



Corelli College

CO-OPERATIVE ACADEMY

Prospectus 2016-17



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Corelli College Co-operative Academy. It is a great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you. As Principal, my aim is to ensure we provide a learning culture to enable students and staff to excel. I am unwavering in setting high expectations and consistently focus on improving outcomes for all our students. I believe in the basics of reading, writing, communicating and mathematics and relentlessly pursue excellence in punctuality, behaviour, uniform and mutual respect for one another.

At Corelli College Co-operative Academy we are uncompromising in our ambition for our students and emphasise scholastic excellence in academic and vocational work. Committed to providing exceptional opportunities for all, in a culture of the highest of expectations of, and for, our students, results continue to improve year on year. Our central aim is to enable each young person to achieve great things in whatever he or she undertakes. We pride ourselves on continuously striving to offer the highest quality teaching and learning experiences and use self-improvement to drive up standards.

We maximise success by ensuring all students are provided with rich, high quality educational opportunities, within our culture of high aspiration where achievement is recognised and celebrated. From the moment you enter the gates at Corelli College, with our beautiful sixteen acre site and state of the art sporting facilities, you quickly realise how happy, caring and successful our students are.

Central to our strong pastoral system are the co-operative values of self-responsibility, self-help, equality, equity, democracy and solidarity. We are a community where our young people are confident, articulate, responsible, learning focused and successful.

Perhaps, most importantly, we encourage all students to explore and broaden their interests and provide a secure, friendly and happy environment in which they can develop as individuals.

When considering sending your child to Corelli College Co-operative Academy, I hope you will take the opportunity to visit us and I look forward to meeting you.

Zara Tipping

A young woman with brown hair in pigtails, wearing purple-rimmed glasses and a dark school uniform with a white shirt, is looking slightly to the left. In the background, other students in similar uniforms are blurred.

Our Vision

Learning together, enjoying success

An outstanding Co-operative Academy with a total commitment to improving the lives of our young people

- A vibrant centre of learning, known for academic excellence with unrelenting determination for everyone to achieve outstanding results
- A community where students thrive within a culture of high aspiration, no cap on ambition, building the skills to lead healthy, happy, successful lives
- A place where everyone is valued, respected and trusted, where we all work together and celebrate excellence





A Co-operative Academy for Greenwich

At Corelli College Co-operative Academy we provide an education based on strong commitment to excellence, high achievement and the core co-operative values which develop our students as responsible citizens and leaders.

These values underpin the code of conduct all students are expected to follow which emphasises taking responsibility for oneself and helping others. Our student leaders organise events as well as participate in academy decision-making.

Students are also given opportunities to work in the community. Our students have completed work on mental health issues which have resulted in the academy being recognised nationally as the 'Citizens UK School of the Year.'

We have developed a distinctive, bespoke curriculum specifically designed to facilitate the students in acquiring and developing the skills needed for independent success and resilience, while also matching the needs of local businesses and the community that we serve. Our status as a co-operative means we are aligned to the wider co-operative movement of organisations that are run by their members and as such can draw on this worldwide network for support and inspiration.

We also work in partnership with a number of schools, colleges and organisations creating an added dimension to our work including collaborations with The Greenwich Theatre, The Ideas Foundation, Greenwich University and the UCL Institute of Education.

Student Excellence - Aiming High

Corelli College Co-operative Academy is committed to delivering academic excellence and more. Our students are encouraged and enabled to be ambitious in everything they do. Our exam results are improving rapidly and the progress our students make in English and Maths is faster than the national average. The majority of our Sixth Form students go on to study at a range of universities including the prestigious Russell Group. We are also extremely successful with our vocational courses in Engineering and Sports.

In years 7, 8 and 9 students study a full range of traditional subjects and develop the academic study and social skills they need for success as they progress through the academy. In order to do this we have developed a framework for learning that sets out the communication, independent learning, resilience and mathematical reasoning skills students need for success both at the academy and beyond.

