



John Colet School

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS



Wendover is a village of some 7,000 people. It is situated about 35 miles to the north west of London, beautifully sited at the foot of the Chiltern scarp slope. To the south there are the Chiltern Hills and to the north, the Vale of Aylesbury. There is a main line link to Marylebone Station (45 minutes) and generally it is a most attractive area in which to live. The school draws its pupils from Wendover and the villages of Halton, Aston Clinton and Weston Turville.

In August 2011 John Colet School converted to an Academy. The school is recognised throughout the County for the excellent education we offer our pupils. In 2014 our exam results at GCSE and in the Sixth Form were again a credit to our staff and pupils. The school is highly respected by the local community. We hope we have earned that respect – we intend to keep it!

John Colet School shares its very attractive site with the Wendover Infant and Junior Schools and the school campus is used extensively for youth and community education activities. Over the past decade, the school has undergone major building/refurbishment.



A new Humanities and Art block opened in September 2004. Our indoor swimming pool is also used by local primary schools and community swimming associations. A new sports hall was completed in 2007 and a multi-games area was opened in summer 2010. A new teaching block comprising English, Drama and Sixth Form opened in December 2010.



The school has heavily invested in ICT within curriculum areas with the help of a parental gift aid scheme and further major investment has resulted in all ICT within the school being up to date. We are fortunate to have laptops available for use across all departments and WiFi is available throughout the school. We have developed our ShowMyHomework which parents use so that they can support

learning at home.



The school is now splendidly equipped with the facilities necessary to meet future challenges.

All Year 10 students take part in curriculum led work experience, with Year 13 undertaking work shadowing. The Sixth Form comprises about 130 students. A full range of AS/A2 Level subjects is offered. All Sixth Form students must undertake community service.

We operate a two year Key Stage 3 with three years then allocated to GCSE. Cross-curricular themes are covered in focus days. Much of the work that goes on

in the curriculum is reflected in the school's extra-curricular activities. Music, Drama, Games and PE are very strong in the school with the school represented at county level in sport. A number of the school's music groups are well known in the area and there is a strong tradition of high quality public performances. Many formal and informal 'club' activities take place after school and each year there are a number of residential courses for our pupils. Many one day visits are also arranged throughout the year.

The pastoral system is organised in year groups, with Key Stage Managers and Heads of Year and a group of class tutors who remain with their groups each year wherever possible. There is a timetabled period per fortnight which covers PSHE, careers, work related learning, citizenship themes, finance, thinking and study skills.

We believe discipline must be firm but fair and that the best way of ensuring



ing this is through outstanding classroom teaching. The pastoral system is set up to give support if problems do occur and also more positively, to help to improve the quality of learning that goes on in the classroom. Curriculum and general school development come through staff teams working to particular briefs. We firmly believe that the quality of our service to pupils must begin in the classroom and is in the hands of each member of the teaching and non-teaching staff. Working at John Colet School is enjoya-

ble and rewarding.

The Governors value staff having children at the school and so the third over subscription criteria for entrance in to Years 7-11 is “ Children of staff (teaching and support) where the member of staff has been employed on a permanent contract for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made.” Please refer to the Admissions Policy on the school website for more information.

We are fortunate to have very supportive parents, who are anxious to reinforce the work that goes on in the school. Attendance at parent’s evening is always above 80%.

Our Ofsted report is available via the



school website.



I have enclosed details of the post about which you enquired and I hope that this, with the above has given you the information that you require. If you still have queries please do not hesitate to contact me or look at our website www.johncolet.co.uk

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