

WEST HATCH HIGH SCHOOL



THE BEST THAT I CAN BE

Welcome

West Hatch is a special place. We are a family dedicated to all our students excelling academically and personally in our school, and beyond, by seizing the opportunities we provide.

At West Hatch we expand students' horizons, we open doors and help students to believe in themselves. We have exceptionally high aspirations for their future.

We have a fine academic track record and our staff work very hard to ensure our students achieve exceptionally well. Throughout our curriculum we develop the skills, knowledge and understanding to be successful from Year 7 to 13 and beyond, so that students are able to forge the best possible careers and futures.

We are a caring, innovative, forward thinking school which believes in the highest possible standards of behaviour so that all students are able to thrive.

Daniel Leonard
Headteacher



Achievement

West Hatch is a vibrant school with an excellent record of achievement. We have teachers who are passionate about their subjects.

A focus on enquiry and a love of learning defines West Hatch and is also what makes students time here rewarding and fun. We use a wide range of teaching methods. We expect our students to be ambitious, work hard and take advantage of the facilities and opportunities available to them. As a result they become self-motivated and independent learners, which provides a sound basis for many of them accessing top universities and employment.

Our student body devised our school motto and the qualities needed to achieve it.

To be the "Best I Can Be" I need to...

Be determined and persevere · Be respectful · Be responsible

Be considerate · Be ready to achieve · Be proud



Learning

We understand at West Hatch how students learn and we know how to apply the best teaching methods to suit individuals.

Teachers constantly improve their skills through further training and this in turn impacts positively on the quality of teaching in the classroom. Staff motivate and enthuse students to learn. We transform lives and increase life chances. We prepare students for a world that is changing quickly, becoming infinitely more complex, demanding and exciting.

We are fortunate to have an excellent range of facilities. As well as classrooms fully equipped with the latest technology we have a large number of computer suites, science laboratories and specialist spaces for the arts, sports and technology.



Expectations

We have the highest possible expectations of our students in terms of behaviour, attitude to learning and respect for others. We expect a great deal of our students. They expect much of West Hatch in return. It's what defines a school that wants its students to reach and exceed their potential.

By the time our students leave us we expect them to be:

- thoughtful, responsible citizens, positive about the world they live in
- good listeners and communicators
- flexible and able to respond to new opportunities
- independent thinkers, problem solvers and lifelong learners
- honest, reliable, respectful and dependable
- able to accept and handle responsibility

We continually recognise and celebrate those students who buy into our ethos and expectations throughout every year in the school.



Opportunity

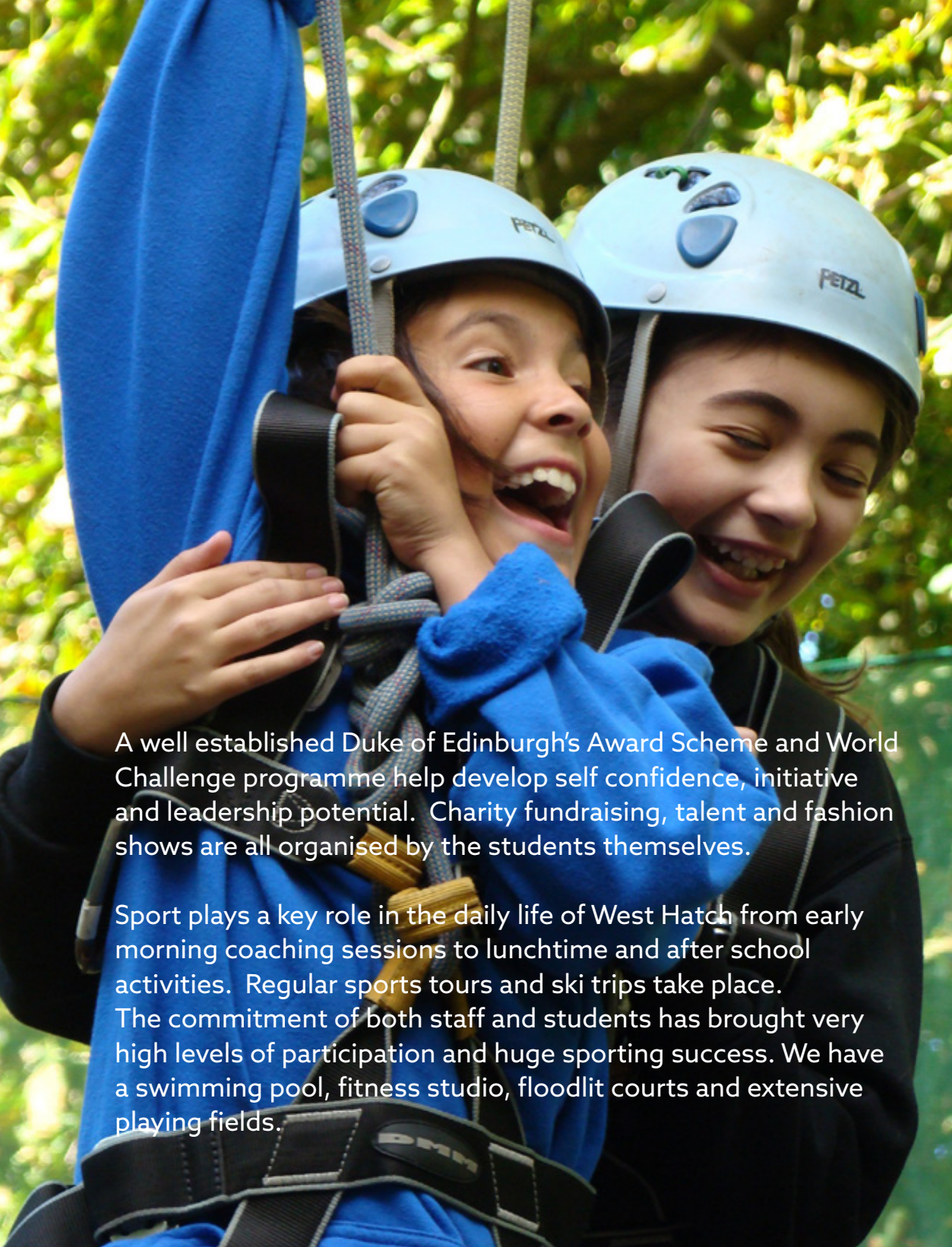
West Hatch offers a fantastic education for your children. An innovative exciting curriculum with lots of personal choice is enriched with a wealth of creative and sporting activity both in and beyond the school day.



