



## **About Archbishop Tenison's Church of England High School**

Archbishop Tenison's is a popular, oversubscribed and well-established Church of England, mixed, 11-18 comprehensive with an excellent track record at both GCSE and A Level. The school's motto: "Tenaciter - Academic excellence for each person in a Christian community" reflects its commitment to providing a strong academic foundation for its pupils in a secure Christian context. This environment gives them, in turn, the confidence to contribute well to a good, free and just society.

The school was founded in 1714 by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Tenison, for "ten poor boys and ten poor girls of the Parish of Croydon". At that time it was a radical new departure to educate boys and girls together in the same school. This is probably the longest continuously running mixed school in the world under the same foundation as when it started.

Today the school serves the Archdeaconry of Croydon and Deanery of Sutton, giving priority through its admission arrangements to children from Church of England and other Christian families who live within that area, with 25% per cent of places allocated to feeder schools and 25% of places open to families geographically.

Archbishop Tenison's is a relatively small secondary school, with a Year 7 admission number of 150. In Years 7-11 the curriculum follows a traditional model, with a strong emphasis on the core subjects - English, Maths, Science, French and German, History, Geography, Physical Education and Religious Studies - alongside artistic and practical subjects such as Art, Music, Drama and Technology. All pupils follow a Personal and Social Development programme including Citizenship. Popular subjects include Food Technology and Computing.

The Sixth Form is strong and growing with over 90 students (2025-26). Entry is on an academic basis and the curriculum expands to include subjects such as Economics, Business Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Film Studies, Further Maths, and both English Language and English Literature, providing a wide range of academic pathways and enrichment opportunities.

The school also enjoys a very high level of participation in extra-curricular activities from spectacular concerts and sporting achievements to overseas cultural visits, ski-trips and charitable projects both locally and abroad.