

Education Secretary Kirsty Williams praises Wrexham specialist school

The school is one of the leading special needs education facilities in the country and the Education Secretary toured the classrooms to see the excellent work undertaken there.

St Christopher's is a maintained special school for pupils aged between 6-19 years with a range of special educational needs and was awarded 'Excellent' in their last Estyn inspection in 2014.

In December last year the schools was awarded Welsh Government funding through the Arts Council to allow pupils to access artistic events that would normally be restricted due to the financial costs.

Kirsty Williams said:

"I want to thank everyone for welcoming me here today, I know that a school is a busy place so I appreciate you giving me your time and showing me the facilities.

"St Christopher's inclusive approach to education is to be welcomed and I've been impressed by how they support all learners to gain the qualifications they need for their next stage of learning. Others have much to learn from your approach.

"Within the education system we want to improve the aspirations of those who need extra support. Our Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Bill, will, if passed, completely overhaul the system for supporting pupils with additional learning needs."

The Welsh Government recently announced £20 million of planned investment to support learners with additional learning needs.