Background Information

Sir John Thursby Community College celebrated its 10th birthday in 2016 with our best GCSE results ever and by far the best progress in the area. The College, a Foundation School, is a mixed 11-16, multi-cultural, fully inclusive college which values all students, staff and our community partners. We have over 1,000 students on roll and over 150 staff enjoying working together to provide the best for everyone.

Ofsted 2016 rate us GOOD in all areas and we are well on our way to being outstanding. Our facilities are exceptional for 21st Century learning. We have fully equipped specialist rooms for all subjects and first class sporting facilities including a multi-use sports hall, gym and all weather pitches for all sports including football and tennis. Ridgewood Community High School, a general learning difficulties special school, is on the college site and is a special school in its own right.

We are a Unicef Rights Respecting school and hold gold Artsmark status. We work together to ensure the very best outcomes for every student and will not rest until each student achieves the very highest standards possible. We are proud to have well-qualified staff of the very highest quality who work hard to enable all of our students to achieve.

The name, Sir John Thursby was adopted by the Governing Body after extensive consultation with students, staff, parents/carers and local community. Sir John Thursby was a local landowner and benefactor, who before his death in 1901 was an influential figure who gave his support to the people of Burnley.

We consulted to design our uniform, buildings, vision, policy and procedures at the inception of Sir John Thursby Community College and our drive to be the best has never been stronger. We firmly believe that good communication is the foundation stone for our effectiveness. We strive to ensure that all staff are involved in the decision making processes. All staff are valued, we all have an important role to play in the college's success, it is team work that ensures this success. We pride ourselves in having a friendly, caring ethos for all our stakeholders.

Burnley Learning Partnership

Sir John Thursby Community College is one of five community high schools within the Building Schools for the Future project in Burnley. Part of our vision is that the schools will work in collaboration in order to provide an exciting and extensive curriculum and facilitate staff continued professional development.

We have a rare specialism in the rural dimension to ensure we are a centre of excellence in academic and vocational study in this area. Our environment area includes, chickens, goats, peacocks in addition to the lizards, geckos and a wealth of other creatures in our specialist science lab.

We are rightly proud of our achievements and continue to go from strength to strength. Any prospective candidates would be joining a college with a bright future and would have an opportunity to be part of our success story.