West Hatch High School

THE BEST THAT I CAN BE

Welcome

West Hatch is a special place. As Headteacher, I am proud to lead a school where academic excellence, character development, and a supportive community are central to our mission. Our motto, "To be the best that I can be," reflects our commitment to helping every student achieve their full potential.

We provide high-quality teaching, foster a spirit of kindness and inclusivity, and offer diverse opportunities for personal growth. We have a strong academic track record, and our staff work very hard to ensure our students achieve exceptionally well. Throughout our broad curriculum, we develop skills, knowledge and understanding to be successful from Year 7 to 13, and beyond.

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

Victoria Schaefer
Headteacher

Achievement

At our school, we celebrate and foster a culture of achievement, empowering students to excel in all areas of their lives. We believe that achievement goes beyond academic success and encompasses personal growth and character development.

Our dedicated teachers provide a supportive and stimulating learning environment, inspiring students to set ambitious goals and persevere in their pursuit of excellence.

Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, or in artistic endeavours, we encourage our students to embrace challenges, learn from setbacks, and celebrate their accomplishments. We take pride in nurturing a generation of resilient, confident, and well-rounded individuals who embody the values of hard work, determination, and perseverance.

Our school motto is to "Be the best that I can be" and this permeates through everything we do.

Teaching and Learning

At West Hatch, we are committed to providing excellent teaching that ensures the best outcomes for all students. Our *West Hatch Lesson Structure Framework* is our teaching blueprint based on evidence-informed strategies, ensuring consistently high-quality teaching and learning across the school.

We understand the importance of providing feedback, which is why our teachers provide meaningful, timely feedback in each lesson and over time, to facilitate student progress.

By providing parents and students with the "Key Objectives" for each subject, they are able to track their progress and gauge the attainment of essential knowledge and understanding throughout each year.

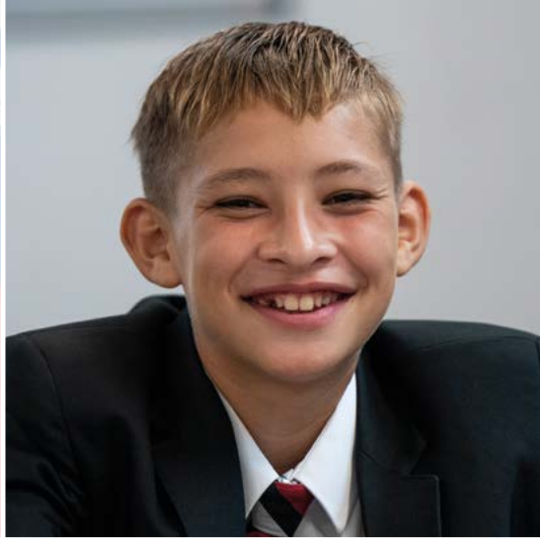
Expectations

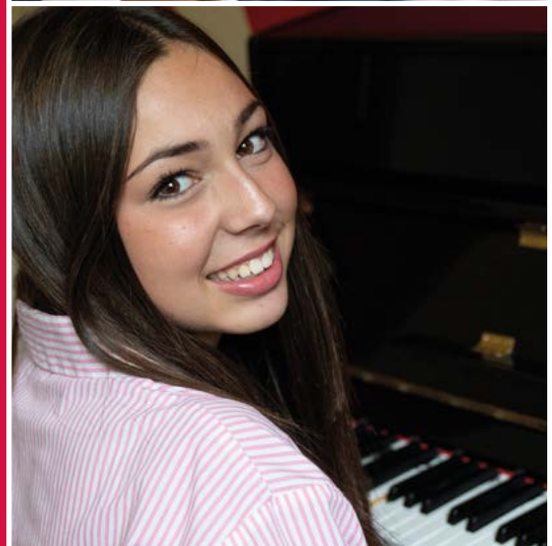
We have the highest possible expectations of our students in terms of behaviour, attitudes to learning and respect for others.

We expect our students to:

- Be determined and persevere
- Be responsible
- Be respectful
- Be considerate
- Be ready to achieve
- Be proud

We continually recognise and celebrate those who buy into our expectations and ethos and challenge anyone who fails to do so. This ensures everyone in our community feels safe and able to learn and make progress without disruption.





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. With a vast array of productions, ranging from musicals, our annual dance show and love lounge and summer solstice; we are proud to offer all students an opportunity to perform, whether they be aspiring performers or those who just want to join in and have fun.

Students regularly enjoy fieldwork trips, adventure experiences home and abroad, visits to theatres, museums and galleries. We seek out opportunities for students to travel abroad for example to Brazil, Ecuador and Africa as part of the World Challenge. At West Hatch we are passionate about broadening our students' horizons.

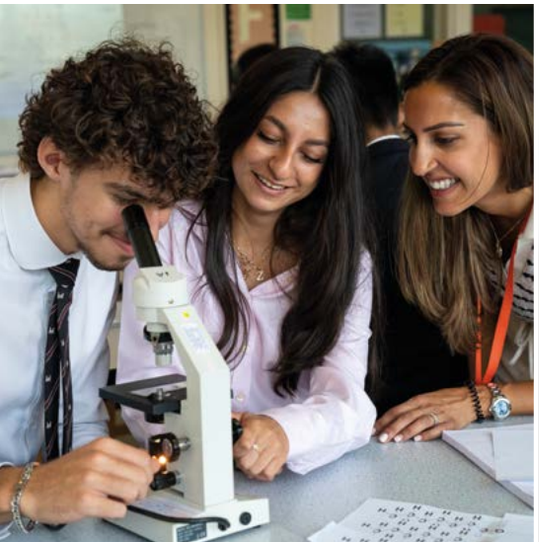
A well established Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at the school develops self-confidence, initiative and leadership potential. Our Student Council, House Councils and Sports Leaders provide opportunities for students to develop their leadership potential and make a difference within our wider community.

Sport plays a key role in the daily life of West Hatch from early morning coaching sessions to lunchtime and afterschool fixtures and activities. Regular sports tours and ski trips take place. We have exceptionally high participation in a wide range of extracurricular activities because of our highly committed staff. Our facilities are second to none including a state of the art sports centre and swimming pool.

Pastoral 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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