SCHOOL INFORMATION

Alexandra Park School (APS) is a high achieving, successful comprehensive school in North London. The school, which is located on a beautiful five-acre site adjacent to Durnsford Park in the London Borough of Haringey. Ofsted have classed it as 'Outstanding'.

The school's motto is "Success for all" and this is achieved by providing an environment in which all students flourish and are able to achieve. A highly developed and embedded culture of learning is at the heart of everything the school does. When they join APS, and throughout their experience at the school, students find a supportive and friendly environment, where high standards of discipline and behaviour are expected and maintained. APS provides a safe, structured working environment where every individual is encouraged to strive for excellence.

APS is committed to working collaboratively with primary and secondary schools, specialist organisations and universities in order to ensure best practice and optimise opportunities for its students. It applied successfully to become a Teaching Alliance School in 2012 when it established the New River Teaching Alliance (NRTA). The NRTA's mission is to raise academic standards at APS and across all NRTA partner schools; recruit the very best candidates into the profession; develop existing teachers and coordinate research into strong and effective educational practice. All Haringey secondary schools joined the NRTA as partners. APS converted to multi-academy status at the end of 2016 in order to develop further its collaborative working model.

APS is a thriving, dynamic, non-selective school that offers an outstanding curriculum experience and achieves excellent outcomes for its students. It aims to ensure that all students make excellent progress from the point at which they arrive in Year 7. Attainment at Key Stage 4 and 5 has increased year-on-year for over 5 years. APS students study a predominantly traditional curriculum with a focus on the core subjects of English, maths and science. At Key Stage 4 academic achievement is high: in 2019, the last year of formal examinations, Progress 8 was 0.63, Attainment 8 was 58.7 and 84% of students achieved good passes in five GCSEs including English and Maths. This places us in the top 10% of schools nationally.

The school is always heavily over-subscribed at Year 7 entry and has been for several years. The number of parents choosing APS as their first or second choice is more than 1,000. This is consistently higher than for any other maintained secondary school in Haringey. Applications to join the Sixth Form increased over the same period, with applications for September 2020 outnumbering available places by a ratio of 1-5.

APS is proud to be a truly comprehensive school offering a broad, balanced and accessible curriculum that recognises and responds to the needs of its rich and diverse community. The school appreciates that young people live in times of rapid cultural change and increasing cultural diversity. It believes it has an essential role to play in enabling students to understand and respect different cultural values and traditions and the processes of cultural change and development. APS fosters confident and responsible citizens who are prepared to meet the challenges of life. When it was awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark in 2015, APS students were enthusiastic contributors to the process.

The Sixth Form offers an extensive range of courses and recruits externally as well as internally. The provision has been independently assessed (ALPS) as in the top 10% of institutions nationwide. At its last inspection of APS, Ofsted judged the Sixth Form as Outstanding in every category. In 2019, the last year of formal examinations, 88% of our students achieved A*-C grades at A level, 67% A-B with 33% being awarded the top A*/A grades. Two thirds were successful in their application to one of the UK's top 30 universities and three quarters of our students were able to follow the course they had chosen at their first choice university.

In its most recent report on the school, Ofsted noted that: "Alexandra Park School is an outstanding school. The decisive and inspirational leadership of the Headteacher and a highly effective leadership team has enabled Alexandra Park School to continue its journey of rapid improvement. It is a reflective and self-critical organisation which lives its aim to 'put learning first' through its every action."

"Students are highly motivated learners who make rapid progress from their starting points through outstanding teaching, an excellent curriculum and exemplary care, guidance and support. Attainment is high and rising. Students are highly committed to their studies and are aspirational. Their ambitions are high as is reflected in large numbers of students progressing to the most competitive courses and universities."

Whilst being rightly proud of its achievements, APS recognises that its success rests on its ability to appoint outstanding, highly qualified staff who bring vision, energy, enthusiasm and very high expectations to the school. Its recruitment processes are aimed at finding and appointing those who are committed to excellence in education.

Please visit the APS website for more detailed information about the school:
http://www.alexandrapark.school