We have developed a strong reputation as a centre for artistic excellence whether it be music, dance, drama or art. School productions range from Shakespeare to musicals and include both aspiring actors and those who just want to join in and have fun. Students perform at high profile London venues and events.



They regularly enjoy fieldwork trips, adventure experiences, residential camps, visits to the theatre, museums and galleries. Having secured International School Status students have the chance to visit and work abroad. Recent trips have included Brazil, Ecuador, Africa, Sri Lanka, China and India, which all help to broaden their horizons.



A well established Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and World Challenge programme help develop self confidence, initiative and leadership potential. Charity fundraising, talent and fashion shows are all organised by the students themselves.

Sport plays a key role in the daily life of West Hatch from early morning coaching sessions to lunchtime and after school activities. Regular sports tours and ski trips take place. The commitment of both staff and students has brought very high levels of participation and huge sporting success. We have a swimming pool, fitness studio, floodlit courts and extensive playing fields.



Care

West Hatch is a family. Our Pastoral Team is outstanding and we take great pride in our ability to care effectively for all of our students; our staff really do go the extra mile to remove any barriers that might stop students achieving their potential. Through our ethos we teach students the value of being respectful and considerate to others and this is further developed throughout our curriculum and through our House System, which provides students with regular opportunities to work with others outside of their year group.



From the time students' start with us in Year 7, we provide extensive information, support and guidance to them and their parents to help them consider potential careers and opportunities for their future. We have exceptionally high aspirations for all of our students and will do what we can to open doors for them towards successful lives. Throughout their time with us, personal tutors track both their academic progress and personal development and provide an invaluable link with parents.



Sixth Form

The journey of all our students throughout their time at West Hatch is incredibly important to us; whether you are beginning in Year 7 or leaving us at the end of Year 13 after 7 years; our family ethos permeates everything we do. Our Sixth Form is a vibrant learning community and an integral part of the school.

Our curriculum is flexible with different routes and qualifications on offer. Excellent results coupled with outstanding progress make our Sixth Form a popular choice with the majority of our students staying on after Year 11.

We have high aspirations and all our students are personally supported whilst making their applications to their choice of university or higher apprenticeships.

Students have the opportunity to become involved in a variety of opportunities to reference these skills from Peer Mentoring to Subject Ambassadors, the Duke of Edinburgh Award to our Reading Support Scheme, there are a wealth of opportunities on offer, including our timetabled 'Hatch Extra' sessions which cover self-defence, healthy living away from home and Student Finance to name a few topics.

Our Sixth Formers act as excellent role models to younger years and make a valuable contribution to life at West Hatch.





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