



# Ysgol Uwchradd Darland Darland High School

COURAGE HONESTY RESILIENCE RESPECT KINDNESS



# Our Values





# Welcome to Darland High School

I am proud to present our school prospectus. Darland High School is situated in the beautiful village of Rossett and draws from the villages to the north and east of Wrexham, including the smaller villages of Burton, Lavister, Trevalyn, Holt, Gresford, Marford and Llay.


At Darland we offer a welcoming learning environment the moment you walk through the door, where every child is encouraged to make the most of every opportunity.

Our work starts long before pupils arrive, with the strong links we have with our primary schools and continues with all members of our community; learning is a life-long activity and here at Darland we recognise that.

We are committed to offering the very best education through great learning experiences. Our dedicated team offer a broad curriculum that includes over 23 GCSE subjects; constructed to suit the needs of all learners, delivered in a nurturing and supportive environment.







*“Students talk enthusiastically about the range of subjects available to them.”*

**Estyn**

*“They particularly love the independent projects in lessons.”*

**Estyn**



## Key Stage 3 A Blended Approach

At Darland, we understand the move from primary to secondary is exciting, getting the transition process right is important to us.

Our tutors are here to support students and guide them through the early days. Tutors will stay with the same form throughout the five years, building good foundations and relationships.

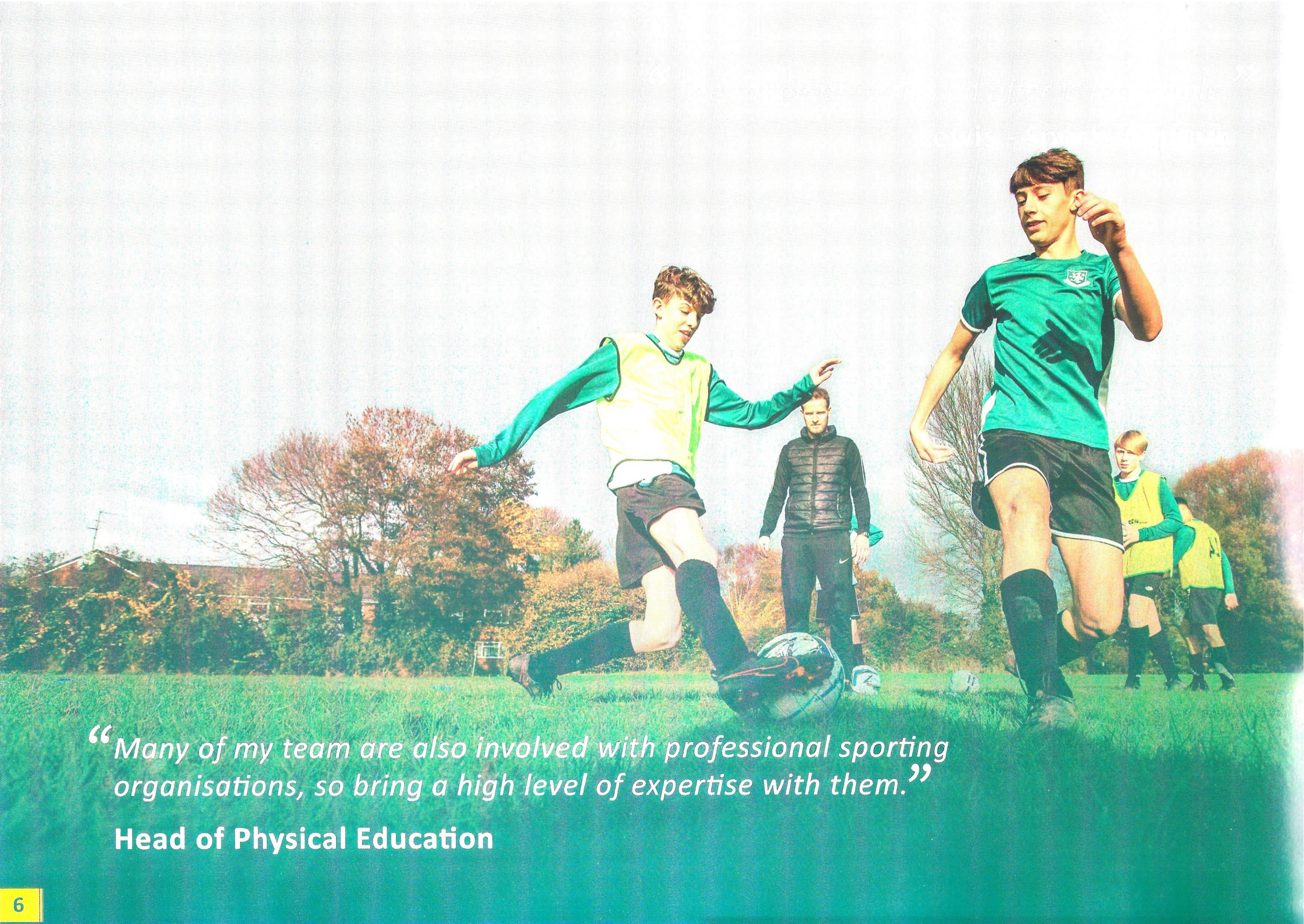
Our KS3 innovative curriculum allows students to explore new opportunities and subjects as they transition from primary all the way through to the GCSE years.

