

## January 2024

Orleans Park is a happy, thriving, successful and oversubscribed 11-18 mixed comprehensive that serves its local community in Twickenham with over 1,350 students.

In November 2023, Ofsted recognised that Orleans Park continues to be an outstanding school. They said "Pupils thrive at this school. They are happy, safe and achieve very well" and that the school has "a broad and ambitious curriculum for all pupils". "Pupils build very respectful, working relationships with each other and with staff. Pupils learn to be responsible and reflect on their own actions. This results in very positive behaviour and exemplary attitudes to learning".

Our Sixth Form has over 250 students and has been judged "outstanding" by Ofsted, stating that we are "striving for excellence in all areas and are determined to ensure that all students achieve the best they can". Ofsted also recognised the "staff know and care about their students as individuals and are keen to develop their students as successful independent learners" and that "sixth form students are excellent role models for younger students in the school".

At Orleans Park we value the achievements of every student no matter what their abilities or talents. Young people are at the heart of all that we do. We are a truly comprehensive school and celebrate our diversity. Our high expectations of every student, and a caring, respectful and supportive ethos, ensure everyone can "be the best they can be".

Orleans Park prides itself on being a happy and vibrant place to learn. We firmly believe that students achieve when they feel the genuine security of a community that supports learning and promotes social responsibility. Our core values of Responsibility; Resilience and Respect support students to achieve the best they can.

As Headteacher, I'm extremely proud of our students. They are confident, articulate and thoughtful students who continually impress me with their talents and energy. We regularly celebrate the many and varied successes of individuals and groups, and are proud of our inclusive approach.

Our enrichment offer was recognised by Ofsted with the school having "a very strong focus on pupils' personal development" and a key feature of what we believe is important for the personal growth of a young person. There are a wide range of opportunities, challenges and experiences outside of the classroom. We expect all our students to take part in at least one residential activity, either in the woods, by the sea or in the mountains. Student participation in extra-curricular activities is exceptionally high.

There are a wide range of trips and visits arranged each year, both in the UK and beyond. We encourage students to take part in our highly successful Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Orleans Park has a strong sporting tradition. We believe it is extremely important to be active and involved in sport - whatever your ability. We are proud of our sporting excellence, which includes winning the Borough Athletics Championships for 34 consecutive years. We also enjoy a strong tradition of music, drama and art at the school.

Please explore our website as this will give you an insight into the vibrancy of Orleans Park: [www.orleanspark.school](http://www.orleanspark.school)

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