

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of staff at The Ravensbourne School.

The Ravensbourne School is an Academy belonging to the E21C Trust located in the heart of Bromley.

We believe in an holistic education for our students in which both academic excellence and personal development are the key ingredients for a happy and successful life. I feel immensely privileged to be the Headteacher of this unique school which positively transforms the life chances of the young people of our local community.

In May 2018 we were recognised by Ofsted as a good school. You can be absolutely confident that our mission as a school is to become outstanding. Not for any badge that may bring us – but because we believe in delivering an education that empowers our young people.

We are proud of our school vision and strong values. We aim to develop resilience, respect, responsibility, resourcefulness and reflection in our students. Our teachers are creative, skilful, dedicated and enthusiastic professionals, who work tirelessly to improve the outcomes for all students. We are very proud of the achievements of our students, past and present. For a flavour of their many successes please browse the issues of the Ravensbourne Review.

We are large school which creates a dynamic and diverse community. However, we are not so large that we cannot pay attention to the small details. We appreciate that every child is different and each deserves success. We believe that every child has unique talents and that through harnessing and honing each child's talents they will fulfil their full potential. Our students are rightly proud of their school and all visitors comment on their excellent behaviour and happy atmosphere. Our goal at The Ravensbourne School is a clear one: to enable all students to develop their knowledge, love of learning, skills and character so that they can be happy in life and be successful in higher education or the inspiring career pathway of their choice.

## BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The Ravensbourne School is an historic building with a lot of character, but one that is also capable of delivering a modern curriculum. The main part of the building which dates from 1911 is undergone a refurbishment in Summer 2020 where classrooms are becoming modern places to learn with the latest technology and your child will be excited to go to learn. The Media department is one of the most vibrant in the school and is supported with a fully equipped Television Studio, capable of live broadcasts. Our Science department has a reptile house and small animal centre located within it's dedicated building. Our PE department benefits from significant grounds (including, from 2020, a rugby pitch, league standard full size football pitch, two further football pitches and a rugby pitch, converting to a cricket pitch and athletics during the summer months), a fully equipped gym, sports hall, state of the art 4G, MUGA and computer room. Our History rooms have been refurbished this summer and now include a fully restored Edwardian classroom with a modern twist. We have three dedicated Dance teachers who have use of our modern fully equipped dance studios. We have 10 Computer rooms with plans for a computer lab due to be finished September 2021. All of our subjects are taught in designated areas with staff qualified to at least degree level.

## PASTORAL CARE

Our core belief is that everyone should strive to be the best they can be. Whilst we accept no excuses we have an amazing Pastoral team where Year Assistants, Tutors and Deputy Head teachers work together with students and subject teachers so that your child can flourish academically but knowing that there are several people that they can go to if they have any problem or doubts. Your child will see the tutor every day and they will have a quick catch up in the morning to check that they are ready to learn and hand their phones in. Then they will meet at the end of the day to discuss the day as well as to do their PSHCE lesson, the book of the week, well being sessions and discuss their attendance and punctuality together with their progress.

## TEACHING EXPERTISE

Our strongest asset is the quality of teaching staff. All our teaching staff are fully qualified and hold a degree in their key area of teaching. Teaching staff thoroughly prepare their lessons to cater for all students, giving detailed feedback for them to be the best that they can be. All teachers are given an opportunity to develop in the careers and get involved in the career path they feel more confident with. In recent years the school teaching roster has been boosted by a considerable number of former students joining the profession, who are able to add their life experiences and commitment for our students.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR

Living in a modern, pluralistic society as we do, it has never been more important to develop a full CV. This is why we place so much importance on developing the key skills of resilience, responsibility, resourcefulness, readiness and reflection. Staff run a large range of extra-curricular clubs encompassing not just the Sports and Dance Teams, but also performing arts, music, computer programming and arts. The TRS debating team participates regularly in national competition and are current BMA champions. The TRS Shares for Schools team has also seen much success in recent years, being South of England champions twice in the last 5 years. At TRS we are due to start the Duke of Edinburgh award, Covid-19 permitting for Years 9, 10 and 12. Students attending TRS also benefit from a wide range of educational visits. These vary from trips to the theatre to a number of foreign trips. There is an annual skiing trip and in the last two years students have also had the opportunity to visit CERN in Switzerland, Lake Garda, Spain, France, Belgium, Iceland, Italy and Germany.

We very much look forward to receiving your application.

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