



Ark Evelyn Grace
Academy



Prospectus



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Welcome

Ark Evelyn Grace Academy is an 11–16 mixed secondary school, located at the heart of the London Borough of Lambeth. We are a community school, with high aspirations, working with and for our families to empower our students to be the voice of their future.

Through providing a **nurturing environment**, a **high-quality education** and a **wide range of experiences and opportunities**, we enable all our young people to have choices over the direction of their lives. It is my role as Principal to ensure that all students, attending Ark Evelyn Grace Academy, can be heard, be seen and be their best, making significant progress in school and securing high quality destinations so that they reach their full potential.

Our mission statement is based on the belief each young person is different and difference should be embraced. It is based on the belief each young person has a unique contribution to make and should be given a voice. Through finding their voice, young people can lead empowered lives where they have choice, agency and influence. We are focused on the future as we want our young people, to be the face of it.

Supporting our mission is our Culture Compass which sets out the values that drive the work that we do creating a shared sense of purpose.

There is no limit, with hard work, optimism and perseverance, to what our young people can achieve and it is a privilege to be Principal of our wonderful school community. I look forward to welcoming you to it.

Ms Una Sookun
Principal

Empowering our students to be the voice of their future



Our *Mission*

Our mission statement is to empower our students to be the voice of their future. We will equip students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to have choice, agency and influence over their lives. This is done by providing students with:

- **A nurturing environment.**
- **A high-quality education.**
- **A range of experiences and opportunities.**

This enables students to find their own voice and make informed decisions about their future.

We are focused on the future as we want Ark Evelyn Grace students to be leaders in their chosen field.

Culture *Compass*

Our Culture Compass sets out the values that drive what we do and who we are. Community sits at the centre as the work we do is with and for our students, our families, and our wider community.

Community: We are stronger together. We value each other, celebrate what we have in common and our differences. We make sure everyone is included.

Ambition: We believe in setting great goals for ourselves and working hard to achieve them. We aim to be and do our very best, in all environments.

Integrity: We do the right thing and are honest about our words and actions.

Professionalism: We have high standards of ourselves and are consistent in our approach to them.

Perseverance: We know that success comes from hard work. We believe in working through difficulties and see challenge as an opportunity to grow and learn.



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Our tutor groups

Each of the tutor groups represent an area of London associated with a profession. Our tutor groups also form our house system. We want to see **EGA students** in these places.



Bloomsbury

An intellectual and literary hub.



Southbank

The centre of art and culture.



Temple

The legal district.



Whitehall

The centre of government and power.



We are more
than a school,
we are a
community.



Why choose EGA?

- 1 **We are more than a school, we are a community** where everyone knows and supports each other.
- 2 **We provide a calm, caring and nurturing environment** that allows children to thrive.
- 3 **We focus on student voice** so that our young people can express themselves and develop their leadership.
- 4 **We are unashamedly ambitious** and have a relentless focus on high standards which means we bring out the best in our children.
- 5 **We are always improving** and we don't stand still.
- 6 **We develop students' passions** through our high quality extra-curricular programme and offer free one-to-one music lessons.
- 7 **We have a host of great partners** from DebateMate to Goldman Sachs and Arsenal.
- 8 **We are part of the Ark network** so students can participate in events like the Ark Music Gala at the Barbican and benefit from scholarships.
- 9 **We actively work with our parents** and have a fortnightly parent forum.
- 10 **We do whatever it takes** to enable your child to reach their potential.



Supporting *every child*

Community

Friends of EGA is made up from a body of parents and carers to represent our community. It has a consultative and advisory role; to strengthen the voice of parents.

Friends of EGA is an informal way for parents to feel involved in our school community, learn more about the school and how they can be involved in it.

Parents are a driving force behind their children's progress, but also for improving the school system as a whole.

Every fortnight we have a parent forum where parents can meet with senior leaders.

We also host a range of events throughout the year where we can celebrate together as a community.

Our specialist subjects

At our Academy we know that students may need different or additional support at specific times during their time in our school to be successful. Our school SENCO works closely with all teachers to identify needs early and assess which interventions or specialist support is required.

We have a dedicated inclusion areas within the school so that students with needs always feel supported within school.



Enrichment *and extra-curricular* *activities*

We are proud to offer an exciting variety of extra-curricular activities, helping our students to uncover their passions, expand their horizons and become well-rounded individuals.

Life at our Academy is so much more than just lessons. Whether learning an instrument, taking part in a school performance, representing the school at sport, or something else entirely, we are confident every student will find an extra-curricular activity they love at our school.

We provide every student with the opportunity to take part in a broad range of sports and physical activities that often go beyond the standard curriculum. The PE department runs a rich after-school timetable with professional sports coaches, often with the chance for students to play competitively against other schools. We welcome students of all levels and ability; team sports are about having fun, staying fit and being part of a community.

One of the best things about school is doing things you enjoy with other young people outside of the classroom. Research shows that participating in extracurricular activities benefits young people in many ways and it is a real focus for us.

We are proud to be the South East host for Arsenal's pre-academy and their coaches will be helping develop our school teams.



Admissions

Ark Evelyn Grace is a non-selective secondary school with no religious affiliation and service children of all abilities. We have a student Admission Number of 120 for September 2024.

In the event of there being more applications than spaces available, applications are considered against the criteria below. After the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan, the criteria are applied in the following order:

1. Children in the care of the council and previously Looked After Children, is as stated in the Admissions Code 2021.
2. Children of staff at the school where the staff member is filling a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. ARK schools are required to approve the Principal's designation of such posts and confirm the assessment that a member of staff appointed meets the requirement of the shortage. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year.
3. Children who have a sibling who already attends the Academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission (for this purpose 'siblings' means a whole, half or step-brother/sister resident at the same address).
4. Children of staff in the school who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time the application is submitted. ARK Schools must approve the Principal's decision to allocate places to staff under this criterion. Priority will be limited to one place for each form of entry in any year (i.e., 6 places in each 6-form year group).
5. Children who live closest to the Academy using a straight-line measurement from the main reception of the Academy to the main entrance to the child's home.

Appeal arrangements

Unsuccessful applicants have the right to appeal against the decision to an Independent Admissions Appeals Panel established under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Independent appeals for this school are arranged by school staff. Please email the Academy for an appeals form.



The Ark Network



Our Academy is part of Ark Schools, a leading education charity and one of the country's top-performing academy operators. Ark is non-denominational and does not make any profit from running its schools.

Ark exists to make sure that all children, regardless of their background, have access to a great education and real choices in life. From working with just one school, Ark has since grown into a network of 39 schools in the UK — and is now recognised as one of the highest achieving academy groups in the country.

Ark wants to change the lives of children everywhere, not just in our own schools. They create and incubate ventures designed not only to help students in Ark schools, but

also to improve education systems as a whole. These ventures tackle some of the most intractable problems facing children — including poor numeracy, inadequate support for dyslexic students, and the lack of quality social workers. Things can only be changed through hard work, high expectations and evidence-driven approaches. In some cases, it could be about tweaking the way a lesson is taught; in others, it's changing the way we think about training teachers. For instance, in the UK, our structured approach to teacher training and professional development is helping to embed outstanding teaching in our schools — for trainee teachers right through to executive headteachers. We don't stop at training our own teachers — our programmes are now training teachers and school leaders in hundreds of schools across the UK.



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