

Oakmont School

Prospectus
2025/2026





Oakmont School
Empower and Inspire



Welcome

Oakmont School is a small welcoming independent school located in Cardiff Bay for pupils aged 9-18.

We exist for young people who have found that mainstream education cannot meet their needs - not because they are unable to learn - but because the system was not designed for them. Our role is to provide a safe, calm and nurturing environment where pupils can heal, grow and rediscover confidence in themselves and in learning.

With nearly two decades of experience in specialist education across Wales, my approach is rooted in empathy, high expectations and unconditional positive regard. We believe that when children feel safe, understood and valued, real change becomes possible.

At Oakmont School our classes are small, with no more than six pupils supported by a teacher and two learning support assistants. This allows us to provide the consistency, structure and the individual attention our pupils need.

We believe education should do more than deliver qualifications. It should build confidence, resilience, relationships and hope for the future. My aim is to ensure Oakmont School is a place where every young person feels safe, supported and able to succeed.

Welcome to Oakmont School.
I hope you find this prospectus useful.

Adam Mainwaring
Headteacher



**Oakmont School follows the
National Curriculum for Wales.**

**To enrich their learning
experience, pupils also enjoy
a wide range of vocational
skills and activities, both on
and off-site, that support their
health and wellbeing
alongside their education.**



Learning and Living

Our pupils access a broad and balanced curriculum that offers continuity and progression whilst also being active and fun.

We aim to understand and support your child's individual abilities, personal interests and learning preferences to provide them with a curriculum that is adaptable, motivating and meaningful to them.

The foundation for our curriculum is the Curriculum for Wales which includes the following areas of learning:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Science and Technology
- Humanities
- Language, Literacy and Communication
- Maths and Numeracy
- Expressive Arts

We also place an emphasis on social, emotional and physical wellbeing as pupils learn best and achieve more when they are calm, motivated and happy.

In addition to their classroom sessions, pupils can spend time working out in our fully-equipped gym or playing table tennis. They can have one-to-one time in the quiet room, hang out or grow strawberries in the gardens or tend to our frogs and stick insects.



Class sizes are small with no more than six pupils per class.

Each classroom has a teacher and two Learning Support Assistants.

This means that lessons are calm and pupils are given the support and attention they need, when they need it.

Wellbeing

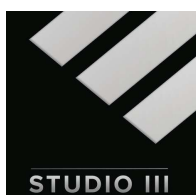
At Oakmont School our pupils' wellbeing is a big priority.

As well as learning for life, pupils here are supported to feel good, happy, healthy and confident. Our aim is to strike a balance between classroom-curriculum-based learning and activities that promote a sense of emotional, physical and social wellbeing.

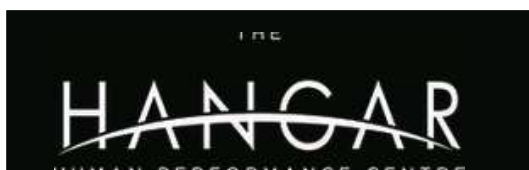
If they are not attending sessions on how to plan for that dream career, or scoping out options for Further Education or training, our pupils could be boxing, playing table tennis or football, or doing circuits in the school gym. They might decide that animal care, hair and beauty or construction skills are their thing.

We often welcome visitors from the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, or a School Beat officer, to talk about fire safety or staying safe online and in the community.

We work with the local NHS Dietetics team to deliver Agored Cymru accreditations in Healthy Cooking, while Studio3 offers individualised support to help pupils stay calm, focused, motivated and positive.



Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub
De Cymru
South Wales
Fire and Rescue Service



Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales





Our three key principles

HARD WORK

do your best at all times

RESPECT

for all staff and pupils

KINDNESS

towards each other always



Admissions

Oakmont School is a mixed-gender school registered for children between 9-18 years old.

We can support pupils from any local authority as admissions are not restricted to the authority we are located in. We can also have new pupils start with us any time throughout the year.

The admissions process starts when we receive a formal referral. This enquiry typically comes from a local authority education placements team.

If you are a parent/carer who is interested in Oakmont School for your child you are welcome to make contact or visit our website to find out more. However, parents are unable to formally refer.

Parents/carers who are interested in a placement at Oakmont School are advised to make contact with their local authority education team and discuss with them whether other suitable local authority options might be available in the first instance.

If the parents and the local authority placements team agree that Oakmont School may present a suitable option then the placing team within that authority will send a formal referral to the school.

Should there be a vacancy at the time, then our Referrals Manager will make direct contact with the parents to arrange an assessment/visit with the school Headteacher and/or Deputy Head.

What do people say about Oakmont School?

‘...they always listen to the young peoples’ voices.’ ‘The school adapts to suit the needs of the children.’ ‘Oakmont School provides great opportunities for young people.’ ‘...he always says how much he likes school.’ ‘100% outstanding with the amount of communication the school provides.’ ‘Keep up the hard work.’ ‘I have noticed the difference in him in just six months.’ ‘Thank you for all your help and support.’ ‘The staff team always strive for the best possible outcomes.’ ‘The staff are all approachable and friendly.’ ‘They always have time to discuss the needs of the young people.’ ‘The staff know every pupil personally which builds a relationship of trust.’

Key Information

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Key Dates for 2025/2026

Term	Start	Half Term	End	Inset Days
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 st September	Monday 20 th - Friday 31 st October	Friday 19 th December	Monday 1 st September Friday 19 th December
Winter 2026	Monday 5 th January	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February	Friday 27 th March	Monday 5 th January
Spring 2026	Monday 13 th April	Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	Friday 17 th July	Monday 13 th April Friday 10 th July



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