

Prospectus



OPPORTUNITY
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COURAGE



Welcome to Sir William Stanier School

I am delighted you are considering our school for your child's secondary education. At Sir William Stanier, we understand the role we play in helping you to inspire them to make the most of themselves both inside and outside the classroom.

Opportunity, Community, Courage.

Our mission is to ensure that all students are given the best opportunity and support to realise their full potential and develop those skills and qualities needed to make good choices and go on to lead happy and successful lives.

We achieve this by having a friendly, supportive environment with amazing opportunities, fostering a sense of courage and celebrating the achievement of all.

We encourage our students to be confident, proud of themselves, their school and their community.

I am driven by my commitment to delivering the highest standards of teaching and learning, and my absolute belief that every single child deserves the very best that we can offer.

Please contact us for more information or to arrange a tour of the school.

Nicki Gregg

Principal



Preparing for Year 7

On a day-to-day basis, we provide excellent teaching, a broad curriculum and wonderful pastoral care for each individual student. SWS teachers are experienced in preparing our students for the worlds of work and college – a journey that starts when they arrive with us in Year 7.

Our extensive primary transition programme will make your child's move to us as smooth as possible and our philosophy of ensuring that every child is known, means that we are with them every step of the way as they move through each key stage towards independence and adulthood.



We value courage

We want to nurture in our students a lifelong love of learning and an understanding that everyone can fulfil their ambitions, regardless of how wide the gap between starting points and desired destinations may seem.



Curriculum

Our Year 7 curriculum aims to follow the primary school curriculum with continuity, bridging any gaps in key subject knowledge while fostering the development of all aspects of an individual. We ensure students are well-prepared to access our teaching in Year 7 while also developing and enhancing their character and personal growth in accordance with our key school values: opportunity, community, and courage.

We understand that starting secondary school can be a daunting experience so our dedicated team of Year 7 form tutors and support staff play a vital role in facilitating this transition. Our tutors provide daily support to ensure that your child receives the guidance and confidence they need to develop their aspirations, academic achievement, and overall attitude, enabling them to become the best version of themselves. Each week, our wonderful team offers a diverse range of activities, opportunities, and challenges that we recognise and celebrate in all aspects of school life. Our Five-Year Curriculum Plan includes:

Mathematics
English
Chemistry
Biology
Physics
French

History
Geography
Religious Education
Business Studies
Social Sciences
ICT
Food Technology

Art
Media
Photography
PE & Sports
Drama
Music





Teaching & Learning

Our goal is to provide a broad, ambitious, and knowledge-rich curriculum that encourages our students to know more and remember more. Students at SWS experience carefully sequenced lessons that are grounded in evidence and enable all students to achieve. Our teacher toolkit focuses on modelling responses, addressing misconceptions and asking challenging questions to further students' thinking, ensuring that no-one is left behind.

In the classroom, students engage in regularly spaced retrieval practice to help them retain their new knowledge and skills. Teachers deliver instructions explicitly, ensuring all information is clearly communicated and takes into account students' working memory. Students are also given time for their own deliberate practice to support their learning. This enables teachers to respond directly to the needs of every child through regular feedback, making sure that every student knows and understands their areas of strength and development.

During our directed improvement time, students are provided with precise guidance on how to enhance their learning and are challenged to transfer knowledge to increasingly novel concepts. This approach fosters resilience, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning.



Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care is second to none. We are very lucky here to have an exceptional pastoral team which includes non-teaching Pastoral Managers, Raising Standards Leads and Student Welfare Officers who, along with our great team of form tutors and counsellors, focus on the wellbeing of each of our students.

This is because every single student is an important part of our SWS family. We make sure that your child is set up, each morning, for a happy and successful day and if anything happens where they need a bit of extra care, there is a team of dedicated people available to ensure that they are supported.



We value community

At SWS, we welcome students from different countries, cultures and backgrounds, and we celebrate the mix of different first languages in our school.

Our English as an Additional Language team works closely with students and their families to ensure they feel safe and happy; two vital ingredients for success.



Personal Development

Personal Development is a key part of the curriculum that we deliver to all students. We believe in developing the whole student, not just academically, to help prepare them for the outside world.

The curriculum develops the students' values and virtues as well as an understanding of relationships and families, the online world, media and how to keep themselves safe.

Our lessons are tailored to meet the needs of our local communities and we also work with a number of businesses and community organisations who provide invaluable support to students and their personal development.



We value opportunity

We want life at Sir William Stanier school to make a positive difference to our students and our community by providing the best possible education that will improve, enrich and enhance life opportunities.



Year 7 Admissions

Parents and carers can make an application to join Sir William Stanier School at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions.

The deadline for applications is 31st October.

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