



SIR JOHN THURSBY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS



"This is an inclusive school that serves its community well". Ofsted 2014

Pride • Respect • Success



Welcome to Sir John Thursby Community College

I am delighted to welcome you to Sir John Thursby Community College Prospectus.

We ensure our young people are educated in a calm, happy and orderly environment with high standards for absolutely everybody. We are an over-subscribed college with excellent provision for all students' needs.

The Lead Inspector at our recent Ofsted inspection said we could well be outstanding at our next inspection and we want to make that a reality.

We support our new students and parents/carers each year by visiting primary schools, talking to their teachers and hosting transition events. We continue to help our students throughout their education and when they achieve their chosen job, training or college place. Our academic standards are high for all students with an outstanding support system and a wide range of enrichment activities. A shared responsibility for every student helps us to nurture the moral and personal growth of all our students.

Sir John Thursby Community College is a safe and exciting place to learn, work and achieve. We want all of our students and staff to be the very best and work hard every day to become even better. We invite you to visit us to see the college for yourself. Every day is open day here so please feel free to get in touch to see our fantastic college in action.

Mr D Burton, Headteacher

“Students are extremely polite and respectful, both to other students and adults”.

“Guidance for further education and employment is excellent”.

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English is a compulsory subject for all students.

We are district Debating Champions because we have high expectations of all students to communicate correctly using good English in all subjects. We think regular reading is important so we have invested in books for every level of reading so they can be read and enjoyed every day. Our staff also hear students read each day to raise confidence and help all students develop their vocabulary.

Maths is a compulsory subject for all students.

We use a brand new study programme for all younger students to develop problem solving skills and we work with engineering companies to explain to students how their excellent Maths skills can be used in a range of exciting jobs.

Maths is an important subject for so many careers. We challenge all of our students to gain the highest possible qualification and work with the local college to prepare our students for their next step.

Our students regularly enter and gain great success in local and national contests.

Religious Education is an important subject for all of our students.

We have compulsory and option group classes following the same Lancashire course taught by other Lancashire schools. Our Faith Friends come into college each week to support students and answer their questions. We also have links with Mosques and Churches through our leadership group 'Faiths and Schools Together'.



“It is particularly noticeable how all students, including those with disabilities, are fully involved in every aspect of school life”.

“Attendance is very good and above the national average”.

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Our world-class sporting facilities include a dance studio, fitness room, sports hall, full size Astroturf football pitch, hard courts for tennis or netball, an Astroturf cricket pitch and athletics track. Our students excel in a wide range of sports including football, cricket, rounders, swimming and athletics.

Sir John Thursby Community College provides a curriculum that meets the needs of our students.

The curriculum is constantly developing to provide new opportunities so that every student can prepare for their chosen career.

Links are developed throughout the college between different subjects to share great work and help each other to get even better. Our cross curriculum programme helps students to use their literacy, numeracy and ICT skills.



“Litter is very rare and there is no graffiti”.

“Behaviour is good and students feel safe”.

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Award Winning:

- ***Artsmark Gold***
- ***Duke of Edinburgh Awarding Status***
- ***Eco Schools Award***
- ***Healthy School Status***
- ***International School Award***
- ***Investors in People***
- ***Lead School in Computing***
- ***LPPA (Leading Parent Partnership Award)***
- ***Rural Dimension***
- ***UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award***
Recognition of Commitment

“The rewards system ‘Thursby Dollars’ is very popular among students”.

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Our specialism in the rural dimension enables our students to work with many different animals and plants to learn how they develop in the countryside.

We teach a range of Science courses to challenge every student.

Our Triple Science course is very successful and helps to prepare students for sixth form study with lessons at the local college.

Our 3D projector makes science come to life for our students and is also used in other subjects, for example, to help students experience life in the trenches!





We have fantastic facilities for our students as we work together for world-class achievement.

The ICT facilities in college are fabulous and include our Mac Suite, a 3D projector and fully equipped computer rooms. We also have computer programmes to help develop specific reading and numeracy skills. New courses in Computing, Engineering, Construction and Design Technology enable all students to develop skills used in industry every day and help students to gain employment through our industry partners.

We have a Robotics Club for students using Raspberry Pi computers and students in our new Engineering and Construction Centre also build and maintain buggy vehicles and motorcycles.



“Students like coming to school”.

“Parents agree that students are well cared for and safe at school”.

“Students like that they can start studying GCSE subjects in Year 9”.

“The school’s arrangements for safeguarding students are clear”.

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“Leaders know their school well and what it will take to ensure sustained success in future”.

“Governors are actively involved in the life of the school”.

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“The Headteacher, Senior Leaders and Governors are ambitious for the school and its role within the community”. Ofsted 2014



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