

Wentworth Tutorial College

Independent school progress monitoring inspection report

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Purpose and scope of the inspection

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Section 162A of the Education Act 2002, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005.

The inspection was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

Information about the school

Wentworth Tutorial College provides GCSE and Advanced Level courses. There are currently 79 boys and girls on roll, of whom six are of compulsory school age. Most of the remainder are aged 16 to 19, although the college accepts occasional students who are older than this. All students of compulsory school age attend full time and those over this age attend as needed for the courses they follow. The college was founded in 1989 and moved to its current premises in 1993. It occupies three adjoining converted private houses, situated on the busy North Circular Road in Hendon, North West London. Students come from a wide range of ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds.

Wentworth Tutorial College aims to 'develop students' potential and self-confidence' and prepare them for higher education. It aims to do this by providing 'an environment which is quite different from the traditional school'. Students are given 'opportunities to learn, free from strict rules and regulations' and follow programmes that are 'tailored to meet their individual needs'.

The college was inspected in November 2008.

Context of the inspection

The college was inspected in November 2008, when a number of regulations were not met; these related to the physical education curriculum, careers guidance and policies, and to practices regarding the health, safety and welfare of the students. Certain elements were missing from the single central register of staff appointments. The college had not devised a three-year accessibility plan to address the Disability Discrimination Act. Following the inspection, the college prepared a first action plan that was evaluated and accepted in February 2010. Prior to the subsequent progress monitoring inspection visit of April 2010, the college successfully addressed a number of the outstanding regulations and this was recognised within the progress monitoring report of April 2010. Three regulations remained for the college to address. The college produced an action plan, which was evaluated in July 2010. This was deemed to be satisfactory subject to satisfactory implementation.

This is the second progress monitoring inspection visit to the college to follow up its progress in implementing its latest action plan.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The previous progress monitoring visit of April 2010 found that the welfare, health and safety of the students were not secured by suitable policies and procedures. Staff had not attended the appropriate safeguarding training. The safeguarding policy did not meet the current guidance. As set out in the college's action plan, these shortfalls have been remedied. The designated child protection officer has undertaken the advanced child protection training, as is required. Other members of staff have received the appropriate training and know what to do should a concern arise. The college has reviewed its safeguarding policy, which has regard to current guidance. The college now ensures that its safeguarding procedures are robust.

The last progress monitoring visit found that a detailed fire risk assessment had not been carried out at the time of the original inspection. The college action plan noted that a professional fire risk assessment consultant had been booked to carry out a risk assessment on the premises. The college has now employed the consultant to carry out the fire risk assessment on the premises. However, the management of the college has not acted upon all the recommendations made in the fire risk assessment report. There is a fire warden in school. The college carries out fire drills, but the recorded information does not include the time spent on evacuations or evaluations of events. The school has yet to ensure that all the fire equipment including fire alarms and fire extinguishers is checked regularly by a professional firm and that checks of general fire precautions are regular and robust. Therefore, the school is not compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

The last progress monitoring visit found that the security of the building was not assured. The school has since taken appropriate steps to ensure that students and adults are safe and secure on the college site.

The school has made satisfactory progress overall in implementing its action plan.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

As a result of this inspection, the school must take action to meet The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010¹ ('the Regulations'), as follows:

- ensure there is compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (paragraph (13)).

¹ www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2010/1997/contents/made

School details

School status	Independent		
Type of school	Tutorial College		
Date school opened	1989		
Age range of pupils	15–19		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 19	Girls: 20	Total: 39
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	Boys: 21	Girls: 19	Total: 40
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,750 – £11,950		
Address of school	6–10 Brentmead Place London NW11 9LH		
Telephone number	020 8458 8524/5		
Email address	enquiries@wentworthcollege.co.uk		
Headteacher	Mr Alan Davies		
Proprietor	Mr Alan Davies		