

# Carshalton Boys

*Making a  
difference*





*...a good school,  
outstanding features*

# Principal's *welcome*

Carshalton Boys is a popular, over-subscribed, all-boys community comprehensive school for students aged 11 to 16 with a mixed Sixth Form located in the London Borough of Sutton.

The ethos of the school is based upon a happy, warm, thriving atmosphere with a clear purposeful approach. We are a caring community where everyone's talents are recognised and nurtured. It is our belief that happy students achieve and this can be seen in our outcomes at both Key Stage 4 and 5 which have risen year on year.

As a designated Sports College we provide outstanding facilities and coaching in a wide variety of sports. However, our commitment to providing a high quality learning environment in every subject can be seen throughout the school, with our most recent developments being state of art Mathematics, ICT and English Learning Zones.

In September 2014 we achieved Food for Life Partnership Gold award for our whole school approach to the provision of high quality food teaching, growing and catering.

Our Open Evening takes place every September and we hope that you will wish to visit the school to see for yourself what Carshalton Boys has to offer.

Simon Barber BSc Econ (Hons)

## The whole *child*

At Carshalton Boys we offer children of all abilities a broad and balanced education, tailored to their aptitudes and aspirations, enabling them to develop self-esteem and grow into well-rounded adults.

This starts with our work with primary schools to understand the needs of every new Year 7. Throughout their time at the school, our students have opportunities to explore the widest range of possibilities, in and out of the classroom.

Peer mentoring of younger students by members of the sixth form gives every child a positive role model and firm support which complements our excellent pastoral care.

As one of our Year 7s put it: 'it is a positive school'.

*'My first year was brilliant, I liked the lessons. Maths, Science, English and History gave me inspiration'*

**Year 7 student**



*'an outstanding* curriculum'



# 'excellent opportunities'

We are very proud of the range of opportunities offered at Carshalton Boys. In 2013 Ofsted described the wider provision of experiences as 'exceptionally good', helping to develop students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding 'extremely well'.

Our boys benefit from activities as varied as helping to design new playground facilities to visiting Ecuador and campaigning against the closure of a local hospital. Our staff work creatively to make sure that students can access many activities both inside and outside the classroom which are designed to increase confidence and responsibility and to provide experience that would not normally be available.

We are ahead of most schools in our understanding of the possibilities afforded by information technology. We encourage the use of a wide range of devices to enhance learning and our new Mathematics and ICT Learning Zones are examples of the impact this access can have on achievement.

*'I have enjoyed my first year at Carshalton Boys,  
the lessons are great'*

**Year 7 student**

## *PE and sport*

Sport is a powerful learning tool, and the principles behind success on the sports field apply to success in the classroom. Sport gives students opportunities for leadership, analysis and teamwork. Our curriculum is designed to develop accomplished, confident and well-rounded young people.

We see no contradiction between 'sport for all' and the pursuit of excellence at Carshalton Boys. Every student has the opportunity to participate in any way they can. Our Sports College status has helped us raise achievement and self-esteem throughout the school.

The range of sporting activities we offer is huge. We dominate England's Handball scene, sending six UK representatives to Sweden recently to play for the national Handball team. Our Sixth Form hosts a regional national hub for Handball and we continue to foster new talent year on year. We are always open to suggestions for new sports from students and parents and have recently introduced Dodgeball and Martial Arts into our curriculum.





# The Arts

To carry through our commitment to give every boy the opportunity to succeed, we have placed creativity at the heart of everything we do.

Participation in the Arts is one of the most effective ways of building a student's confidence and self-esteem; in addition it broadens their cultural capital, helping them to a deeper understanding of the world and their place in it.

Our work in art, drama, media studies and music has brought awards, excellent public exam results and uncommonly high levels of participation throughout the school. In 2013 The Arts Council awarded us its Arts Mark Gold in recognition of our achievement.

Success in ballroom dancing and public speaking, sell-out drama productions and music concerts, and our own Oscars evening are evidence of the creativity of our students. Senior students are in touch with some of the most adventurous theatre in London, establishing the habit of exploration which will stay with them throughout their lives.

# *The Sixth Form*

Our sixth form is a caring, learning community. We pride ourselves in knowing every student personally and with teams of great tutors and subject teachers, we work together to ensure that every student gets the individual support and encouragement they need to achieve their best.

Numbers in the sixth form have grown year-on-year, as have the range of courses available. We have excellent links with universities, the local community and other schools. Our results continue to improve and Ofsted recognises these strengths, as do some of the best universities in the country.

Sixth form is the bridge from school to the rest of your life, you need to be happy, well-taught and well-supported. Come to our sixth form open evening in October and see for yourself.





# Our *community*

Communities are based on diversity of talent, not a single idea of ability.

Our work on inclusion has been cutting edge, with the promotion of the ambassador's programme and national recognition through a Gold Standard Cultural Diversity Award and Stonewall Champion Status. All groups within our school achieve above their expected levels and our inclusive work with staff has been recognised with the gold Investors in People Standard (IIP).

We are now a champion for both the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust for our Sports College and equality work and IIP. We work in other schools to share best practice and to help with community cohesion. We are also a 'Food for Life' Flagship School, promoting healthy life choices and have the bronze sustainable travel award for our work in promoting safe and healthy travel options.

Our outstanding pastoral structure combines traditional year teams with dedicated student services, who maintain communication with home, always ensuring there is a sympathetic link with school.

Our weekly parents and carers newsletter provides the opportunity for comment on policy and any feedback is fed into the school's continuing development programme.

And our sense of community does not stop at national borders: Carshalton boys (and girls) have worked with local communities and aid agencies in Borneo, Tanzania and Ecuador.

## *Our place in the* world

Our goal is to transform achievement: to enable every student to seize the best possible opportunities in life. Carshalton boys are serving their country in the armed forces, the Health Service and the police, and an increasing number leave us to study at some of the best universities in the country: Carshalton boys currently study at Nottingham, Sussex, Reading, Keele and Royal Holloway, London.

We are immensely proud of our students' achievements: they are a vindication of our belief in the potential of young people of any aptitude.

As a sports college we are a touchstone for excellence throughout the country; but it is the way that all things work together at Carshalton Boys which is the key to our success. We create the conditions in which your son will develop his own solutions and find his own path to success.

We hope this prospectus has given you a flavour of what we are at Carshalton Boys. We hope you will want to come and see for yourself that no matter what your son has to offer us, we offer him all he needs to succeed.







# Carshalton Boys Sports College

*A specialist Sports and Arts school*

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