



TOWNSEND CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Townsend Church of England School is a voluntary aided, all-ability, co-educational school for pupils aged 11-18. From this September, we have approximately 600 students on roll, of which approximately 100 are in years 12 & 13. Our Ofsted report published in January 2015 rates everything as at least good while our most recent Denominational Inspection says that everything is outstanding. Both reports can be viewed on our website.

The school is housed in modern, purpose-built accommodation at the northern edge of St. Albans and enjoys a large and peaceful site with surrounding playing field of 15 acres. It has excellent accommodation, including eight refurbished laboratories, a purpose built Independent Learning Centre and library (Discovery Centre), purpose built English classrooms, five dedicated Mathematics rooms, art rooms and a refurbished and redesigned technical block, dedicated language rooms, dedicated humanities classrooms, a lecture theatre, a drama studios, 25 metre indoor swimming pool, and seven computer network rooms. There is a purpose designed modern 6th Form Centre with classrooms, study facilities and social areas. The school has wireless internet capability across the site and all classrooms have computer data projectors and a fibre optic computer link to our file servers and to the internet. All classrooms have interactive whiteboards.

The school provides courses to GCSE and Advanced Level in a wide range of subject areas. There are also vocationally orientated courses and links with other providers. There is a thriving Post 16 School Consortium (The Alban Learning Partners) with five other local schools/academies. The quality of teaching and learning is at the heart of everything that we do.

A strongly developed system of care operates, through Form Teachers, Directors of Learning - Year (Heads of Year), Senior Line Managers of Key Stages 3 and 4, and the Assistant and Deputy Headteachers. Staff meet regularly as year teams, and Directors of Learning -Year co-ordinate the activities of each year group. Most teachers are also form tutors and responsible for the day-to-day welfare of a tutor group.

The school has a much valued and widely understood 'Respect For All' policy which represents in its implementation our strong commitment to equal opportunities. Anti-bullying and anti-discrimination work is well-developed.

Students in years 7 to 11 wear school uniform and are expected to do regular homework. Discipline is firm but friendly and there is a very well established and appreciated rewards system. The school is well supported by a long-established Parent Teacher Association (Friends of Townsend School).

Townsend is the only voluntary aided Church of England Secondary School in Hertfordshire and is located on the edge of the lovely historic Cathedral City of St Albans. Four services are held in the Cathedral each year. Staff and students do not have to be practicing Christians but need to be in sympathy with and supportive of our aims and ethos, including our faith tradition. Staff and students of all faiths or with no faith are welcome at Townsend.

The school is close to superb transport links and is situated only a few miles from the M25, M1 and A1 and close to fast main line train links to London. Our lovely 15 acre site is bordered by countryside on three sides. We are a nice school – why not visit us? Also, please look at our well developed website for more information.

The school is lively and forward-looking with a strong senses of community and is well supported by its parents and governing body. The intake is genuinely mixed ability and serves the local community, as well as receiving students by bus from a very wide area and over 60 different primary schools.

This is lovely school. You are very welcome to visit to see us at work. Our colour brochure and other interesting information can be viewed on our website. www.townsend.herts.sch.uk