



# Kingsford Community School

An International School  
and Confucius Classroom



Aspire, Succeed, Be Excellent.

## Head Teacher's Welcome

Kingsford Community School is a diverse and vibrant coeducational secondary school that offers a unique and transformational education to its 1500 pupils in the heart of Beckton, East London. The school has been described by Ofsted as "a harmonious community in which everyone lives and breathes the school's values of aspiration, achievement and excellence."

Through the school's International School and Confucius Classroom status, and supported by strategic partnerships that seek to raise standards at every turn, our pupils leave us equipped to make a tangible difference in the world as conscientious global citizens.

Pupils are inspired within the classroom by a challenging yet accessible curriculum, stimulating teaching, outstanding pastoral care and the best in modern facilities. And yet the Kingsford learning experience goes well beyond the classroom, with exciting educational visits, international experiences, a varied cocurricular programme and community outreach projects.

I know that as a family you will feel welcomed into the international Kingsford community before you even enter our doors. Our warm and inclusive family ethos is tangible, and provides the perfect foundation for children to develop and thrive, both academically and personally. Our transition process is carefully planned to ensure that our pupils feel safe and supported. Our partnership with parents is fundamental to the success of our pupils, and it is important that we work together from the outset to ensure that they feel secure and empowered to achieve their very best.

At Kingsford, I am proud to say that no matter where you come from, your success will be determined by your high aspirations, determination to succeed and commitment to excellence. Nothing more, and nothing less.

*Joan Deslandes*

B.Ed.(Hons)MA OBE  
Head Teacher

"Pupils are enthusiastic about being members of this school...Pupils and staff are proud to be a part of it."

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## Our Values

At Kingsford Community School, pupils are taught, motivated and nurtured to aspire, succeed and be excellent. We believe our pupils' potential to achieve is limitless and we provide them with the tools they need to thrive and excel as global citizens. We continually challenge our pupils to aim high, go further, and be the best they can be.

To support our pupils in this mission, we advocate and uphold the FIRST values:



### **F**ocus

Keeping our eye on the goal, on academic and personal excellence.



### **I**ntegrity

Being honest and having strong moral principles.



### **R**espect

Being kind and supportive to ourselves and others – treating others as we would like to be treated.



### **S**elf determination

Taking responsibility for our actions.



### **T**eamwork

Working with others as together everyone achieves more.

Kingsford pupils are our best ambassadors. They are strong communicators, responsible citizens and ambitious achievers who carry a strong sense of value with them for life. As Ofsted have stated, “Pupils are helpful and polite and are guided to become ambitious, confident and thoughtful.”

## Our Mission Statement

“Excellence and success in an aspiring, inspiring community where pupils and learning come first.”

## A place for excellence, achievement & progress

Kingsford Community School is a place for excellence, achievement and progress. We are committed to enabling our pupils to realise their potential through the provision of exciting opportunities which help them to develop their talent. All staff work towards setting achievable targets for pupils and regularly review them, in order for each individual to observe and learn from their tangible progress and move forwards to even greater accomplishments. Our academic results consistently improve due to our ambitious and dedicated staff, the hard work of pupils and the support of their parents.



**"Pupils achieve well and are taught to be ambitious about their futures.. (they) are very well prepared to succeed and flourish in modern Britain."**

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## A place for equality

Kingsford is a place for equality. Equality is at the core of everything we do, and is something we passionately seek to drive forward at every opportunity.

As a school we are strengthened by the many nationalities and cultures represented and we seek to respect and celebrate them all.

We are a diverse and inclusive family of kindness where no child is left behind, and where everyone is actively engaged and feels they belong and contribute. Our curriculum, policies, and staff professional development seek to ensure that every single member of the community feels welcome and supported to thrive.

**"Kingsford is the best thing that has happened to me because everyone is supportive and kind. You can always find help. I am proud to belong to a school where everyone is welcome and valued."**

**Year 11 pupil, anonymous survey**



## A place for partnership

Kingsford is also a place for partnership. Partnership is crucial to all that Kingsford Community School is and achieves.

The learning experience at Kingsford is greatly enriched by valued partners both inside and outside the school community. Within the school, pupils, parents, staff and governors all work together effectively to secure the best possible outcomes for our young people. From the minute your children join the school, you enter into a close and fruitful partnership with us. We will seek to keep you fully informed of your child's progress throughout their time at the school, through our parent portal, regular parents' evenings and events.

