

HOW TO CREATE A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Inspirational wall signage can transform the look & feel of a school.
Read our case study and learn how we worked with one school
to create a positive learning environment.

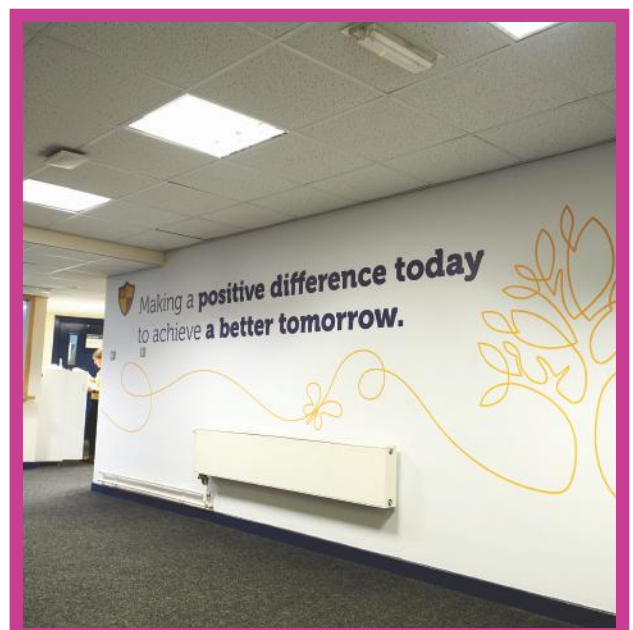


HOW WALL SIGNAGE FOR SCHOOLS CAN INSPIRE PUPILS AND CREATE A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The clever use of wall signage in schools is an attractive, cost effective and low maintenance way to transform bland corridors and uninspiring areas into informative, educational and aspirational spaces. Here we take a closer look at how the wall art specialists from Inspired Visual helped one school brighten up the fabric of its school buildings.

THE CHALLENGE: TO CREATE A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Prenton High School for Girls is an all-ability, all-girls' school serving local communities in the Wirral. The school prides itself on encouraging and inspiring pupils to be the very best that they can be. Key to this is the promotion of Prenton's core values of trust, respect, integrity, kindness and endeavour, which underpin everything the school does. The school was keen to improve the look and feel of its buildings, and in particular, ensure the school's values were prominent and highlighted to pupils, staff, visitors and governors.



THE SOLUTION

STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING A PRODUCTIVE AND POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Deputy Headteacher Geraldine Fraser contacted Matthew Newlove from Inspired Visual after learning about the company via its website. Matthew visited the school to get a clearer idea of the type and style of improvements required, see first-hand which areas would lend themselves to the range of wall art solutions available and identify the best locations and vistas for greatest impact.

Following the site visit, Matthew and his designers prepared and costed a proposal to transform the school's ideas into reality. The team offered advice on suitable themes and designs, specifically tailored to the school's layout, budget and bespoke branding. The proposal suggested a two-phase improvement approach as follows:

PHASE 1

- Create large-scale 'Vision and Value' displays for the school canteen and main stairwells.
- Design and install conformable corridor wraps featuring inspirational quotes.
- Produce a new reception display to create a warm welcome and positive first impression.

PHASE 2

- Create aspirational stairwell wall art including a display to promote key life attributes for students to develop: leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication.
- Brighten up the science laboratories with a floor-to-ceiling 'Periodic Table of the Elements' graphic and a 'History of the Atom' information board
- Develop a series of interactive educational graphics of the human body's muscular system for use in the sports hall
- Develop new branding – 'The Beacon Guiding you to Success' – for the special educational needs area and create a striking new 'Wonder Wall' to celebrate excellence, promote high quality work and celebrate the achievement of pupils with additional needs



EXECUTION MADE EASY

Designs and locations were confirmed, and it was agreed that the first phase of improvements would be carried out during the summer holidays in 2019, principally to minimise disruption to pupils, staff and visitors. Matthew liaised with Geraldine to arrange for an installation team to carry out the work at a pre-agreed time and date. The second phase of improvements took place a few months later in November.

A range of wall art solutions were installed in the school, from interchangeable graphic display frames to interactive magnetic wall art and one-piece self-adhesive vinyl graphics which take on the exact shape of corridors and brickwork.



IMPRESSIVE RESULTS

Blank walls, uninspiring classrooms and bland corridors are a thing of the past at Prenton High School for Girls. The school now boasts attractive, inspirational and educational features around every corner: visitors receive a warm welcome and a positive first impression of the school; the Periodic Table and atom displays, together with the magnetic human body boards in the sports hall, allow pupils to test and improve their knowledge at a glance, perfect in the run up to science tests and examinations; the 'Vision and Values' ensure the school's positive school ethos is consistently reinforced; the inspirational quotes in the corridors and canteen raise a smile daily.

The improvements are helping to reinforce school values and promote the development of young people with skills and attributes for the future. In the words of the school's Head of Learning Support, *"the Wonder Wall has lifted the classrooms and had a much bigger impact on the pupils than I would ever have expected. They are far more engaged and proud as punch to see their achievements and progress recognised."*

Geraldine Fraser, Deputy Headteacher of Prenton High School for Girls said: *"The Inspired Visual team is clearly highly experienced working in a school environment, which made the project so much easier. They were a delight to work with, kept us up to date on progress, responded to questions promptly and even worked throughout the weekend to minimise disruption to pupils, staff and visitors. The installation was completed on time and on budget and has helped to create an inspiring and welcoming environment for the whole school community."*

The work has been so well received by pupils, staff, parents, visitors and governors; we had a wonderful start to the school year. We have plans for the next stage of work and look forward to working with Matthew and his fantastic team again in the future."



GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to create a more inspiring school environment for pupils, staff, parents and visitors, please get in touch. We can offer you a ready-made solution or create bespoke signage; the choice is yours. Simply get in touch and we'll do the rest.

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