



SANDBACH SCHOOL

OPPORTUNITY • ACHIEVEMENT • EXCELLENCE



PROSPECTUS

AS YOU SOW, SO SHALL YOU REAP



Message from the Head Teacher

At Sandbach School we aim to develop the compassion, aspiration and resilience of each student. When they leave us we want them to be at ease with themselves, to have a sense of self-worth, to have developed their talents and abilities and to be a valuable member of society.

We are unashamedly traditional in our values and offer a strong academic curriculum. Although methods of teaching and qualifications have changed, the essence of a high quality education remains unchanged. It is these timeless qualities and Sandbach School's sense of tradition that is valued by generations of students and parents.

The School motto "Ut Severis Seges", or "as you sow so shall you reap" underpins the schools philosophy of "work hard, play hard". The motto was chosen by the Headmaster, Mr G Heslop, in 1889. He was a man of drive, initiative, integrity and above all else he understood how to educate boys. Today we are proud to continue that tradition as specialists in teaching boys.



Sandbach School has a strong local and national reputation for excellence. This stems from a determination to provide the strongest support and guidance for academic success to be achieved. Our boys attain much higher than boys nationally and when comparing boys' results at GCSEs this places us as one of the top performing schools in Cheshire East.

Complementing the academic life of the school is a vast programme of additional activities providing endless opportunities. Whatever our students' aptitudes we support their ambitions enabling them to strive for improvement, gain a work life balance and ultimately taste success.





Transition to Sandbach School

Transferring to secondary school can be both an exciting and daunting time for students and their parents. At Sandbach School we commit time and resources to ensure that we cater for the needs of all. Excellent links with our primary school partners facilitate this as do numerous transition events.

Whether boys are coming to us from one of our larger primary feeder schools or the only boy from an out of area school there will be a programme of transition to make him feel included and eager to start on the next step of his educational journey with us.

Our programme includes:

- Learning support transition days
- Parents' evenings in July & September
- Individual family meetings with leaders of the school
- A passport to introduce boys to their form tutor
- Time in school to familiarise with the layout and systems
- A day of sport in the last week of the summer holiday
- Summer activity days



Academic Achievement

An innovative, student centred approach to learning empowers our students and promotes rapid progress and high academic attainment.

The Transition and Induction Phase at Sandbach School (years 7 & 8) is designed to introduce students to a range of subjects and learning experiences that prepares them for the demands of GCSE and A level examinations.

Fundamental to the curriculum is a focus upon ensuring all students have the literacy and numeracy skills that will enable them to achieve academically. Individualised programmes of study are designed to support the more and less able students, ensuring all are challenged and provided for.

The Qualifications and Skills phase begins in year 9. We offer a range of GCSE courses: those relevant to contemporary life and more traditional subjects that equip students well for further study. Our fundamental aim is to guide every student to reach their true potential.

All students are set challenging targets and progress towards these are measured regularly through a range of assessments. We have high expectations and liaise with parents to ensure strong and sustained progress is maintained by students throughout their time with us.





Care and Support

Sandbach School prides itself on supporting boys of all characters from the gregarious to the less outgoing or quietly thoughtful boy. We encourage and protect different personalities, talents and interests to ensure that a culture of courtesy and respect permeates throughout the school.

A sense of compassion and empathy underpin school life manifesting itself through significant support for community activities and charities, as well as the expectation that older students will help support and guide our new boys.

We have invested heavily in our pastoral structure to ensure that there is a skilled and experienced team operating in support of every single student and their families.

The form tutor is central to this support and acts as a confidante, advisor and role model to their tutees.

He/she will also play an important role in the academic development of boys ensuring that students are 'PREPPED' to learn; that is correctly equipped, dressed smartly and displaying a positive attitude. Any concerns are quickly addressed and support is provided where students are struggling to meet expectations.



Across the region, Sandbach School is well known for the vast amount of additional opportunities that are available to students. Research shows that boys, in particular, benefit educationally from engaging with extra-curricular activities; our experience over many years would certainly endorse that view.

Sport

Throughout the year we hold a full Saturday morning programme of sport covering Rugby, Football, Hockey, Cricket, Athletics, Swimming, and Orienteering, competing in all major schools competitions against state and independent schools.

Regular training sessions and sporting clubs led by well qualified and dedicated staff are a weekly feature of school life. Regional and National success in a whole range of sports both for individuals and for teams are a mark of the quality of coaching and provision.

Music

There are groups and ensembles for nearly all instrumental disciplines run by our music staff and specialist peripatetic tutors. They are featured in termly concerts providing regular performing opportunities for all ages and abilities. Professional musicians visiting the school challenge and inspire our musicians to attain the highest standard possible with partnerships with the Royal

Northern College of Music, Foden's Band, Lions Youth Band and the Love Music Trust ensuring progression routes for our most talented musicians.

Performing Arts

Performing Arts at Sandbach School is not just about the courses and curriculum but also about building a community. The year 7 Drama club gives younger students their first experiences on the stage culminating in performances for families, friends and partner primary schools.

Senior students are given the opportunity of taking part in large scale productions, often as part of a festival such as National Connections. Sandbach School Theatre has performed at venues all over the world and regularly performs at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival to critical acclaim.

CCF

As the only school in Cheshire East to have a Combined Cadet Force we are fiercely proud of the contribution it makes to school life. At formal and key events during the school year cadets demonstrate the leadership skills they have gained during weekly parade nights. CCF camps are always a great way to finish the academic year!





Our Crest

The Latin motto “Ut Severis Seges” broadly translates as “As you sow, so shall you reap” or the more you put into school life, the more you will get out of it.

Our Values

Commitment to excellence in all aspects of school life -
“working hard and playing hard”

Respect for self and others, combined with a responsibility and caring for all members of school and its wider community.

Integrity, honesty and openness in how every member of the school community operates.

Encouragement of all to be creative, innovative and able to take initiative in order to develop every individual beyond their perceived potential.

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