Teaching strategies are carefully matched and personalised to meet the needs of our students allowing the most able to be stretched and for all our students to make better than expected progress. To make this happen we set students challenging targets and then work with them to monitor their progress and celebrate their successes. Students have regular academic mentoring sessions to discuss their development and set new goals to achieve further success.

We recognise the importance of the first years of secondary school and provide all students with a targeted programme of English and Maths tuition through our Academy Curriculum Entitlement (ACE) lessons which form part of the academy's extended day.

When students enter year 10 they will have chosen from a range of GCSE subjects and vocational qualifications. We offer a flexible curriculum which enables students to choose traditional and vocational qualifications.





What Ofsted says

We underwent a full Ofsted inspection in May 2016. Here are some of the positive comments about the academy which featured in the ensuing published Ofsted Report.

Behaviour

“The **behaviour** of pupils is **good**”

“Pupils, staff and parents agree that there is a **focus** on ensuring **high expectations** of behaviour.”

“Pupils are **enthusiastic learners** who are eager to **achieve well**. They are absorbed in their learning and keen to answer, and ask, questions. As a result, behaviour is good.”

Effectiveness of leadership and management

“There is an **absolute commitment** for rapid **improvement** from all leaders and governors.”

“The principal, with **determined support** from senior and middle leaders, has taken **uncompromising action** to **improve** the college.”

“**Parents’ views** of the college are **positive** and the great majority of **parents would recommend** the college to others.”

16-19 Study Programmes

“**Teaching is good** because it **challenges students** effectively and results in **good outcomes**.”

“Teachers have **high expectations** and a **strong commitment** to raising students’ aspirations. Students agree that their teachers are **aspirational** for them. They especially welcome the very **positive atmosphere** in the Sixth Form which they describe as **calm and friendly** with a sense of purpose.”

“Teachers ask questions that **stretch each student’s thinking** and students are encouraged to use appropriate language to explain their ideas. These factors, and the range of activities in lessons, ensure that students are **confident learners** who are engaged in their learning and who make good progress.”

Personal development, Behaviour and Welfare

“The school’s work to **promote pupils’ personal development** and welfare is good.”

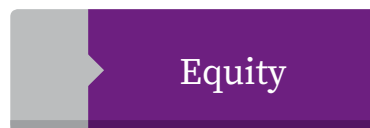
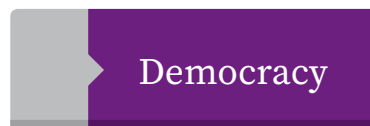
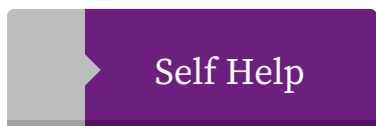
“The college’s open and tolerant culture promotes its **values of democracy, solidarity, equity, equality, self-help and self-responsibility** effectively. Learning communities, each named after one of these values, reinforce this commitment and encourage pupils to show respect and tolerance towards others. This fosters a **strong climate of mutual trust and understanding**.”

“Pupils are very **proud** of the college’s **diverse community** and say it is one of its strengths.”

Co-operative Values - Our Values

Our academy is founded on the Co-operative values which many organisations across the world use as their guiding principles. These values form the heart of our community because we know they enable our students to become active and responsible citizens and make our academy a happy, purposeful and productive learning community.

Everything we do is based on these values:



