

THE LYCEUM, AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-11



The
Lyceum



Everyday
Inspiration

LYCEUM





At a glance

1997

established

4-11

independent and
co-educational

Small

class sizes

EC2

located in the
heart of the City

Topic

based creative
curriculum

Family

strong family
atmosphere

Welcome

The Lyceum is a unique school, a happy place where learning is rich, fulfilling, exciting and our pupils make exceptional progress in their time with us.



Our co-educational school is an oasis of calm in the heart of London where we nurture our children with time, expertise and care. The children's happiness and joy in learning is most important to us.

Through a broad curriculum offering, coupled with our highly skilled and enthusiastic staff team, we will discover the unique genius that is within each child. This will enable them to develop into young people who are truly self-confident and who will go on to make a positive contribution to the world.

We are located in a beautiful 5-storey building, with a large playground, specialist art, science and yoga classrooms, a library and a canteen.

The prospectus can only give you a glimpse of our school, we would love for you to visit us to find out more.



Creative, confident and kind

We look to infuse our learning with creativity and to bring excitement and fun into all aspects of school life.

Academically, we set our sights high. We follow a topic-based curriculum and each pupil is supported on their own educational path.

We believe that children can achieve more if you can unlock their self-confidence, and a key part of this is developing their love for music, stories, poetry and performance. We also encourage them to learn through experience and exploration rather than by memorising facts.

Importantly, because we place an emphasis on kindness and self-awareness, our children are equipped with the confidence and personal skills to set them up for life.

From EYFS onwards, the pupils' personal development is excellent. Within an atmosphere of friendship, respect and trust, pupils become confident, articulate and responsible young people.

ISI Report



**Warm and friendly,
The Lyceum School
provides a bright
and airy environment
for individuals to
grow together.**

Learning Together

We are one school community, where pupils and staff all know and support each other. Our school houses – Austen, Dickens, Eliot and Shakespeare – enable children across year groups to come together, while also providing a platform for competition and reward.

We place great importance on happiness and well-being. Sport ensures our children are physically active and the curriculum also introduces them to yoga, which forms part of the wider understanding and development of their own emotional intelligence.

This is reinforced by mindfulness practice in every assembly, and we also have an Emotion Monitor in every classroom and a Well-being Wall, which helps free children from their worries and support their emotional growth.



Pupils' excellent relationships with each other and with the staff are supported by the outstanding pastoral care shown by teaching and non-teaching staff.

ISI Report





Kindness, creativity, confidence and community.

At The Lyceum, we believe the structure of education should be balanced to encourage freedom in learning.



Our curriculum



We encourage children to learn from everything they experience. As they move through the school, they develop their knowledge and skills at the same time as developing their self-confidence and flexibility.

The curriculum we follow is based on the National Curriculum and forms a carefully curated scheme of work that is as balanced as it is broad.

From Early Years onwards, learning is topic-based, giving children a focus that can be explored across subjects, from Maths and English to Dance, IT and Religious Education.

This means the Gunpowder Plot, Great Fire of London and the Plague can form the basis for great opportunities to find out about sound, forces, Baroque and Rococo art, 3D models and musical instruments.

Where pupils find particular subjects challenging, or their English is not yet fluent, we have the appropriate learning support in place to help them progress. Schemes such as our science quiz team and reading initiatives - many suggested by our students - provide the means to encourage our most able students to achieve their full potential.

When I first came to this school in Year 3 I wasn't good at reading at all ... but as the terms went by and the years passed I started to go to a special class with the speech and language therapist ... He is so kind and really, really, really, really helped me, and now I barely ever get my head out of the book I am reading.

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Sam Year 5

Bringing learning to life

Ask a Lyceum pupil what they love about the school and one of the top answers will always be our trips.

Whether it's a day at Spitalfields City Farm for our younger children or a team building sailing day for our Year 6 pupils, they are magical experiences that bring learning to life.

Nowhere is this more true than on our living history trips, where children spend a week dressing, eating and working just like the people of the period they are studying. The history they have been taught in the classroom is made real – mud, smells and all.

As a central London school, we are in a perfect position to explore everything on offer within the capital and just beyond. Tubes and trains connect us to the city's museums and galleries as well as its streets, where our Art Week tour brought children face-to-face with an original Banksy.



I love the trips we go on overnight. I learn so much and I have so much fun. I love dressing up for them. It makes it feel like I'm living in the past ... When we went to Suffolk we lived on a Tudor farm for a week. We did Tudor chores, ate Tudor food, did Tudor traditions, and dressed as Tudors.



Rebecca Year 5

Without The Lyceum I would never have tried so many different sports, or pushed myself to try harder. I would never even have attempted swimming twenty-five lengths, let alone thirty-eight; I would never have tried the BMX track at the Velopark, with its steep ramps and hills; and I would never have believed I could run a mile, or even two! The Lyceum helped me to realise what I am capable of.

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Lara Year 6

Stretching ourselves

The spirit of our school supports children in pushing themselves to try new experiences and develop new skills.

Physical activity is part of every child's school day. As well as our own spaces, we are fortunate to have the use of the swimming pool, tennis and netball courts at Finsbury Leisure Centre and the facilities of the Honourable Artillery Company.