The school also works hard to seek and maintain effective partnerships with external organisations that contribute to ensuring our pupils' success at GCSE and beyond. The school has developed links with schools across the globe, in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. These partnerships help to broaden the horizons of our pupils, and help them grow to

be global citizens who are internationally and culturally conscious. The school also regularly receives distinguished visitors from across the world, including some of the United Kingdom's leading politicians, who are invariably impressed with the school, its staff, and particularly its pupils.

Kingsford Community School contributes to and benefits from partnerships that ensure the best teaching and learning that benefits every pupil. Our status as a Teacher Effectiveness Enhancement Programme (TEEP) Ambassador School, a SSAT Leading Edge School awarded for excellent "Transforming in Professional Learning" practice, a leading Challenge Partners School and an Inclusion Quality Flagship school, are just some examples.

The school has long enjoyed a close relationship schools in the independent sector, with our talented pupils going on to enrich the learning communities of top private institutions at home and abroad.



## A place that transcends the classroom

Kingsford is a place that transcends the classroom. The school is committed to providing a diverse and engaging range of extra-curricular activities to complement the school's robust curriculum and to spark and nurture pupils' varied interests. Exciting trips, international visits and work experience are all part of the Kingsford learning experience. Our Virtual Learning Environment and Learning Resource Centre are dynamic and well-used hubs, where pupils can access a range of world-class tools to support their learning. Pupils feel a deep sense of belonging to Kingsford, and the school's ethos and clear values provide them with a strong moral compass that they carry with them for life.

At Kingsford Community School, we believe that educational visits are the perfect companion to the theory learnt in the classroom. Every pupil at Kingsford Community School can expect to take part in unforgettable learning experiences beyond the classroom, and create memories they will carry with them for life.

At Kingsford, pupils can choose to take part in exciting co-curricular programmes that develop key life skills, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Kingsford Community School is proud to have its very own Combined Cadet Force squadron. The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is a popular programme designed to enable the development of personal responsibility, leadership and self-discipline. Kingsford cadets wear their uniforms with great pride.

As an international school, we are committed to providing our pupils with opportunities to experience cultures first-hand, at home and abroad. Pupils take part in work experience and language exchanges in France, Spain and China, allowing them to develop their language skills and deepen their cultural understanding.

Closer to home, our Learning Areas provide regular visits, summer camps and residential courses which all help to enhance pupils' understanding of subjects across the curriculum.





## A place where wellbeing matters

At Kingsford Community School our systems, processes and policies operate with the best interests of children at their core.

The wellbeing and personal development of our young people is at the heart of every lesson taught, every conversation shared, and every decision made. Trained and experienced tutors, pastoral support officers, mentors, a designated safeguarding team and mental health leads work together with staff and parents to ensure that pupils feel supported, cared for, and that they belong.

In both our education and our safeguarding, our focus is always on taking the actions needed to enable all pupils to have the best possible outcomes. For this to be achieved not only does the quality of education matter but also disseminating and embedding a strong safeguarding culture throughout the school.

At Kingsford, “safeguarding is everyone’s business.” Every single member of the Kingsford community plays an important part in this culture of vigilance. All staff are fully trained in relation to child protection and other issues surrounding safeguarding.

Parents receive regular updates on important safeguarding issues and trends. Our pupils are encouraged to talk and are listened to, knowing there are adults in the school whom they can approach if they are worried or have concerns. Pupils can also share concerns about themselves or their peers using designated **“Tell Me”** post boxes around the school.

**“Pupils...said that the school is a safe place to be, whoever you are.”**

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“Kingsford Community School provides an inclusive and welcoming place for any member of the school community to be able to thrive in their day-to-day learning... This is because of the very clear vision, values, culture and ethos set by the Head Teacher and her leadership teams, supported by the governors, to welcome everyone into the ‘Kingsford family’, so they at all times feel cared for, valued, supported, recognised, and above all inspired to achieve the best they can...In doing so they can access the widest range of learning and enrichment experiences to support their own personal and professional goals.”

**London Borough of Newham  
Safeguarding Review,  
2022**



## A curriculum that develops character

Education at Kingsford is not just about information but also transformation and aims to develop pupils so that they can live well in a world that is worth living in. For us, pupils' personal development and who they become in the process of their education is just as important as their academic success.

Our ambition is for all pupils to leave us with good character attributes that are needed to be effective contributing citizens. Character development supports pupils to become effective global citizens and recognise the value of attributes such as reflection, critical thinking, gratitude, compassion, civility, community, resilience and confidence within our curriculum. Good Character is embedded into every aspect of school life at Kingsford.