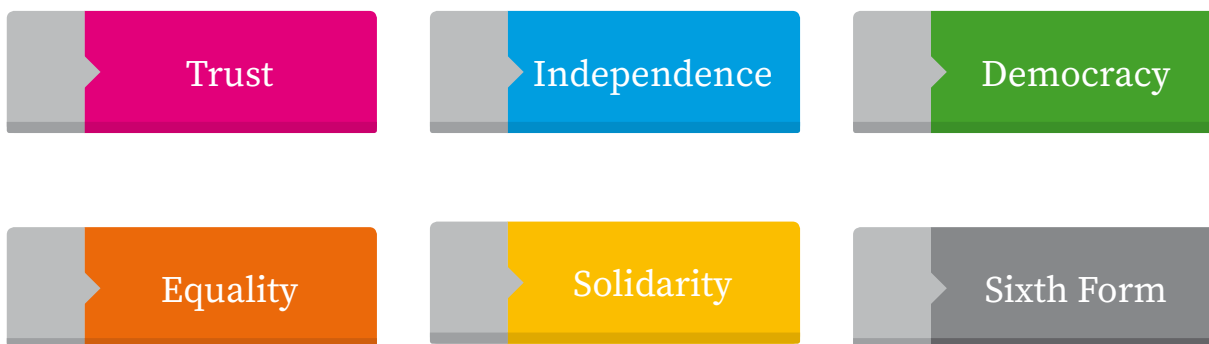
As the parent or carer of a child at our academy we encourage you to become a member of the Parents Co-operative and have your voice heard and take part in the election of members of the Academy Trust.

Learning together, enjoying success is part of our mission statement and we are strong believers that the collective matters as much as the individual. This belief is borne out of our passion to integrate education, life opportunities and good citizenship for the mutual benefit of the wider community. Therefore, everything we do - even down to the minute detail - is geared towards collaboration and open dialogue.

Our philosophy has been instrumental in creating a number of partnerships which not only enrich the lives of our pupils with greater prospects and life experiences, but also raise aspirations and create a positive impact in the community that we serve.

Small Communities

We will get to know your child as an individual. We provide a safe and supportive environment with clear, fair rules and high expectations. Within the whole college there are six smaller communities. These provide the support and guidance students need to flourish. The Sixth Form is a separate community with its own distinctive ethos, while the other communities consist of tutor groups made up of students in years 7-11.



Within the communities, each student is allocated to a tutor group. These mixed age groups allow students to support and learn from each other. Each group has trained tutors who provide academic advice and guidance to their tutees as well as pastoral support. Each community is led by a Community Director who has oversight of pastoral welfare and academic progress. There is also a Community Assistant for each community who is a member of the non-teaching staff, and a Learning Mentor. This structure creates a two-way communication channel between the home and the academy, which parents and carers regularly comment on as they feel a closer bond with Corelli College, whilst their child benefits from a fully integrated learning experience.

Each community provides a supportive environment for our young people as they enjoy working together on days such as our Arts Festival, or Thinking Actively in Social Contexts (TASC) Days.

Corelli College is also one large community and students from different communities mix freely in lessons, during social times within the academy and at our weekly whole academy assemblies.

Making the Transition

Moving from primary to secondary school is an exciting transition, but it can also be a little daunting. At Corelli College Co-operative Academy we manage the move every step of the way to ensure that all our students make a secure start and are happy and settled in their new school.

Many of our students have already visited the academy, taking part in one of our gifted and talented days, before they even apply, while in year 5 others have worked with our students or staff in primary schools as part of our outreach work.

All students gaining a place at Corelli College Co-operative Academy are visited at their primary school as a first step in the process of getting to know each child as individuals. They are interviewed by senior staff and invited to spend a day with us meeting new classmates and experiencing a day of academy life.

We know that some children are anxious about making new friends, so we run a youth club called The Moving-On Up Club in the summer term. Your child can take part in a range of activities and meet other new Corelli College students. This is so popular that many of our current students sign up as volunteer helpers to contribute to the successful transition of others.

Over the holiday we also run a summer school which provides enjoyable activities and trips. This keeps students active as well as providing an opportunity to maintain their learning skills before starting in September. The summer school also offers the opportunity to make friends before the academic year starts.

In the first years of secondary school it is vital that students continue to develop their skills in reading, writing and mathematics. We also believe that each child should take part in activities which will help them develop other skills and interests not in the main curriculum. All students take part in two after school sessions per week, one targeted to extending their literacy or mathematical skills, and the other chosen from a range of areas including sport, arts and languages.









