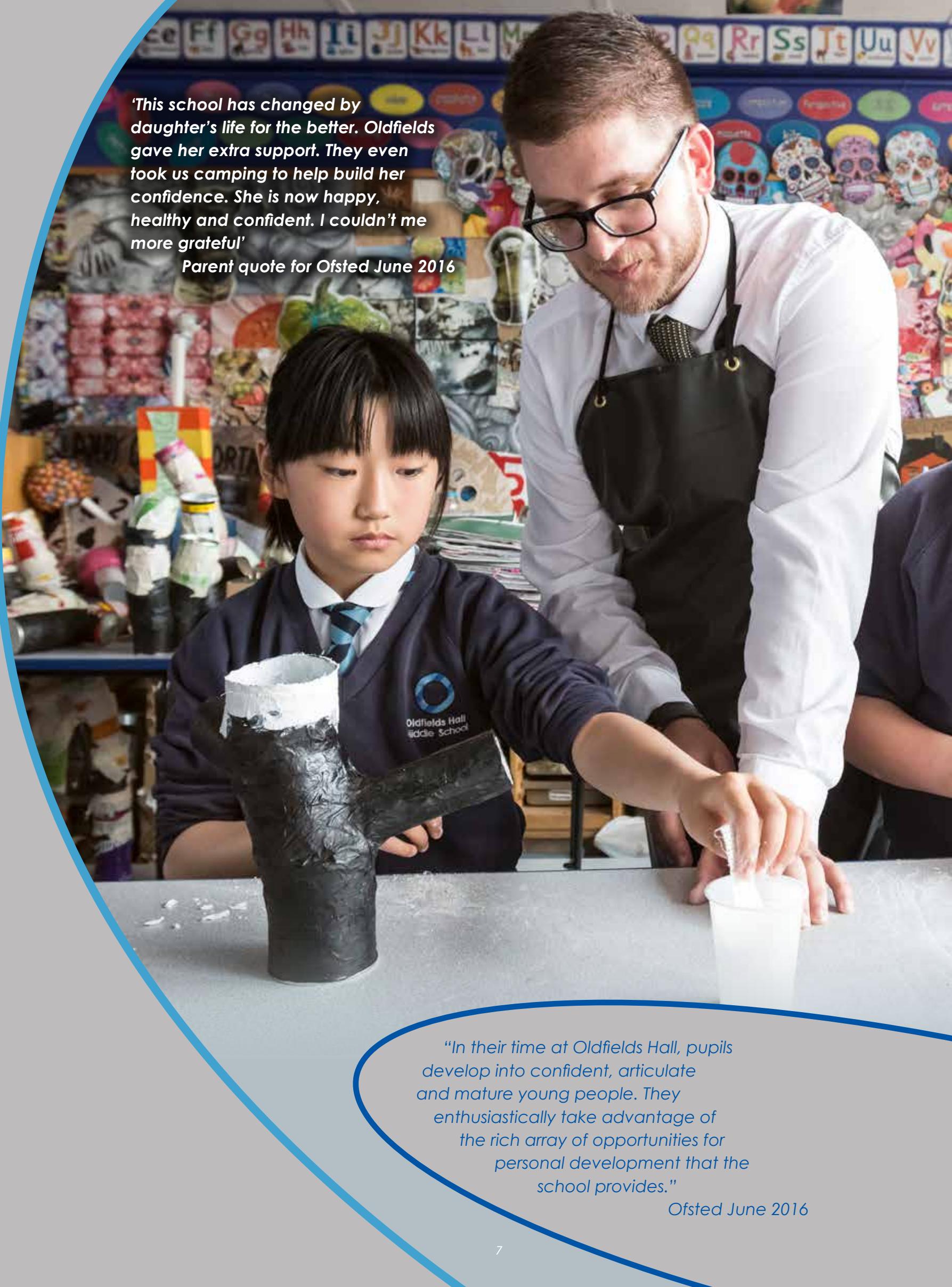
- Yr 7 & 8 Girls Rugby – East Staffordshire champions and Staffordshire champions
- Yr 7 Boys Football – Winners of the Burton and District league
- Yr 7 Boys Football – Winners of the Staffordshire County Cup
- Yr 5 & 6 Boys Football – East Staffordshire champions.
- Yr 5 & 6 Mixed Indoor Athletics – 3rd at Burton and District championships
- Yr 5 & 6 Girls Cricket – East Staffordshire champions.

addition every year the Music department offers a residential weekend of intensive music making at Ingestre Hall.

