



West Hatch High School
a Specialist Business and Enterprise School
"THE BEST THAT I CAN BE"
Headteacher: Mr D Leonard BSc (Hons), Med

Trainee Counsellor

West Hatch High School Chigwell have an opportunity for a trainee counsellor to work on a voluntary basis and gain face-to-face clinical experience in therapy for young people in a modern, forward thinking, and supportive school environment.

West Hatch High School is a forward thinking, high achieving secondary school supported by excellent staff and local community. The school has an outstanding reputation and strong support from governors, parents and pupils. We currently have approximately 1400 pupils with a growing and vibrant community, as well as a growing 6th Form of approximately 250 pupils. Our examination results are consistently high and West Hatch remains heavily oversubscribed every year.

Emotional well-being is a major part of West Hatch school life and is hugely beneficial to our pupil's academic success as well as their satisfaction in later life. We are committed to developing and maintaining a holistic and positive approach to emotional, mental and general wellbeing in our school community for both students and staff. We believe that happy, secure pupils learn more effectively and become confident and motivated individuals in life.

West Hatch Counselling Service offers short or long-term counselling to students, dealing with a range of issues in a safe, confidential environment.

The placement offered is for one day per week in term time as soon as possible, to take on a caseload of up to 4 students, under the support and guidance of the School Counsellor.

The ideal candidate will:

- be in their final year of a level 4 or above BACP, BPC, UKPC or similar accredited course
- have experience of supervised clinical therapy, ideally mainly in adolescent psychotherapy/counselling
- be able to commit to a minimum of 6 months continuous placement
- Have a good understanding of safeguarding children and young people. (Training will be provided to the successful candidates)
- Be flexible, a good communicator with staff and students,
- Be well organised, and able to maintain meticulous records.