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HIGHGATE HILL



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www.highgatehill.cola.org.uk

A WARM WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, PRINCE GENNUH

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of London Academy Highgate Hill. The school opened as a mixed, all-ability, non-denominational academy in September 2017, inheriting four cohorts (Years 8 to 11) from what was previously, Mount Carmel Catholic College for Girls. The academy is housed in a lovely building with excellent facilities for students, staff and the community. We aim to provide a world class education with a broad and balanced curriculum tailored to the needs of our students.

We believe that all students can thrive in their academic lives and become active contributors to their local, national and global communities, if the right environment is provided. Therefore, we strive to provide a calm and purposeful learning environment underpinned by high expectations. Students are expected to work hard and show tenacity and commitment towards their studies. We provide opportunities through high quality teaching and support structures offered by our sponsor: the City of London Corporation, to promote academic, creative, sporting, linguistic and personal achievement: this is 'the City experience'.

As part of our aim to develop students' creative abilities, all students are provided with a free musical instrument when they join us in Year 7 and receive free music tuition for the first three years with us, sponsored by The Music in Secondary School Trust. Our new Orchestra group have already performed in the Barbican and Goldsmith College.

I feel extremely privileged to lead this wonderful academy with our enthusiastic students, diligent staff, supportive parents and cohesive governing body.

Prince Genuh
Principal



FOUNDATIONS OF EXCELLENCE

Although all schools within the Trust are different, they all subscribe to the same ethos, exhibiting the five attributes of outstanding educational provision. These simple but effective principles help deliver outstanding outcomes. They are:

HIGH EXPECTATION LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Dynamic and skilled leadership from school leaders and governors founded in the core belief that all children can succeed.

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

- ✓ Behaviour for learning based on a set of defined core values that promote professional standards and positive relationships.

OUTSTANDING CREATIVE TEACHING

- ✓ Highly skilled teaching that inspires, engages, supports, and challenges learners whatever their starting point.

ASSESSMENT THAT INFORMS INTERVENTION

- ✓ Assessment systems that set challenging targets and provide data that supports intervention.

A CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

- ✓ A formal curriculum that matches the high expectations of progress, alongside a rich informal curriculum that supports the wider development of each learner.

PART OF THE CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST

The City of London Academies Trust is driven by the ambition to provide world-class experiences and deliver exceptional educational outcomes for the young people we serve. It's a commitment that's already made us the country's best performing academy sponsor as measured by the new Progress 8 measure. But this is just the beginning.

You'll find high expectations in all our schools which are characterised by a common understanding of what makes outstanding education.

We base our approach on five key principles which are known as our 'Foundations of Excellence'.

Mark Emmerson
CEO







THE CITY OF LONDON EXPERIENCE AT HIGHGATE HILL

Our students are taught in an environment that promotes academic, creative, sporting, linguistic, and personal achievement: this is 'The City of London Experience'.

ACADEMIC

We do not compromise on students achieving exceptional levels of progress. We are rigorous in our teaching while ensuring that we engage students' interest and inspire them to achieve.

CREATIVE

Creative learning experiences are promoted across all subjects and the creative subjects themselves are highly regarded in our school.

SPORTING

Our commitment to healthy lifestyles means that we encourage wide participation in sports and fitness.

LINGUISTIC

Speaking another language is an invaluable life skill in the 21st century, globalised economy. For that reason, every child is expected to study at least one foreign language.

PERSONAL

We believe that academic success and the wider personal development of students go hand in hand, developing a range of wider personal attributes which will help them to succeed in later life.



OUR MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Our vision is to create an academy that will exemplify 'Outstanding' secondary practice, evidenced by excellent attainment and progress for all pupils. Highgate Hill provides learning experiences that reflect the characteristics for which the City of London is known around the world:

- ✓ high expectations, aspirations, excellence and a belief that all can succeed
- ✓ contributing creativity, innovation and enterprise alongside tradition and heritage
- ✓ developing people who are confident, resilient, compassionate and democratic.

Our mission: to develop highly qualified and skilled young adults who achieve to the best of their ability, display the highest standards of professionalism and are ethical, active citizens fully committed to supporting their local and global community. Our overarching ethos for Highgate Hill is:

- ✓ to develop the potential and character of all students in all global spheres - academic, social, cultural and spiritual
- ✓ to nurture students who are creative, curious and compassionate into adults who can make a positive and significant contribution to our world
- ✓ to recognise the importance of fostering understanding and respect for other cultures and faiths
- ✓ to promote the importance of developing positive relationships with others, resolving conflict through reconciliation and forgiveness
- ✓ to cultivate a community in which the talents of both students and staff are mutually recognised, valued and encouraged
- ✓ to promote equal opportunities for all.

COLAHH ART VALUES

Altruism: acting in a kind, selfless manner towards others

Respect: respect for yourself, your peers, members of staff, your family, and the community

Tenacity: showing resilience in your work at all times



OUR CURRICULUM OFFER

At Highgate Hill, we believe that every student is entitled to high quality academic, creative, sporting, linguistic and personal development opportunities. Like all City Academies, Highgate Hill will draw on the City of London's unique and exceptional range and quality of resources.

KEY STAGE 3

This Key Stage covers students during their first three years of secondary education at Highgate Hill. Students will be taught a broad and balanced curriculum which will provide the foundation of knowledge and skills in preparation for their GCSE options in Year 10. At the end of this Key Stage students will select two options which will include a minimum of two Sciences, Geography, History or Computer Science, a Modern Foreign Language and one other subject.

KEY STAGE 4

All students follow the English baccalaureate pathway - English, English Literature, Maths, Double/ Triple Science, Geography, History and Spanish or French.

Students then study two GCSE option choices from a wide range of subjects: Computer Science, Economics, Drama, Hospitality and Catering, GCSE Media, GCSE PE, RE, Sociology, Art, Business Studies, Music, DT, Textiles, Food Technology or Product Design.

We also offer vocational options including BTECs in Media and PE, and The Prince's Trust.

For more information about our curriculum offer, please visit our website.





EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Outdoor and extra-curricular learning supports academic achievement through projects, as well as the development of 'soft' and social skills. We provide a range of compulsory enrichment opportunities, school trips, visits to local businesses, workshops and external speakers. These events promote active learning through direct personal experience and offer excitement, fun and adventure within a framework of safety.

Challenging experiences will impact powerfully upon a young person's intellectual, physical, spiritual, social and moral development. It contributes to personal growth and social awareness, developing skills for life in preparation for the world of work. There is also a great deal of intrinsic enjoyment and satisfaction to be experienced from participation in these activities.

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND CARERS

Our partnership with parents and carers plays a crucial role in ensuring students achieve at the highest level.

Often parental involvement in a child's education reduces when they reach secondary school. We are committed to ensuring that does not happen. Regular communication with parents is incredibly important to us.

ADMISSIONS

Highgate Hill, in partnership with Islington Council and part of the City of London family of schools, is an inclusive, co-educational, non-denominational school that welcomes all children and families, including those with special needs.

We have an admission number of 140 Year 7 places and will accordingly admit this number of students if there are sufficient applications.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply for a Year 7 secondary transfer place, you must submit an application through the London Borough of Islington's website by the end of October. Students will be expected to sit a banding test in October. For more information and to apply for a place, visit: www.islington.gov.uk.

For enquiries or further information, please call Talitha Innis at Highgate Hill on 020 7561 7752 or email: admissions@highgatehill.co.uk.

For help filling in your online application contact Islington Admissions: 020 7527 5515 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday for advice or to book a face-to-face appointment.

For more information, including our oversubscription criteria, please visit our website.





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