- Participation in a National Public Speaking competition organised by the Rotary Club of Uttoxeter.
- A London trip to visit the landmarks
- A trip to Twycross Zoo
- Social trips including ice skating and Drayton Manor theme park.

'This school has changed by daughter's life for the better. Oldfields gave her extra support. They even took us camping to help build her confidence. She is now happy, healthy and confident. I couldn't me more grateful'

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"In their time at Oldfields Hall, pupils develop into confident, articulate and mature young people. They enthusiastically take advantage of the rich array of opportunities for personal development that the school provides."

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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

All teachers are teachers of pupils with Special Educational Needs and disabilities (SEND) and we are a Dyslexia Friendly (enhanced status) school.

We aim to provide a broad, balanced and relevant education, adopting a graduated response in order to accommodate special educational needs and disabilities.

Based on an audit of need, and in line with school policies, we may plan interventions and make reasonable adjustments to aid inclusion.

We make full use of available classroom-based and school-based resources before referral to outside agencies.

This work is co-ordinated by our Special Needs coordinator (SENCO)
Mrs McMullan.

Sex and Relationships Education

This is taught as an integral part of the Science teaching programme in Year 6 and 7, and is a part of the PSHE programme in Years 5, 6 and 8. The Science element covers aspects of human physical and emotional development. Parents are invited to an evening where the course materials for PHSE are discussed. If you need further information, please contact the school office.

Respect is important at Oldfields Hall

In assemblies and in our day to day dealings with pupils, respect for others and the need to make a difference every day are central. Every year a selection of Year 8 pupils train as Peer Counsellors who support Year 5 pupils to settle in during their first two terms, for example, by running a Friendship Club. Peer Counsellors also make themselves available to support pupils with problems in all year groups. The work of the Peer Counsellors in enriching lives and making a difference has been consistently praised by OFSTED inspectors in their reports.

The school actively opposes bullying, racism and discrimination

If you are concerned that your child is unhappy at school for whatever reason, please contact your child's class teacher or Progress Manager as soon as possible. There are many things we can do to make a difference.



Oldfields Hall Parents, Staff and Friends Association – the PSFA

A committed and enthusiastic group of parents and staff work extremely hard to raise funds for the school. This money is used to enhance the educational experience for all pupils.

Last year, the PSFA's main fundraising events were the Christmas Fair and the Summer Fair.

The PSFA have also supported and fundraised at: the Year 5 "Spooktacular" Evening, the Christmas Concert, Uttoxeter's Christmas Cracker, "Oldfields at the Movies" and "Oliver!" by selling refreshments and organising raffles.

If you need any further information the best place to look is the school website www.oldfields.org.uk for:

- News and newsletters
- Many photos of recent school activities
- How to apply for a school place
- Much more detail on routines and procedures in the full prospectus section
- Policy statements, including our Special Educational Needs Policy.
- Happy Hours Fun Club Before and After School Club
- "Departments" and "Course Summaries" for each area of learning

The money they have raised has purchased the following in the last 2 years: picnic benches (at the request of the School Council), new speakers, stage lighting and staging blocks for the hall, reward trips for pupils in each year group, Amazon gift vouchers for end of year rewards, rugby kits for the school teams, a casting system for Design and Technology, library books, iPads, books to support SEN provision, prizes for Awards evening and departmental prizes.

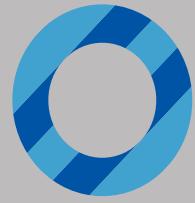
- How we spent the extra for Free School Meals students – the "Pupil Premium"
- Religious Education arrangements
- And much more!

If you would like to know more, please contact the school office – 01889 562770 – to arrange a visit to look around and see what we could offer your child.

Relationships in classrooms are strong. Teachers know their pupils well and pupils, in turn, trust their teachers. Pupils support each other in lessons and they are keen and eager to do well. Consequently classrooms provide a safe environment where pupils are able to learn.

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