



## **THE LONDON ORATORY SCHOOL**

### **JUNIOR HOUSE**

The School is a Roman Catholic voluntary aided school in trusteeship of the Fathers of the Oratory, London. The Junior House provides a specialist musical education with a strong emphasis on Catholic liturgical music for boys between the ages of 7 and 11. In addition to an intensive musical education programme, music scholars receive free tuition in one musical instrument. Music Scholars also follow the full National Curriculum and learn Italian and Latin. Boys admitted to the Junior House are full members of The London Oratory School, where they are expected to continue their education until the age of eighteen.

#### **Structure**

There are four forms in Junior House J1- 4; each of 20 pupils. Each form has a form teacher who sees the boys at the beginning and end of each day and who will also teach the form for some subjects. The majority of lessons are taught by subject specialists with teachers having the opportunity to teach across both Key Stages 2 and 3 where qualified to do so.

The school day normally starts at 8 o'clock with a 30 minute period of choral or instrumental work which is taken by the music staff; this is followed by a short break. Form period starts at 8.40 am with a short service and registration. Classes then follow a structured timetable with 8 periods per day, lessons lasting 45mins.

Pupils remain in their form room for classroom based lessons and use the facilities in the senior school for PE, swimming, science, art etc. The Modern foreign language is Italian and from J3 (Year 5) pupils are taught Latin. Classrooms are very well equipped and resourced, all have an interactive whiteboard, computer and a printer.

#### **Meetings**

House and Departmental meetings are held on a regular basis through the year but the House relies for its smooth running on good communication between all its members and particularly with the Housemaster, who has responsibility for the day-to-day running of Junior House. It is essential that staff feel able to discuss their problems and ideas, their work and that of their pupils. Matters discussed at House and Departmental meetings include pupil support, planning of visits, management of resources, schemes of work and INSET.

#### **Co Curricular and Journeys**

A variety of whole school and individual class visits and journeys are arranged throughout the year with class teachers and form tutors encouraged organise and take part in these. A full programme of extra-curricular activities takes place in the Junior House and Senior School; teachers should be prepared to make a full contribution to these activities.