

FOREST HILL SCHOOL
ASPIRING TO EXCELLENCE TOGETHER



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for
Prospective
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OUR CORE VALUES

*Aspiration • Ambition
Rigour • Partnership
Community*



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Experts in Boys' Education for 60 Years



Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to Forest Hill School, a thriving and aspirational school which has been providing the highest quality of education to the young men in this district of London for over 60 years.

You visit us at an exciting time in the school's history. In this context I have been reflecting on a summer of success for Forest Hill. I am extremely proud of our boys' achievement in both A level and GCSE examinations this year.

As you will see from the details in the results section, there were not only some stunning individual performances at both levels, but there were significant improvements in almost every subject area. I am delighted to report that Forest Hill is one of the two most improved schools in Lewisham thanks to the amazingly hard work of the staff, the support of the parents and, of course, the commitment and diligence of the students.

It is our priority that your son will feel safe, known and valued when he joins us at Forest Hill. Our core values and motto, 'Aspiring to excellence together', set the tone for all aspects of the school. Your son will succeed not only academically, but in all other aspects of school. Our excellent pastoral system will support him to do this, and the myriad opportunities outside of the classroom will equip him to develop into an engaged citizen and a leader of the future.

Our specialism in the performing arts continues to be a golden thread which runs through the school. All boys study the full range of the arts at Key Stage 3 and have the opportunity to perform to multiple audiences. In the arts, our team working approach and the enhancement of communication skills allows us to challenge the stereotypes of young men held by many.



It builds confidence which can then be transferred to all parts of the school experience. It is a fundamental foundation stone of the Forest Hill community.

I hope you will enjoy your tour of our state of the art building and will find out everything you need to know about the school. Please feel free to ask any of the pupils and members of staff about anything. I want you to be fully informed, as were the many staff members who have sent their children to Forest Hill.

Headteacher, Mike Sullivan

The Learning Curriculum

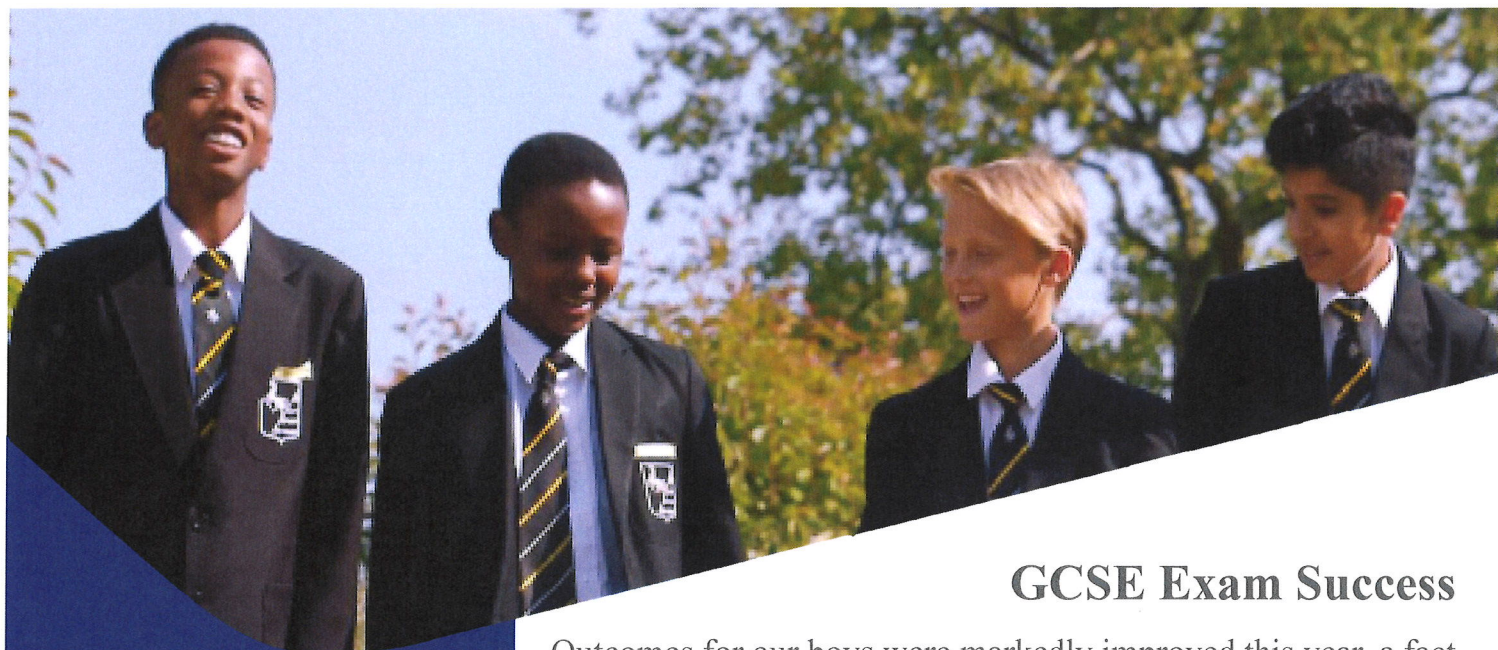
At Forest Hill School we combine the traditional values of hard work and academic learning with creativity and innovation.