At Kingsford, the focus on developing positive character traits such as respect, honesty and integrity is vital to ensuring a safe and inclusive environment where every pupil can flourish. It helps to guide pupils so they reflect wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity and cooperate consistently well with others. Through character development pertinent to the stage of education, pupils enhance their physical and emotional wellbeing as well as their confidence and oracy. Pupils have ample opportunity to develop their leadership skills, and leave the school well prepared for adult life in British society.



**“Personal development and good character are strongly established at Kingsford.”**

**Challenge Partners Review,  
October 2021**

## A unique international experience

The school's Confucius Classroom status and international links add a positive dimension to all curriculum areas, helping to raise pupils' aspirations and preparing them for working and living in an increasingly competitive and global economy. A Kingsford education gives our pupils a comprehensive understanding of their place in the world and an appreciation of different cultures and practices.

Having been previously voted the Best Confucius Classroom in the World, Kingsford is a truly international school dedicated in its mission to nurture conscientious and fully equipped global citizens. Kingsford is a lead school for the Mandarin Excellence Programme, offering pupils a unique immersion experience and the opportunity to leave the school with the prestigious HSK level 3 proficiency certificate, and scholarships to continue Mandarin studies at top institutions in China.

Our pupils consistently perform to an exceptional standard in speaking competitions across the country. Enjoying fruitful links with schools in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America, Kingsford offers pupils opportunities to travel and take part in work experience in France, Spain and China. We regularly receive prestigious visitors from all over the world, leaving a lasting impression with our pupils' warm international welcome.

Our receipt of the British Council's International School Award is a testament to our commitment to providing a uniquely international and culturally enriching learning experience for our pupils.



**"This wonderful and creative school actively supports and promotes a wide range of international partnerships, languages and activities and ensures that the cultural and linguistic heritage of all are celebrated and shared widely..."**

**Kingsford brings the world into its classrooms every day and provides a hugely rich and important central focus for global learning. Kingsford prepares its pupils to be confident, articulate, knowledgeable, responsible and skilled citizens with acute global awareness."**

**John Rolfe MBE, Leader in International Education**

## An exceptional learning environment

As well as excellent teaching and learning and the best in pastoral care, Kingsford pupils enjoy the use of outstanding and innovative facilities to enhance their learning experience. The school's buildings and spaces are carefully designed to bring our varied, robust curriculum to life.

The school boasts an extensive sports complex comprising gyms, sports halls, a fitness suite, basketball court, astroturf and a generous field. Pupils can explore their talents in the performing arts with access to drama and dance studios, music practice rooms and composition suites, and develop their scientific thinking in our fully-equipped laboratories.

Our learning resources centre and computer suites all support our pupils' digital literacy and inspire researching, inquisitive minds. Our art and technology studios allow pupils to explore interests in a range of practical fields, whether design, culinary, robotics, or coding.

In 2017, a new building was inaugurated, allowing pupils to access to state of the art classrooms, a flexibly furnished lecture theatre, and spacious dining facilities.



## Tomorrow's Leaders

At Kingsford, pupils are listened to and supported to become confident, proactive young people who are equipped to make a difference to the world around them.

Pupils have opportunities to actively participate in the leadership of the school and to provide feedback as school leaders on aspects of the curriculum we teach, the experience they have in lessons, the school's support for wellbeing and safety, and our extra-curricular activities, for example. Our pupil leaders serve as important role models for our younger pupils, modelling the behaviour needed to thrive and succeed at school and beyond.

Pupils are carefully prepared for their next steps early on in their Kingsford journey, with an extensive CEIAG (Careers, Education, Information and Guidance) programme running across all year groups and embedded throughout the curriculum. Our talented pupils are identified and supported to secure fully funded scholarships at top independent institutions through the school's successful High Aspirations Programme. The Kingsford experience allows our pupils to aspire, nurture their ambitions, and look forward to brilliant futures.



## How to Apply

The staff, governing body and pupils of Kingsford Community School would welcome you applying for a place at our school. To do this you must follow the correct process for your child.

We are a school maintained by London Borough of Newham which means they are the admission authority for Kingsford Community School. They determine the selection criteria for school applications, as well as the admissions arrangements for pupils with disabilities. All applications for this school must be made through London

Borough of Newham's Pupil Services. For children born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013, their parents or carers must apply for them to start a secondary-phase school in September 2024. The closing date is 31st October 2023.

For further information visit our website: [kingsfordschool.org.uk/191/admissions](https://kingsfordschool.org.uk/191/admissions).



Scan code to find out more about our Admissions process.



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