



Introduction

We are delighted that you are considering sending your child to Westwood. The College is a welcoming and fully inclusive 13 -18 high school with a longstanding tradition of success. Set in delightful grounds on the western edge of Leek, the College is popular with parents and our admission number of 200 is regularly oversubscribed. Students tell us they enjoy working here; they make strong progress and go on to a full range of exciting and rewarding careers. Our recent involvements with Ofsted have only reinforced that view and we are currently rated as a “Good” School.

However, we are not complacent. We will always seek to improve and challenge ourselves, we are completely committed to providing a stimulating, varied and rewarding education and strive to make sure our students leave us with the qualifications, ambition and appetite for learning, and the confidence to thrive in an ever changing.

In recent years the College has been closely associated with Leek High School and Churnet View Middle School and in April 2016, on our conversion to academy status, all three schools became part of the Talentum Multi Academy Trust. This has enabled increasingly effective collaboration on a range of issues, one of which has been the provision of a comprehensive high quality Sixth Form experience. The Leek Federation Sixth Form has over 350 students and is one of the largest academic post-16 providers in the County, attracting students from a wide area.

Visitors never fail to be impressed by our students, the environment of our College and the professionals who work here. I have every confidence in recommending Westwood to all parents who are seeking a high quality education for their children.

R. Hey
Headteacher





Our Vision

‘To use the power of education to enable students to achieve their full potential, become equipped to be able to make choices and to go on to lead a successful and fulfilling adult life’

Values

To encourage and support students to help them grow to their full potential and to develop confidence and pride in their achievements.

To work in partnership, with students and parents to make the most of the high quality education available.

To challenge and stretch our students even when they may doubt themselves.

To be Inclusive of all in our community.

Provide a caring environment: We seek to ensure that every student is happy, safe and able to thrive.

To help our students to develop and maintain **positive relationships** and reasoned, informed attitudes, values and beliefs.



Expectations

Always aim to **be the best you can be** and to be proud of who you are.

To foster links with our community and beyond and to **promote a tolerance** of different beliefs and cultures.

Staff and students are **valued as individuals** and as part of the school community, able to **work together to make a difference**.

Students enjoy learning and aim high.

School

We offer **opportunity**, provide **inspiration**, present challenges and promote equality.

We recognise and **celebrate success, contribution and participation**, both in lessons and beyond.

We offer a **broad, balanced and appropriate** curriculum for all students.

Students can **experience opportunities** to develop the necessary skills for them to achieve success whichever pathway they choose.

We strive to **ensure a positive learning environment**; students learn best when they are motivated, interested and **behave well**.

We believe that all students have the right to **access high quality education**, regardless of race, gender or disability.



Students

Are respectful, mature and support each other.

We work together in a civilised community where we encourage students to be caring, develop intellectual curiosity and a sense of pride in themselves and in the College.





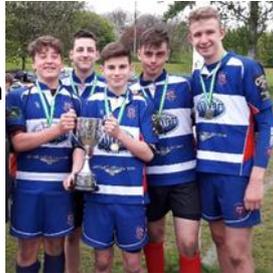
What about?

Lunchtimes

All students remain on the site to have a College meal or have packed lunch. A 'Cashless' catering system is used at both break and lunchtime.

Beyond lessons

Lunchtime and after College staff offer a range of activities, from drama, music, sport, fitness, science and film clubs, revision and catch-up sessions.



We have highly successful teams in a range of sports, including badminton, basketball, cross country, cricket, hockey, netball, rugby, football, swimming and tennis.

Instrumental music lessons are provided by arrangement with a non-profit making company named "Music For Life". Our Recent Drama productions include: "Sweeney Todd", "The Sound of Music", "Little shop of Horrors" and "Bugsy Malone".



Homework

Regular homework is a relevant and valuable part of education and supports exam success. Students are issued with a planner in which to record tasks set and parents are asked to check these and offer any support possible.

Parents can also write messages in the planner to communicate with tutors and teachers.

Behaviour

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a civilised manner: to show consideration for people and property, the principle of respect and courtesy are key elements. Poor behaviour is dealt with and sanctions involve, litter duties, detentions and sometimes exclusions. We do not tolerate poor behaviour.

Uniform

Students in Year 9 to 11 must wear full school uniform. We believe students should look smart at all times and be proud of their school.



Educational visits

Many of our courses involve educational visits to support the work done in College. Most main study visits are of one day duration. A few are residential within the UK and abroad. The quality of these experiences does impact on the academic and social development of those who participate and adds to the vibrancy and variety of school life.

Special Needs

Students with special educational needs are often identified before arrival. Individual and small group tuition is arranged where necessary. Students are also supported in normal classes.

At Westwood we recognise that students who are very able also need attention paying to their needs. In addition to enhancement work in subject areas there is a special programme of support for potential Oxbridge candidates throughout Year 12.



What do people say about Westwood?

OFSTED REPORT: October 2015

“Behaviour is very good, relationships between students and staff are strong; the College is an orderly and safe community where students are courteous, well-mannered and welcoming.”

“The College has a relentless drive to improve teaching and students’ learning even further.”

“Students achieve well; most students make good progress; teaching is carefully personalised to meet their needs.”



“The curriculum is broad, balanced and driven by the College’s commitment to inclusion and its determination that all students should be valued and have the opportunity to succeed.”

What our Parents Say

“Westwood is a happy school. The students are well behaved and enjoy learning.”

“Westwood provides an excellent preparation for adult life both academically and in terms of personal development.”

“My children are making excellent progress; they are listened to, encouraged and get lots of guidance about their futures. As a parent I could not ask for better.”



What the Students Say

“I’m really happy at Westwood and I know I’ve got more confidence since I started here.”

“I like the way you’re given responsibility and treated like an adult; the atmosphere in lessons makes you really want to learn.”



“Students demonstrate a great deal of respect for both the College and the teachers, a respect which is reciprocated by the staff. Coming to Westwood has, for me, been the best thing I could have done.”

Further information is available on the College website. www.office@tltl.org.uk

We look forward to working with you!

