

# Teaching at Saffron Walden County High School

*“Saffron Walden County High School is an outstanding school providing an outstanding quality of education for all of its students.” Ofsted*



- ◇ 15 miles from Cambridge
- ◇ 2000 students (over 600 in the sixth form)
- ◇ National Teaching School
- ◇ 6th form in top 1% of all centres nationally
- ◇ GCSE: highest attaining non-selective school in Essex in 2018

## Professional Development

- ◇ Teaching School: access to wide range of courses
- ◇ Vibrant Research Community
- ◇ Leadership development programmes
- ◇ Coaching for all RQTs and available for all
- ◇ Support for staff wishing to complete a Masters in Education in their second year with us



## Staff wellbeing

- ◇ Dedicated marking time
- ◇ No written reports
- ◇ Termly staff social events
- ◇ Mindfulness courses and school counsellors
- ◇ Flu jabs available for staff

*Our mission statement: “Maintain excellence by nurturing and developing all staff”*



*“The pursuit of excellence is a theme that runs throughout the school.” -Ofsted*

**Extra-curricular opportunities**

Music Academy

International Concert venue: Saffron Hall

Gold awards from Artsmark and Sportsmark

School Farm and Cinema

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme



**Trips and visits:**

Annual ski trip

Biennial trip to Chicago

Romanian exchange

Biennial trip to China

*“Students’ behaviour around the school is exemplary.” -Ofsted*

**NQTs at SWCHS:**

- ◇ Reduced timetable with timetabled mentor sessions
- ◇ Paid employment during July
- ◇ Regular NQT team meetings
- ◇ Support for MEd in second year
- ◇ Access to Teaching School courses



**Other incentives:**

- ◇ Laptop provided
- ◇ Bike to work scheme
- ◇ Child Care Vouchers
- ◇ On-site nursery



**For more details visit:**

**[www.swchs.net](http://www.swchs.net)**

*“Sixth form... exemplary in every respect” - Ofsted*