*“The Hive is a fantastic resource which has helped my son’s move to Darland run smoothly. The staff are so welcoming.”*

**Year 7 Parent**







*“Many of my team are also involved with professional sporting organisations, so bring a high level of expertise with them.”*

**Head of Physical Education**



# Key Stage 4 Opportunities for all

At Darland High School, we offer over 23 GCSE subjects from 10 departments. Our departmental teams provide professional academic support to all students. With high expectations of success, many of our departments consistently perform at the top level of Welsh education, with excellent exam results.

There is an extensive range of traditional and more modern GCSEs. This is complimented by a choice of over 10 courses offered by the Wrexham 14-19 network.

GCSE subjects offered at Darland include English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Numeracy,

Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Welsh, French, Computing, Geography, History, RE, Sociology, Music, PE, Drama, Media Studies, Product Design, Art, Textiles, Hospitality and Catering, Photography and the Skills Challenge certificate.







*“Pupils appreciate the timely and responsive nature of the pastoral team.”*

**Estyn**

*“Diversity is celebrated and supported in the school.  
There is always someone I can talk to.”*

**Year 8 Pupil**



# Care and Support

## Pastoral

Pastoral care is at the heart of Darland. We have an extensive team of experienced staff including Form Tutors, Heads of Year, Assistant Heads of Year and non teaching Pastoral Staff. They all work tirelessly to ensure every students wellbeing is at the centre of everything we do.

## ALN

The school has resourced provision for social communication difficulties and dyslexia and provide support for students with general learning difficulties.

The department adopts a flexible approach to meeting the needs of all students with additional learning needs and provides advice and support for all staff.

## Hive

A new initiative at Darland. The Hive is a resource that provides planned bespoke provision to support all students on their journey through Darland.