We believe that students achieve their full potential if they enjoy their work and find it stimulating and challenging. The school offers a broad and balanced education, fulfilling all the requirements of the National Curriculum, while at the same time reflecting as wide a choice of pathways as possible, to cater fully for all levels of aptitude and ability. Of course, there are opportunities to study the full range of performing arts.

Homework and independent study are seen as valuable to nurturing successful learners. Parents are kept fully informed about homework tasks via 'Show My Homework' software and we expect them to play a central role in ensuring that homework is completed effectively.

Our website also enables parents to access information about the topics studied in each year group and the progress of their sons.

**At FHS, boys
receive a
broad
education
including
dance,
drama, art,
music and
design**



Aspiring to Excellence Together

GCSE Exam Success

Outcomes for our boys were markedly improved this year, a fact which reflects the incredible hard work put in by them and their teachers, to say nothing of the support at home. Forest Hill students' 2018 attainment is above last year's national average and progress is twice as good as it was in 2017. Many subjects posted excellent results.

As always there are a range of amazing stories and achievements throughout the school. Of particular note was a 70% improvement in the pass rate in Drama alongside 20% improvements in Photography and Spanish and 15% in Art and Geography. English and Maths grades again improved with the pass rate in English going up another 11% which means it has improved 20% over the last two years. Maths has improved by 17% in the same period.

The number of students getting the top grades also increased with the percentages of students achieving both grades 8-9 (the old A*) doubling. Our students excelled again in Physics with 10 achieving the new top grade of 9 (with another 10 getting grade 8). In Maths there were 9 students with grade 9 and a remarkable 19 with grade 8!





SFH6 Records its Best Ever A Level Results

Our 6th Form students once again did themselves and the school proud with an excellent set of results at A level and the vocational equivalent courses.

Our students saw improvements in both of the key benchmark measures of % A*-A grades and % A*-B grades. The success at Forest Hill reflected the overall results for SFH6, our joint sixth form provision with Sydenham School. SFH6 gained its best ever A level results. We believe that this reinforces our view that SFH6 provision is now established as the most consistent and best post-16 provision in Lewisham.

For the fifth year running we have a student going to Oxbridge (Cambridge to study Medicine) and SFH6 has a record number of students progressing to the elite Russell Group universities.

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Ofsted 2017

Pastoral Support

Our pastoral system seeks to create a real sense of community within the school in which all are known, valued and supported. We are an inclusive and caring school and above all seek to ensure that our students are happy and safe. We were very proud that this work was recognised in our recent OFSTED inspection.

Pupils say that bullying and derogatory behaviour are rare. They are clear that if either happens, staff deal with it quickly and effectively. Pupils feel safe in school and especially like the separate area in the playground for Year 7 pupils.

The school has robust procedures to promote pupils' personal development and welfare.

OFSTED 2017

Pupils are cared for well. They are helped to overcome social and personal challenges.

OFSTED 2017

The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is good.

OFSTED 2017

We recognise that relationships are at the heart of education and strive to develop close relationships with our boys and their families. We work very hard to make sure that all available lines of communication are open so that it is easy for you to get in touch with us whenever you need to. Our fundamental belief is that we as a school work in partnership with you as parents to ensure that your son has the best possible educational experience.



Outside the classroom

It is a strong feature of the school's philosophy to provide a wide range of additional opportunities.

We have a long and valued tradition of providing a vast range of extra-curricular activities, particularly in our specialist subjects of dance, drama, music and media production.

Students have access to a broad range of sports and many of them compete at the highest level. We also offer a wide choice of residential trips, in the UK as well as abroad.

Our extra-curricular programme is extremely extensive and caters for all interests.

Central to the school-based activities is our outstanding library provision, where students can access resources to support their curricular and extra-curricular studies.

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