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History of WPT

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The Wickersley Partnership Trust was created on the 12th of March 2014. The very first school to join/make the Trust was Wickersley in March 2014, then Rawmarsh in August 2014, after Rawmarsh was Aston Hall and Aston Lodge also in August but in 2016, then comes Thrybergh and Ashwood in September 2016, Monkwood and Sandhill come in to join in October 2016, then in December 2017, Clifton joins the party, and to this day more join the Wickersley Partnership Trust. Then the first school out of Rotherham was The Gainsborough Academy, then the last schools were Thrybergh Academy and Foljambe Primary school in February 2021.



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PARTNERSHIP
TRUST.

As we've already said, the Trust was created in 2014, when Wickersley School and Sports College academised.

The current CEO is Helen O'Brien, who has been CEO since 2018.

The WPT aims to send all young people into an ever changing world, able and qualified to play their full part in it.

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Student and staff opinions



We have asked multiple questions to trust members, lets see what they said.

Group 1: Very good because the student council gather together and discuss ideas and the schools are well presented. We think the Trust could encourage even more cross-Trust events and maybe something like student voice, because it would allow you to socialise and it encourage us to be a community. We're not as open to each other as we could be and don't know about each others schools and there should be a platform for all students from all schools have a way to chat.

Group 2: We enjoy being apart of the trust, but I think it could be better if there were more trip opportunities, more primary schools added to the trust.

Helen O'Brien has pushed to promote wellbeing for staff over the past few years by putting the above in place a holding events such as staff wellbeing activities.

We spoke to Scott Gunn, Senior Marketing and Communication Manager who said "it's very good working for the trust and I like to get involved in lots of different things, for example the school report." Scott went on to say "I used to work in IT, but always built websites as a hobby." A member of staff left so I offered to take on the websites, and then eventually it became my full time job"

"One thing I'd change is more investment from the government so there's more things that could be paid for."

Scott is an example of a member of staff that has seen the evolution of WPT.

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Trust Collaborations



The Wickersley Partnership trust has had many collaborations with events and after school clubs to start with the one of the biggest ones. The 2025 children's capital of culture as I did it last year was to make a film for young people to try and see different cultures, from different countries.

Rotherham School Games try to help children to try different sports or try to go in competition to see if they want to do more sports and to promote physical education. They offer events such as Girls Sports Week, Festival of Sports and competitions that allow children to qualify to compete up to a National level.

Recently WPT partnered up with Limetrees to offer additional rap around care to all primary schools. This is to help follow the government's scheme to offer wrap around care earlier in the morning and later at night to help support working families around the UK.



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What other people think



My school was called Thorogate, which was not part of the WPT. Coming from Primary to Secondary was different, but it was even more unique when I learned about the WPT, I now see different schools, different people, and different events, but its not just me, another friend who also came from my class in Thorogate is joining in this event. - **Aiden, Rawmarsh Community School**

In my opinion I think WPT is a good thing for school because loads of schools are working as a team but I would change how short the break times are because teachers shout at us because we still have energy. I think it is a good thing because we get to meet and see other schools. - **Willow, Rawmarsh Ashwood.**

In my opinion, WPT is a really good trust as all the schools work together as a team, and if I was to say is it bad or good I would say that it is really good and helpful as it helps you see other schools. If I could change anything it would be that all schools have the same amount of break and dinner times. - **Meadow, Rawmarsh Sandhill.**

These are our opinions, but we hope we've helped you make your own.