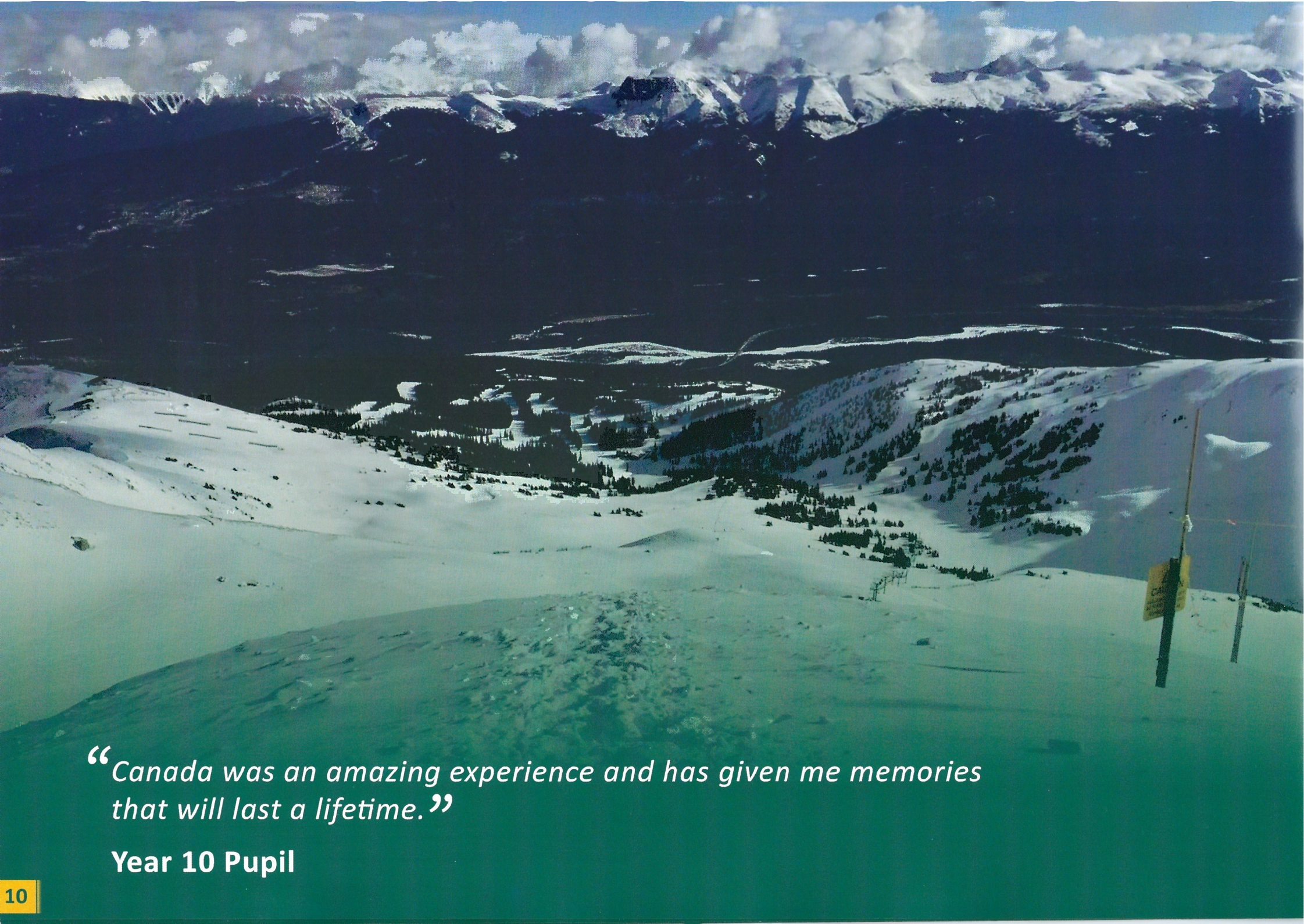
The Hive is staffed by a team of professionally trained non-teaching staff to deliver personalised support to each student they work with.

## DWR

Our Darland wellbeing Resource supports students in developing resilience and mental wellness. It is staffed by trained professionals.







*“Canada was an amazing experience and has given me memories that will last a lifetime.”*

**Year 10 Pupil**



# Extra Curricular

At Darland we recognise the school is not only about academic achievements. We offer students many opportunities to spread their wings and experience the world outside the classroom. After all, not all classrooms have four walls.

**Whatever the passion, we have something to inspire...**

Cricket, Gymnastics, Sri Lanka trip, Football, Canada Ski trip, Table Tennis, Boxing, Duke of Edinburgh, STEM Club, Athletics Club, War Hammer Club, Gym sessions, Badminton, Pride Club, Netball, Textile trips to Milan and London, Rounders, Basketball, Jiu Jitsu, French trip, Glan Llyn trips, History trips to Germany, French Club, Rugby.

*“I love the range of experiences on offer, there is something different to do every day.”*

**Year 9 Pupil**





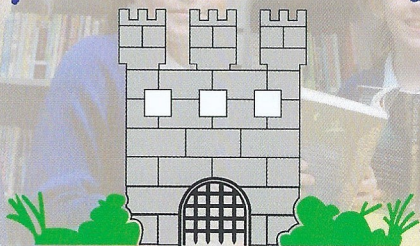
# Our Family of Schools



St Peters CiW Primary School



*The Robft School*



*Marford*

Park C.P School  
Llay



Ysgol G.G. Y Park  
Llai



Ysgol Yr Holl Saint  
All Saint Primary School



# Community Partnerships

## Primary Schools

We have a strong working relationship with our five cluster primary schools to ensure a smooth transition for pupils. Staff regularly collaborate to ensure a consistent delivery of the new curriculum from primary to secondary school. We support each other with joint activities including programmes for the more able and talented and resources including our new minibus.

## Foodbank

We feel a real duty to help support our community. In recent years we have held collections for the local foodbank in lieu of cash donations for charities. Students and staff have contributed a significant amount to the cause and we are very proud to support the Wrexham community.

## Community Group

Students have supported several groups in the local community. Including organising coffee mornings at Darland for the older members of our community. We continued this link through lockdown by writing letters to the group to ensure they had something to read during long periods of isolation.







