



Information about Morpeth

Morpeth is an 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school located in Bethnal Green, East London. We have been graded 'outstanding' since 2007 and believe that we remain an outstanding school.

We are a community school and are proud that we fully reflect our community in terms of our intake with a representative ethnic mix. Tower Hamlets operates a banding system so that we are also fully comprehensive in terms of ability. However we have a significantly higher than average proportion of pupils with EHC plans – typically over 90 across the whole school, with some pupils having extremely high levels of need. Our strengths lie not only in our academic achievement and progress which, at KS4 has been above national average for several years now despite pupils arriving with prior attainment below national average, but also in our strong ethos. Our School Development Plan has only two areas of focus: developing teaching and learning and building social and cultural capital. We believe that it is our relentless drive to improve our pupils' experiences within both these areas that results in their progression to excellent routes beyond school with over 38% of our Year 13 cohort going on to Russell Group or 1994 Group universities last year. At the end of Year 11, 98% of pupils are in full-time education or apprenticeships. The quality of relationships within the school – between groups of pupils and between pupils and staff - is tangible evidence of our ethos in practice. As a result, our pupils enjoy their learning and are extremely proud of their school.

In terms of attainment on entry to the school, whilst according to SATs information, our pupils are only slightly below national average, from our baseline data typically nearly 60% of pupils start Year 7 with a verbal CATs score below 100 with up to 18% of some cohorts having a score below 80. Similarly, approximately 25% of pupils in each cohort have a reading age two years or more below their chronological age with a consistent 13-14% having a reading age of 8 or lower.