

## THE SANDON SCHOOL Molrams Lane, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 7AQ

Opened in 1955, The Sandon School is an 11-18 co-educational Comprehensive with around 1300 students. It is a true comprehensive school with a full range of abilities. With results consistently above the National Average, it has an excellent reputation in the community and the school underwent an Ofsted Inspection in March 2018 which found it to be a good school.



The Sandon School is fortunate to have a well-qualified, motivated and experienced staff. Many of the staff are currently undergoing a variety of professional development activities focused on teaching and leadership in particular.

The school is a stand-alone academy, having achieved academy status in 2011, and has been successful in a number of capital bids. As a result, the site is both attractive and well

equipped in all areas of the curriculum. The school is extremely well resourced in relation to ICT with all classrooms equipped with data projectors/interactive whiteboards and many with a wide range of new specialist ICT facilities.

The school's ATLAS Centre (Access to Learning at Sandon) is a hub of learning for the whole school and incorporates numerous computers as well as a well-stocked library.

Specialist sports facilities include a dedicated sports hall with an international standard specialist floor, a smaller sports hall a dance studio and multi-gym, two flood lit 4G Astro Turf pitches, extensive playing fields and hard play areas and a well-equipped gymnasium.



Other specialist facilities include a fully-equipped drama studio with banked seating for an audience of 100, a large performance space, several smaller music practice rooms and a dedicated media suite. As well as nine laboratories, the science department also has an outdoor garden for environmental studies.

The majority of lessons are taught in specialist classrooms and there is a Sixth Form Centre with dedicated study facilities for Sixth Form students.



For administrative and pastoral purposes the school is organised into three divisions: Lower School (years 7 and 8), Middle School (years 9, 10 and 11) and Sixth Form (years 12 and 13). Heads of School/Sixth Form are supported by Heads of Year and together are jointly responsible for monitoring students' progress and ensuring the well-being of the students within the school to facilitate their learning. Students entering the school are placed in all-ability tutor groups and are set by ability early in Year 7 for English and maths, and in Year 8 for science and languages.

The school provides a full range of courses for GCSE and A Level/Level 3 examinations as well as non-GCSE Certificate courses at KS4. The school has successfully developed a vocational curriculum programme for some students at KS4.

The school enjoys the support of a dedicated Parent Teacher Association (Friends of Sandon School) which organises fund raising and social and educational activities. It is instrumental in providing the school with many items of equipment and 'extras'.



At The Sandon School students are given the opportunity to participate in the highly regarded Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Currently Bronze and Silver awards are offered.

The catchment area of the school covers a wide rural area in addition to the immediate locality of Great Baddow, Sandon and Chelmer Village. The main villages served by the school are Danbury, Bicknacre, East and West Hanningfield, and Chelmer Village from which approximately 60% of students are currently transported daily to school by means of

contract or local service buses.

The school occupies a very pleasant location on the east side of Chelmsford. Located near to the A12 it is easily accessible by car and is well served by public transport. Chelmsford is situated 32 miles from London and has a train service to Liverpool Street (just over half an hour). It is within easy reach of the East Coast with its many sailing centres, and also Colchester, Ipswich, Southend and Brentwood. During the last 20 years, Chelmsford has undergone rapid expansion and is continuing to do so. It is a popular residential town and serves London as a commuter centre.

At Sandon we are proud of our school and its achievements. If you would like further information or would like to visit the school, please contact Mrs Jo Hampton on 01245 241141 or email [jhm@sandon.essex.sch.uk](mailto:jhm@sandon.essex.sch.uk).



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