



# William Edwards School

*'Inspirational learning with a strong sporting ethos'*

**Stifford Clays Road, Stifford Clays, Grays, Essex, RM16 6PD**

## About the school



William Edwards School has been an Ofsted Outstanding Provider since 2010. The school retained its outstanding status on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

It is the lead school in the South West Essex Community Education Trust, a growing Multi Academy Trust of 5 schools. William Edwards is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the similar schools' table for the Eastern region, with a well established regional and national reputation for excellence.

The school has recently been given a ringing endorsement by the Department for Education to replicate William Edwards by building a Free School, Orsett Health Academy – a brand new secondary school for Thurrock. The school has a reputation for innovative pedagogy – iPads, double projection, writable walls and moveable desks support engaging and flexible learning environments.

William Edwards is also the Lead Strategic Partner for the Thurrock Teaching School Alliance [www.thurrocktsa.org.uk](http://www.thurrocktsa.org.uk). This provides numerous professional development opportunities for staff at the school including bespoke leadership development courses with the Institute of Education. The Teaching School (TTSA) has National College accredited CPD, which is central to the Trust and its growth.

The school has onsite residential accommodation if required, generous relocation packages are available for the right candidate.

You may be interested to look at the school's website [www.williamedwards.org.uk](http://www.williamedwards.org.uk).



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## About the location of the school

The School is located east of London and 20 minutes by train to central London.



## More about the School

### The School Ethos

As a school community we constantly strive to raise standards in both academic attainment and social skills and awareness, to ensure that our students have the very best platform from which to succeed to the very best of their ability.

We expect and ensure the highest standards of behaviour and attitudes to learning. Inspectors commented in the most recent inspection that 'Pupils behave exceptionally well in lessons and when moving around the school' – Ofsted March 2017.

The school supports each and every child to achieve their very best; we regularly celebrate and reward students' achievements and hard work.

We are committed to the strong sporting ethos and values we wish to instil in our students: we encourage and develop honesty, ambition, leadership, team work, integrity, respect and resilience.

We continually review and tailor the curriculum, to ensure that its design meets the needs of every student, and that students gain the maximum benefit from the opportunities that our strong links with other schools, colleges, business partners and other agencies afford.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, coupled with an extensive community programme, that help us to uncover and nurture the diverse talents of all the young people who are members of our community.

We maintain a sharp focus on staff development and invest in high quality training, to ensure that, as a staff, we are continually developing our skills as teachers and mentors of young people.

We show a strong commitment to a strong and effective partnership with parents, in order to secure the very best experience for all our students.

Our priority is to ensure that every child's school experience provides them with the very best start to their future life, whatever that may hold.

### Thurrock Teaching School Alliance

The Thurrock Teaching School Alliance has been based at William Edwards since 2012. Only a select number of outstanding schools in England are designated Teaching Schools. As a Teaching School we have a leading role in the training and professional development of teachers, support staff and Headteachers as well as contributing to the raising of standards through school-to-school support.

Whilst adopting varied approaches to many aspects of school improvement we are all committed to:

- achieving or maintaining outstanding status;
- the further development of outstanding teaching, learning and pedagogy;
- recruiting, training and retaining the very best staff with outstanding CPD as a central strand;
- involving all schools who have an interest in the alliance.

## About attractions in the area/Useful websites

The following are examples of the facilities which are within 5 minutes of the schools accommodation.

[intu.co.uk/lakeside](http://intu.co.uk/lakeside) - Nearest Shopping Centre, Bars and Restaurants.

[bannatyne.co.uk](http://bannatyne.co.uk) - Local Gym and Spa.

[myvue.com/cinema/thurrock](http://myvue.com/cinema/thurrock) - Cinema.

[impulseleisure.co.uk/centres/blackshots](http://impulseleisure.co.uk/centres/blackshots) - Local Leisure Centre.

The local village in Orsett provides local shops and a number of historic Public Houses.