*“What I enjoy about Darland is that we are a team and everyone’s ideas can be shared and listened to. Darland has made me go to school every day thinking positively and always knowing I’ll learn something new.”*

**Year 7 Pupil**



# Admissions

## Visit Us

We are always pleased to make arrangements for interested parties to visit us at Darland High School.

For more information or to arrange a visit please call **01244 570 588**

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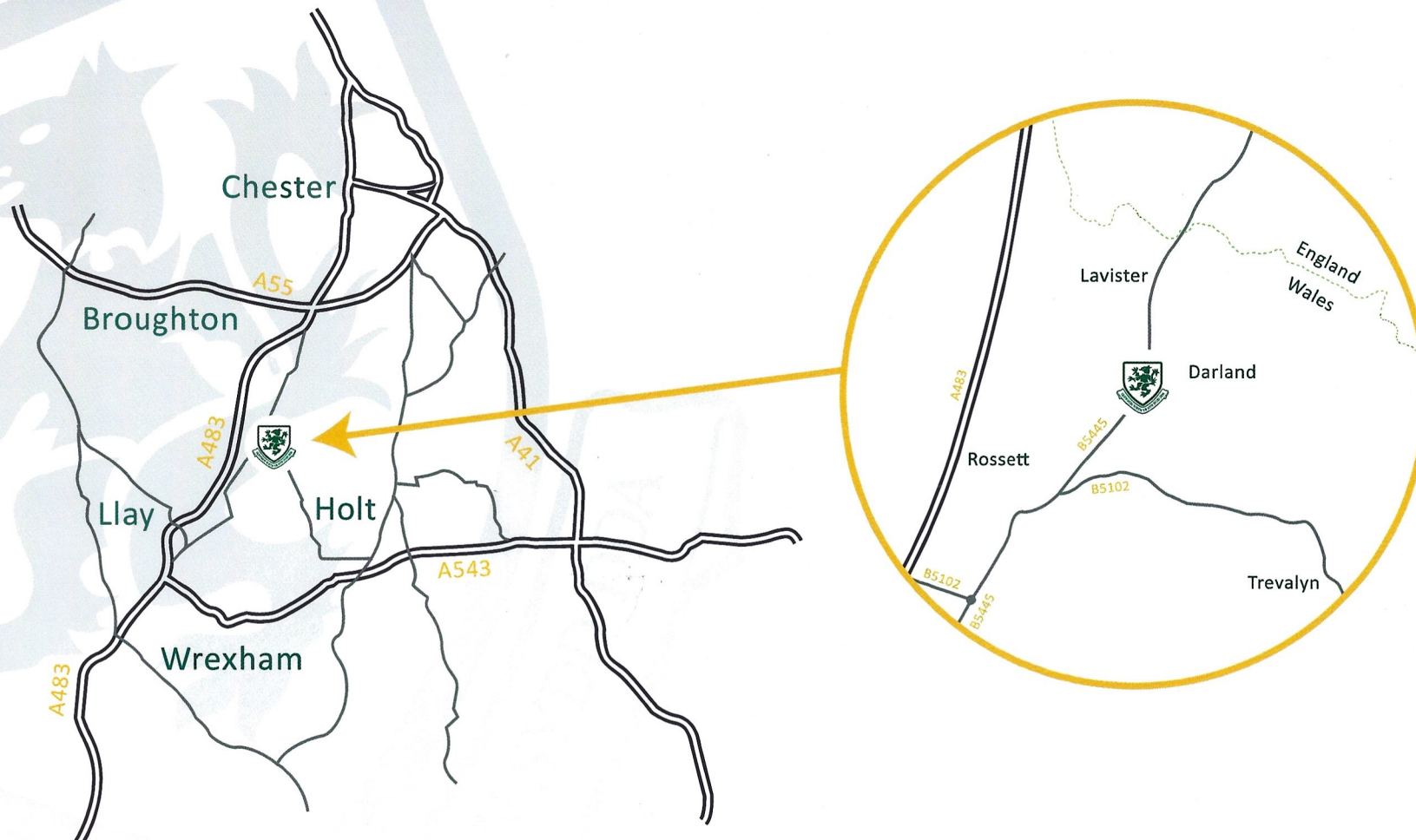
The admissions policy is set out in 'Parents & Carers guide to education services in Wrexham. The Local Authority is the admissions body for the school for students starting in. In common with the other six community schools, the LA asks that

all parents looking for places for their children for the following year should make submissions via the following link

[www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/education/admissions\\_secondary.htm](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/education/admissions_secondary.htm)







**If you'd like to know more about the application process, please contact us**



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