

Wendy knows there is more to a **good education** than studying alone, and at Sandbach School her son is **learning** and **achieving** in every way



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Wendy Bloor and her husband Adrian live within a ten minute walk of Sandbach School. Their daughter Chloe is 19 and Will is 16.

The right school for the right child

Wendy has no compunction about saying that they chose Sandbach School for Will because it was close to where they live and because Will was keen to move there with many of his primary school friends. However, partly because she is herself a teacher, she was perfectly aware that the school was the right one for her son for a variety of reasons.

"Will is a hard worker and appreciates the importance of knuckling down, but he actively enjoys doing so," she says. "It is quite clear that Sandbach has the best interests of the students at heart in every way and Will has been very well supported in his academic learning, given extra work to push him where appropriate – and he thrives on that! But there is more to life than studying and it's great that Sandbach School is able and willing to offer something over and above."

Experience of a lifetime

Having played piano since he was younger, Will was delighted to find a prominent place in the school's Big Band and in that capacity will be participating in the forthcoming Edinburgh Festival. More surprisingly, he has embraced the school drama group which has, Wendy says, given him an unexpected boost. "Will has always been a self-sufficient boy but being involved with the Theatre Club has given him extra confidence and greater social skills, and he can hold his own with anyone. I don't think that he would have engaged with acting and dance if it weren't for the strong drama department at Sandbach School but it has become something of a passion! He is thoroughly looking forward to visiting the National Youth Drama School in New Zealand later this year, an organisation with which Sandbach School has an association, and I have no doubt it will be the trip of a lifetime for him."

More to explore

Whilst Wendy is quite certain that Will would achieve academically at more or less any school he attended, she feels the quality of teaching at Sandbach School can only be to his advantage. "The teaching staff are totally committed and make every effort to get the best out of each student. Will's predicted GCSE grades are excellent and I am very happy about that; nevertheless, to me it is more important that he has a well-rounded education to include outside interests and other opportunities to explore."

So many options for the future

Wendy feels that Will, as a real all-rounder, has many options open to him in the future partly because he has been introduced to

things he might not otherwise have considered. "He sometimes thinks he would like to take up acting as a profession but is sensible enough to realise that university or another form of higher education is the first step. What pleases me is that he's been given choices which cover a variety of fields and which will stand him in good stead later. From my perspective, Sandbach School has been exactly the right choice for Will; it has managed to appeal to every side of his personality and his every interest."

Children say

Will: "I came to this school considerably apprehensive as to what I could achieve and my potential in such a high-achieving and prestigious environment as Sandbach School.

These nerves, however, we're quickly put behind me in my first term at School in 2010 where my potential academically and across the Music, Drama and Sport departments was recognised immediately.

Before long, I was encouraged to fulfill my potential both inside and out of the classroom and achieve the highest grades possible throughout all my school subjects, an element of support which has been unwavering since and serves as a testament to the excellent teaching available at Sandbach School."



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