



The Talentum Learning Trust



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Dear Parent/Carer

Transition to Westwood College

We are pleased to inform you that we are about to allocate our new intake of students for September 2023 to their pastoral and academic groups. You will be aware that one of the great strengths of schooling in Leek is the continuity of education at the age of 13. We work closely with your school to ensure a smooth transition to Westwood College to prepare the ground well for vital GCSE courses and beyond.

At Westwood your son/daughter will be taught in some mixed ability classes, with the core curriculum of English, Maths, Sciences and Languages grouped according to their current ability levels. We try to ensure that all teaching groups have a mix of students with different talents and we consult closely with your child's school teachers to gain the relevant information to help us.

We would like to ask our new students to complete a short electronic personal questionnaire where they are asked to nominate particular friends with whom they would like to work.

We would ask that you review their responses before it is submitted. The questionnaire can be found by using this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/eAGpCeHNqf>

The form can also be accessed via the College and St Edward's website. (To find it on our website please go to the heading Parents, open the new page and look for the New Intake Students 2023 heading and open the link). **Please ensure your son/daughter submits their request by Wednesday 17th May 2022.**

We do ask that you appreciate the importance to us of ensuring an even mix of gender, abilities and talents within each teaching group, as well as providing those students with special educational needs the support they require. For these reasons we must stress that we **are unable to guarantee** to meet the requests of all students. If you have any concerns regarding positive or negative friendships please email Westwood College (wwc.office@ttl.org.uk) and include **Y8 Transition** in the email so it can be distributed to the relevant staff.

We would like to invite all parents and new students to an Information evening on **Monday 3rd July at 6.30 pm**, when there will be an opportunity to meet with the Y9 Pastoral Leader and the allocated Tutor, visit the site, and get further details such as lunch arrangements, Uniform and PE kit requirements.

Inspiring Students for Ambitious Futures

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In addition, your son/daughter will be invited to spend 2 days at Westwood from Tuesday 4th July to Wednesday 5th July inclusive when they will experience some lessons with their new classmates.

We strongly believe that the support of parents is an essential ingredient to success in education. Westwood works hard to develop strong home/College links and we hope that we can work together to ensure that your son/daughter enjoys a very positive, enjoyable and successful experience throughout their time with us.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Taylor', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Taylor
Head Teacher