



# The Winston Churchill School

Caring | Inspiring | Successful





A photograph of two young people, a boy and a girl, standing in a large, modern building under construction. They are both wearing yellow hard hats and high-visibility yellow safety vests over their school uniforms. The boy is on the left, smiling, and the girl is on the right, looking towards the camera. The background shows a complex network of red steel beams and corrugated metal ceiling panels, with large windows in the distance.

# Building for the future

## Young people ready for everything!

There are many different ways that young people can develop personally and academically, so at Winston we regularly adapt and develop our curriculum and provide inspiring facilities in which to learn. Where else would you find a planetarium, professional radio station & recording studio, performance space, barista training cafe, gym and multiple 4G pitches all available in one place, let alone intergrated into a modern secondary school curriculum?

## Traditional values in an innovative environment

Immediately evident at Winston are the strong and productive learning relationships between students and their teachers. These relationships are built on a bedrock of respect and trust that allows young people to flourish as they become adaptable and self-confident.

We are committed to academic excellence and every lesson provides opportunities to make progress. Our students learn how to conduct themselves in a professional learning environment and to be able to talk about their skills and attributes, as they develop a strong identity and personal resilience.



# Inspiring hard work

## Lively, flexible and challenging lessons

There is no better way to learn than to experience something first hand, so our teachers deliver high quality lessons that allow students maximum time to experiment, collaborate, practise and problem solve; essential skills for the world of work.

Our inspiring resources such as the planetarium and recording studio are used in timetabled lessons to ensure all students feel their benefits. Our newest resource, Performance Space, offers us the ability to stage music, drama and team challenge events in a high-tech professional setting.



## Taking responsibility

Students are more successful when they have a degree of autonomy in their approach to learning. We encourage this in lessons and home learning and work hard to make sure students develop the self-belief needed to risk failure in order to succeed.

## Learn online

Our online curriculum has been created by our staff and is openly available to students for self-study. Students can see how they are progressing via our app, where every progress judgement made by teachers is linked to written, video and quiz based self-help support resources. Parents can follow and celebrate their child's progress via the same app.





# Sending the right message

## Be your best

The Winston Competencies form the backbone of our character development curriculum, laying the foundations for a rich work and personal life:

Communication  
Resilience  
Analysis  
Ingenuity  
Collaboration

Across the curriculum, and through Winston Extra lessons students develop a strong sense of themselves and their ability to self-improve. Students develop strategies which focus on what they are going to do to bring about the change they want.

Students are rewarded through our achievement point scheme which is linked to our competencies.

## Confident, expert staff

Young people respond to strong role models and we are proud of our body of teaching and support staff; never happy to rest on their laurels, each staff member challenges themselves to be the best they can be every day. We ask our teachers to be unique individuals while working towards our common goals for your children.







# Think big

## Skills and knowledge, hand in hand

For academic success, you need knowledge and you need to know how to apply it. For life, you need skills.

We have a strong commitment to a skills dimension in our curriculum. We use our 13 skills to enable students to see how all the different subjects contribute to a common set of skills.

## Deeper thinking

It is our aim to encourage students to think more broadly in every day life. We have a simple tool called SPHERE that can be applied by anyone to think more widely about anything:

- Social
- Political
- Health
- Environment
- Respect
- Economic

This is embedded across the school and ensures our students are able to see themselves and their learning in a broader context.

## Astronomy

An example of our commitment to thinking big is our embedding of Astronomy into our curriculum for all students. Joe and Melissa get to study the solar system in our unique planetarium and this is something all our students experience.



# The importance of reading

## Reading as a gateway

Literacy is widely acknowledged to be essential for academic success. Not only does it develop language and imagination, it encourages the development of understanding and interpretation.

We invest time in the opportunities for our students to read. Additional to our classroom reading, our library lessons take reading for understanding as their root and embrace a diverse range of sources, both fiction and non-fiction, and current affairs.

Our library is vibrant and full of inspiring books; the choice of books is expanded regularly, often as a result of student recommendations. We have visiting authors and other library events which make it a popular destination for students.

## Beyond the school day

Students are welcome in the library before and after school. Here they can use laptops to complete home learning tasks or play board games in a peaceful, supportive environment.



# Live safe and well

## Our students' know what to do when life presents challenges

This is George, one of our wellbeing prefects. Alongside his other school commitments, he works with younger students to ensure they feel integrated in school life. As older role models, our prefects help younger students understand how they can develop as a member of our community, helping to dissolve the age barrier.

Our students value the safe and secure environment here at Winston. Naturally, from time to time, young people may encounter challenges, but with our coherent, whole school strategy: Pathways Out, students know who to contact in order to find a way forward. Our safeguarding team is second to none, pro-actively seeking the right solution.

## Wider curriculum

As an additional enrichment to student life, we offer extensive extra-curricular clubs and societies which presents new interests and skills, exercise and friendship opportunities.

## Food glorious food!

Diet is keenly considered as our catering provider prioritises a balanced and appealing menu with theme weeks and meal deals, all served in a bright, uplifting environment which turns heads for its fresh, innovative presentation.





# Lifelong learning



## Partnership

Educating your child requires a team of parents/carers, teachers and support staff. With this in place alongside personal resilience, your child will be successful.