We also make use of the local parks, either for supporting our curricular activities or simply letting off steam.

We offer clubs both before and after school to fit around busy family lives. The day starts with breakfast club and concludes with a range of after-school clubs, including art, French, big band, Spanish, football, ballet and yoga meditation.



CLUBS

Breakfast Club	Science
Meditation	Football
Yoga	Homework Club
Big Band	Ball Skills
Film Club	Music
Multisport	Spanish
Ballet	Maths Dance
Chess	Strategy and Board Games
Art	Coding
Drama Club	Performing Arts





I have learned to play different instruments such as the piano and the trumpet and the recorder. I have been wanting to play the trumpet since I was in Year 1 and when I started to play in Year 4 it became a dream come true.

James Year 5



Music in our hearts

Music runs in our veins at The Lyceum, providing children with a soundtrack to their education at our school.

Listening, playing and making music can not only bring great joy, it also helps build your child's confidence and self-esteem, and helps them explore their creativity.

An amazingly high percentage of our pupils play an instrument. Many start from the age of four and the majority of pupils in Year 5 and 6 play two or more instruments.

Within the curriculum, Music is co-ordinated and planned by our passionate head of music, who works with class teachers and specialist instrument tutors – all professional musicians – to link activities with class topics.

By the time our children reach Year 6, the art of performance comes naturally to them, and they have a love and appreciation for music that is well ahead of typical children of their age.

At The Lyceum, we enjoy active learning; fully engaging children in the process as well as the subject matter.

Creative to our fingertips

We create art, we write poems, we tell stories, we build incredible models, we invent machines, we perform on stage.

For our pupils, these opportunities to learn by doing are vital in igniting new ways of thinking. It means they ask questions, look for solutions, experiment and enjoy the experience.

Every child takes part in our plays, either through acting, dance or music, starting with an assembly each term in Reception and building up to major history productions in Years 5 and 6.

We are passionate about art, and children learn about the different styles and approaches of artists relevant to their current topic. They are able to express their creativity across a range of techniques and media, from paint to printing and from observational drawing to knitting, with the walls of our new building providing a showcase to celebrate their work.



I really like the creative projects you make, like in Year 4 we made cars and bridges, and in Year 5 we made waterproof houses. My favourite project was the 3D maps in Year 5.

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Tom Year 5



**We are very proud
of our home on
Worship Street in
the heart of the City
of London.**

The world we live in

Travelling to The Lyceum

Close to Liverpool Street, Moorgate and Old Street stations for the tube and Finsbury Square for bus links, it is an incredibly convenient location for our parents to drop off and collect at either end of the working day.

For the children, our bright and airy site incorporates everything they need, from the learning spaces to the secure outside play area and delicious food from the on-site canteen.

It is also a jumping-off point to discover the world on our doorstep, including local parks, sports venues, museums and galleries, and a safe base which they can return to after trips further afield.

We are a non-denominational Christian-based school. We recognise key Christian festivals but we learn about and celebrate a wide range of religions and cultures.

Children of all faiths and those of none are welcomed into our school, where they form part of a strong community that is defined by kindness, tolerance and understanding.



**The creative
use of time,
space and of
off-site venues
substantially
enriches the
curriculum.**

ISI Report



Rich and nourishing learning

Pupils develop their knowledge, understanding and skills most effectively, supported by the wide range of curricular and extra-curricular experiences that the school provides.



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Ultimately, we are responsible for taking pupils on an educational journey that culminates with the 11+.

We have strong links to excellent destination schools, and we work closely with pupils and parents in our efforts to secure them a place at a school that's right for them.

Children are prepared gradually for the 11+, with concepts such as verbal reasoning introduced from Year 3. From Year 5, there are weekly one-to-one booster sessions to ease their transition into Year 6, and teachers across these key year groups work in partnership to track progress closely.

Year 6 begins in September with a mock exam week that concludes in a team-building day trip, where pupils have a chance to shift their focus to collaboration, communication and developing confidence for upcoming interviews. Formal interview preparation is then led by experienced staff within the Dukes Education family to give an external perspective.

The summer term is all about developing their sense of independence. They are supported in areas such as individual travel and first aid, ensuring pupils are fully prepared for their senior school experience.

Where Next?

Alley's Blackheath
Channing City of
London School for Boys
City of London School
for Girls Dulwich College
Eaton Square Mayfair
Francis Holland
Highgate JAGS North
Bridge House North
London Collegiate
Portland Place Queen's
College St James South
Hampstead UCS
Wetherby



With this prospectus we have aimed to give you a sense of life at The Lyceum and an insight into what our school can offer your child.

Choosing a school is an important decision. Please join us at one of our regular open days or contact us to arrange a visit by appointment.

A visit is a great opportunity not only to see our facilities but to experience our world and to see first-hand how our four pillars make for a happy, harmonious school that prepares pupils for their next challenge.

“Dukes Education is a **family** of schools and educational services based in the UK. Our schools are **distinctive** in identity and style, yet united in offering outstanding teaching and learning, providing the strongest **foundations** for young people to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives.”



**TOGETHER WE'RE
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