

HAWKLEY HALL HIGH SCHOOL CARR LANE WIGAN WN3 5NY

# "An outstanding school providing an excellent quality of education and care for its students". (Ofsted September 2009)

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Number on roll	:	1029
Age Range	:	11 – 16
Teaching Staff	:	74
Support Staff	:	84

Hawkley Hall is a high performing, heavily oversubscribed, mixed comprehensive school. Our school has a strong reputation in the region and its success has been recognised in a number of ways in recent years.

In 2009, 2010 and 2011 Hawkley Hall was named as one of the top ten schools nationally showing sustained improvement and in September 2009 was judged by Ofsted to be an outstanding school. In recognition of its outstanding practice Hawkley Hall was made a National Support School in Spring 2010 and in order to widen our influence chose to convert to Academy status on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 with the potential to sponsor under performing schools. Hawkley Hall is, therefore, the lead school of our multi-academy trust called The Rowan Learning Trust. In June 2017 Hawkley Hall was awarded Teaching School status.

We see successful education as a partnership between parents, students and ourselves. Links with parents are of paramount importance, with regular and frequent contact via parents' evenings, reports, newsletters and the school planner contributing to a continuing dialogue about the education we provide for our children.

The school is situated in the south western part of the town, close to the M6 motorway, in an area of substantial private development. A wild fowl nature reserve borders the school grounds providing an open attractive outlook to the site.

### ACCOMMODATION

The original buildings of the school were built in 1980 for what was then the Hawkley Hall Middle School. Since 1986 there have been extensive building, re-modelling and refurbishment programmes on the site to complete the modern and attractive accommodation which is now Hawkley Hall High School. Our most recent buildings project, completed September 2017, saw the creation of 10 new Maths classrooms, 2 additional science labs, 2 fully refurbished Food Tech rooms, 2 dedicated ICT suites and additional outdoor sports facilities.

The ratio of students to computers is 2:1 including an extensive wireless and mobile solution. Every classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard and a Virtual Learning Environment allows access at home.

# **CURRICULUM**

Students in KS3 are taught in either mixed ability forms or sets depending upon subject.

In Years 10 and 11 students follow a core of subjects: English (16%), Mathematics (16%), Science (20%), Physical Education (4%), Religious Education (8%) and choose 3 option subjects.

The time allocation is based on 25 one hour lessons per week.

Special Educational Needs provision is delivered through a combination of in-class support systems and withdrawal.

We have 13 resourced placed for children on the autistic spectrum.

In 2017, students achieved an attainment 8 score of 49.4, with 71.13% of students gaining 5 or more A\* - C grades (including Mathematics and English).

# PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is the responsibility of every teacher in school but is formalised on a year basis. Each student comes under the direct care of a form teacher who registers the form daily and looks after the day to day routines. A Head of Year with an assistant and attached staff co-ordinate the pastoral care within the year groups. The form teachers stay with the same year groups as they move through the school.

Our code of conduct and behaviour follows what we refer to as the 'Hawkley Way' – an expected way of doing things based upon mutual respect.

# <u>STAFF</u>

There are 74 teachers on the staff, teaching across the full range of age and ability. The teaching staff are supported by 84 professional and very competent support staff. We work as a unified team to support and enhance the learning experiences of our students.

### TRAINING

We invest heavily in our own staff training and development but we are also a major training provider for staff from other educational establishments. We even have our own, purpose built, high quality training suite.

#### **INSPECTION**

There is a link to our outstanding Ofsted report on our website www.hhhs.net.

# <u>ICT</u>