



Welbeck – The Defence Sixth Form College

Overview

Welbeck – The Defence Sixth Form College (DSFC) is a co-educational full boarding establishment, where the majority of students are funded by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) under the Defence Technical Officer and Engineer Entry Scheme (DTOEES) with a parental contribution for maintenance only, calculated on a means tested basis. It offers an A level education to preselected students pursuing a career as technical or engineering officers within the Armed Forces (Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force) or the MOD Civil Service (Defence Equipment and Support, DE&S).

In March 2019, the MOD announced that the College would close in the summer of 2021 after the departure of its final student intake which arrived in September 2019. Therefore, the Academic Year 2020-21 will be the final year of operation and delivery at DSFC; there will be the final Year 13 cohort of c.150 students.

DSFC - Delivery

The College is committed to ensuring students realise their full potential through:

- inspiring each student to achieve the highest possible standards in STEM based studies, the broader curriculum and the military skills and leadership training programme;
- promoting the best habits of independent thought and learning in the pursuit of excellence so that students are equipped for university and beyond;
- fostering the core values of courage, discipline, respect for others, integrity, loyalty and selfless commitment so that students are role model citizens;
- developing students through a broad-based education and a range of experiences that challenges them to discover their strengths, recognise their weaknesses and make the most of their talents at Welbeck and beyond;
- providing supportive pastoral care that nurtures physical health, self-efficacy, emotional maturity and moral standards so that students feel safe, secure and valued;
- building on previously identified leadership potential by developing leadership skills and personal character ready for the challenges of service life.

There is a clear focus on Mathematics and Physics, and all students are expected to take Physics to AS Level and Mathematics to A Level. Welbeck aims to provide all students with an outstanding education and the opportunity to achieve A level results that will take them to the next stage of their education or career – for the MOD students this will be at university as part of the Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme (DTUS).

Welbeck also welcomes a small number of privately funded students – Welbeck Private Students (WPS), this represents up to ten per cent of the student population in any year. WPS students are expected to play a full part in every aspect of the curriculum, including military and fitness training, and the same standards and expectations will apply. There is no restriction on the range of universities or courses to which they may apply and WPS students are well equipped and prepared to continue their studies at the whole range of UK and international universities. A significant proportion of WPS students, typically 40%, will join the armed forces.

Safeguarding the welfare of all students at the College is paramount and this commitment is delivered through all aspects of the delivery and pastoral care at the College.

A Welbeck education is founded on moral integrity, responsibility and a genuine sense of service, which together lead to inculcating the core leadership values which are not only strong in our community, but will endure when our students leave.

Further details of the College can be found on the website: www.dsfc.ac.uk