Looking to the Future

Our Sixth Form curriculum is constantly adapting to meet the needs and interests of our students and to ensure they have the best possible qualifications to compete in today's crowded job market.

Our examination outcomes in the Sixth Form are excellent. We offer a full range of A level courses and a significant number of our students progress to Universities across the UK including prestigious Russell Group institutions such as Oxford, Durham, King's College and Bristol.

We believe it is important that all students have a clear route mapped out to progress and reach their full potential. With that in mind, we offer a range of courses at different levels. We only offer courses from which there is progression where qualifications are widely recognised by employers.

We offer excellent teaching with clear feedback on our students' progress and an environment geared towards challenging each student to achieve his or her best. Talent is nurtured through a host of diverse opportunities for learning, sharing, community development and enjoyment, including an award winning Theatre Company. We have a strong emphasis on sporting activities. Students can benefit from our elite Basketball Academy. We are committed to helping students picture their future by providing them with the support and encouragement they need. There are also opportunities to mentor younger students and take part in a range of enrichment activities and trips.

The students themselves set up and run a student union. They organise charity events, socials, trips and outings. The student union is truly representative and provides a role model for younger students.

Enriching Lives

At Corelli College Co-operative Academy we provide a range of experiences which enrich our students' lives. Many subject areas run trips and residentials. These include day and one week trips to France, museum and gallery visits, university taster days and environmental fieldwork.

We pride ourselves in a growing number and variety of extra-curricular activities students can access. Our students work with internationally renowned musicians and perform to high standards within and beyond the college. Modern Language residential visits explore the cultures and the languages of European cities; History groups visit the trenches, Ypres or explore Munich with a WW2 perspective; Geographers participate in field-work in Brighton; Sports leaders train with a Paralympic gold medal winner and other athletes; Drama performances are held in Greenwich and West End theatres; Debates and public speaking and visits to Parliament, Universities, theatres, museums and art galleries are offered to students across the age range. Our Farm Academy with its bees, chickens and fresh fruit and vegetables, allows students to have an experience unknown to many.

Students are given opportunities to compete with other schools through regular sporting team fixtures and at Borough and London wide athletic events. We also enter teams and individuals in a wide range of competitions ranging from business opportunities and local league sporting events to the Chelsea Flower Show and the Schools Shakespeare Festival.

Corelli College Co-operative Academy has been part of the London Farm Academy Programme. Students can learn about food production by helping to grow our organic vegetables, or look after our bees, chickens and rabbits. Students have the opportunity to access Environmental Science in KS4 in addition to a cohort of students training in Animal Care through a partnership with Hadlow College.

Our extensive after school provision gives students the chance to develop talents, enjoy learning new skills and develop their confidence and social skills.









Corelli Basketball Academy

An elite Corelli Basketball Academy has been formed through the success of the National and International schools' Basketball Programmes. Primarily the academy caters for Sixth Form students from the age of 16 to 19. However, girls and boys aged 11 – 16 will be able to tap into numerous opportunities through the Corelli Basketball Academy and the players.

Coach Joel Moore runs the Corelli Basketball Academy. He has a wealth of experience spanning 40 years in Basketball as a professional player and coach. He has coached at various universities and academies for the past 20 years and is a Basketball Tutor for England Basketball.

At just 17 years old, Joel was the the youngest person to play for the England Men's team. He played 60 times for England and was Great Britain Captain for four years. Joel has 2 Commonwealth Gold Medals and retired whilst one of the top players in the country. As part of the Basketball Academy we hope to make students well rounded, disciplined individuals before they leave Corelli College and for the lucky few that develop their basketball skills further there are various opportunities.

The Basketball Academy has top links with some of the biggest Basketball clubs in Europe such as Germany, Belgium and France. We also have links to 'under 21' Academies which in turn have professional links in Holland and Belgium alongside strong and successful connections with several American Universities.

As a student in England, there are scholarship opportunities at the University of East London and Southbank University.



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