



An education at Waingels is about much more than classroom lessons and academic performance, important as those are. It is also about valuing every student as an individual and trying to ensure that he or she develops into a confident and mature adult able to make a real contribution to our community and our country.

Extra-curricular opportunities

The College believes strongly that a full education is not confined to the formal classroom and traditional subject courses. Accordingly a wide range of extra-curricular activities are provided on Wednesday afternoons, at the end of core time, in the evenings, at weekends and during holidays. A full list of such opportunities is published in the November edition of the Newsletter for parents 'Inform'.

In addition, there are a full range of sporting, dramatic, musical and other events organised throughout the College year which involve large numbers of students of all ages and abilities.

Finally, the College is nationally known for the range and quality of its programme of out-of-college day and residential visits.

In recent months that programme has included:

- Supported summer break expeditions to Peru and Africa
- Educational visits to Europe (France, Germany, Italy and Poland) as well as visits further afield to China and America
- Curriculum visits in the UK to Winchester, Wales, Bath, Oxford and many other locations
- Foreign exchange visits to France and Germany
- Ski trips to America and Europe



“I just want to write to thank all the staff who worked so hard to make my daughter's seven years at Waingels such a good experience for her and us”

Letter from parent of former student





Personal, Social and Health Education (including Sex Education)

Our timetabled programme of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) provides the framework for addressing issues of personal growth, the development of values and attitudes and the skills and understanding needed to build caring relationships.

The provision of sex education is seen as a partnership between College and home to help young people reach a fulfilled adulthood.

Further information about this and other aspects of our PSHE programme can be obtained from the College.

Religious Studies

In accordance with national expectations, the study of religion is a compulsory part of our curriculum. Parents who wish to exercise their right to withdraw their child from Religious Studies are asked to contact the College so that alternative provision can be discussed.

We follow the locally agreed syllabus that places the study of Christianity within the context of a multi-faith society.

At Key Stage 4 all students follow a course leading to GCSE accreditation.

Careers Education

The College's careers education and guidance programme is delivered in partnership with The Careers Service ('Connexions') and the local Education Business Partnership. It involves the teaching of specific aspects of careers and further education choice, access to resources, curricular opportunities and individual guidance.

All students currently undertake Work Experience for one week in Key Stage Four and many also in the Sixth Form. Our links with business, industry and commerce are extensive and we offer our students a variety of opportunities to enhance their formal studies by working with local employers.

Guidance and support for higher education applications at the end of the Sixth Form is extensive and led by our own very experienced team of tutors.

Counselling service

The College provides students with a confidential peer and adult counselling service. A team of older students is

professionally trained annually to act as a sensitive and supportive 'listening ear' for individual students experiencing temporary problems in their lives. These peer counsellors are trained to pass on significant problems to other adults.

One possible referral point is our on-site adult counsellor. She is available for 12 hours per week to see individual students referred to her by peer counsellors, College staff or self-referral by the student. This service is free and confidential. Our adult counsellor also contributes to the student curriculum (e.g. advice on dealing with stress) and staff training and development (e.g. recognising and dealing with student problems.)



“Parents are particularly pleased with the progress their children are making and believe the school expects students to work hard and achieve their best”