Recent history has shown us that the structure, discipline and constructive feedback provided by a school gives students security and strengthens their self-confidence. This naturally leads to good mental health and the ability to self-manage. We also know that celebrating success at home really motivates students to work hard in school too.

Each year, to develop this partnership, we hold a learning review where every student, with the support of their tutor and parents/carers, designs strategies for their own improvement throughout the year ahead. With support at home and school, students soon realise that they can achieve things that would once only have been aspirations.



## Lifelong skills and memories

Your child will have the opportunity to try a diverse range of experiences, to enable them to find interesting clubs and groups, where they can develop new friendships and skills, as well as becoming involved in competitive activities. Everything we offer is designed to enhance the development of our students and ready them to plot a confident course through life, meeting challenges as opportunities and approaching opportunities with confidence.

Our programme includes an extensive range of trips and visits, leadership opportunities from across the school, starting in Year 7 as form reps or sports reps. We extend our academic experience through a partnership with Wellington College and Speakers4Schools, alongside debating and problem-solving activities. Participation is the key to success and engaging in our music provision, drama clubs, sports and fungi club are just some of the opportunities that will be waiting to be embraced by your child.



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A comprehensive school for young people aged 11 - 16

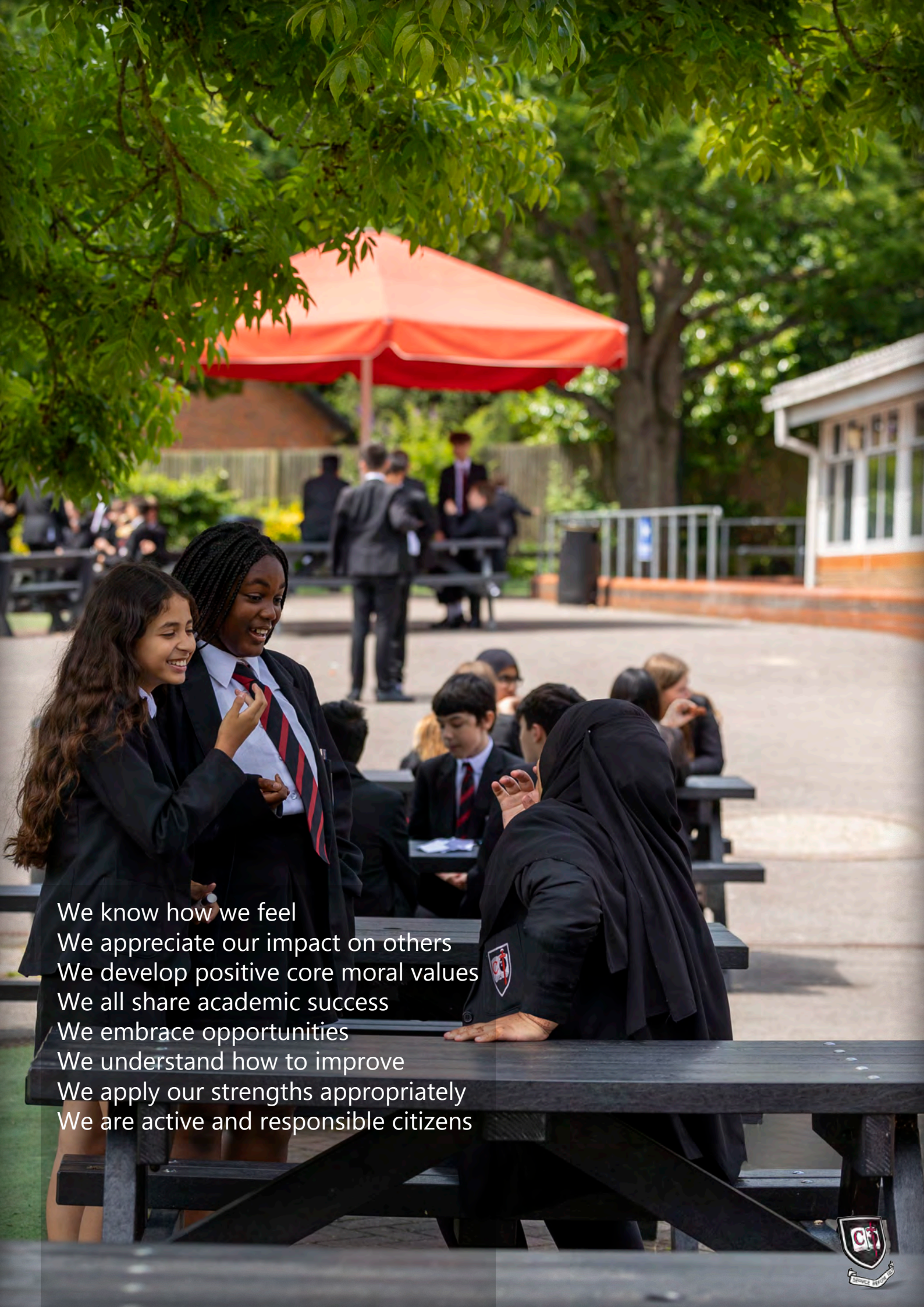


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We appreciate our impact on others  
We develop positive core moral values  
We all share academic success  
We embrace opportunities  
We understand how to improve  
We apply our strengths appropriately  
We are active and responsible citizens

