

Advertising feature



Stanchester Community School

Open Evening 2nd October and Open Day 6th October

Stanchester Community School welcomes you to pay a visit



STANCHESTER Community School in Stoke sub Hamdon, will be opening its doors next week for its annual open evening.

Primary school pupils in years 5 and 6, and their parents, are invited to the open evening which is being held on Thursday 2 October, from 7pm.

The evening will give you an opportunity to see the school at work, meet the staff and students, see examples of students' work and learn all you need to know about the school and what it can provide for students aged 11 – 16.

In addition to the open evening, the school is also holding an open day on Monday 6 October. Headteacher, Mr Glyn Ottery, will be giving tours of the school at various times throughout the morning. If you wish to attend, contact the school in advance.

Stanchester Community School is going from strength to strength. The students are achieving better exam results than ever before; 62 per cent were awarded five or more A* - C grades in this year's GCSE exams.

LEARN, ASPIRE, ACHIEVE. These three words, chosen by a student at the school, are what the school stands for.

The staff do not just aim to help the students to secure good exam results, but aim to provide interesting and challenging methods of teaching in a safe and happy environment.

The school provides an excellent extra-curricular programme, from sports to art and drama. Every child is good at something, and with there being so much on offer at Stanchester Community School, your child is certain to find something in which they can both enjoy and excel. The school also has an exceptional Duke of Edinburgh scheme, offering both bronze and silver awards.

The school first opened 69 years ago, and although many 'old fashioned' values are retained, teaching methods fully embrace the 21st Century. In 2004 the school was awarded media arts specialist status.

This means that using some of the most up-to-date technology and state-of-the-art facilities, the students use media arts in all of their subjects as a way to enhance their learning. The use of media arts within studies could involve using a digital camera, or giving an interactive



presentation. Not only does the status ensure that the students have access to fantastic facilities, such as interactive whiteboards, projectors and Apple Mac computers, but it also brings the school to life and allows the students to be far more imaginative in their studies.

The facilities and the teaching methods must be having a positive impact on the students as the school had 94 per cent attendance for the 2007/8 academic year, the highest level of attendance for a secondary school in Somerset.

Stanchester Community School aims to cater for everyone. For the sporty types the school has excellent sports facilities, including a gym, tennis courts and nine and a half acres of playing field. The school has been the district athletics champions for three of the four year groups, and there is a team for many competitive sports such as football, rugby and hockey.

If your child is a budding thespian, then the school will endeavour to encourage this. The school normally holds two full productions a year, providing many opportunities for your child to take to the stage.

Parents of exceptionally bright children often worry about the risk that their child's gift will not be fully enhanced. Stanchester has this year introduced a brilliant new accelerated programme. Twenty seven year eight students will study English, mathematics and science together and sit



their SATs at the end of their second year at the school.

They will then proceed to sit their GCSE mathematics, English and science early, and then in Year 11 the students will study and sit a full A-Level. Every year a new group of year 8 students will embark on this programme.

On leaving Stanchester, almost three quarters of students continue their education at local further education or sixth form colleges.

Headteacher, Mr Glyn Ottery, said: "Stanchester Community School is a school that offers something for everyone. We are incredibly proud of our high level of academic achievement, and I strongly believe that we give our students a brilliant opportunity to make the right steps towards a successful future."

A parent of a former pupil said "Not only did our son achieve outstanding GCSE results, but he also left Stanchester with a passion for sport, music and travel, and a strong sense of civic responsibility. We could not wish for a better local school."

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