



DUNRAVEN
SCHOOL

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WE AIM TO DELIVER 'EXCELLENCE FOR ALL' BY PROVIDING A CHALLENGING, SUPPORTIVE AND ENRICHING EDUCATION THAT ENABLES STUDENTS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND ABILITIES TO THRIVE.

"The behaviour of pupils is outstanding, and this is underpinned by their excellent attitudes to being the very best that they can be and reaching their goals in life."

Ofsted



Dunraven is a high-performing, all-through school, educating children from the age of 4 to 18. We are proud to have been judged by Ofsted as outstanding in all areas and designated as a National Teaching School, recognising our highly successful strategies for teaching and learning.

We foster an ethos of respect, tolerance and pride in personal appearance. Students are encouraged to be courteous, optimistic and resilient. They are expected to take a responsible attitude to their own education, with a range of rewards in place to support attendance, effort and behaviour. As a result, students demonstrate high levels of ambition, make excellent progress and achieve strong exam results. Most of them progress to our Sixth Form, also deemed outstanding by Ofsted.

Academic achievement, however, is just one aspect of our vibrant and inclusive school community. Our commitment to equality of opportunity and the wellbeing of our students underpins all that we do. Through a diverse curriculum and exciting opportunities beyond the classroom, we inspire students to develop their creative, sporting and leadership talents. We are proud to have achieved Arts Council England's prestigious Artsmark Platinum award, as well as the Sportsmark award from Sport England.

As they progress through the school, we are committed to ensuring that students develop the confidence, skills and self-starting attitude that will help them succeed in the modern world. We warmly invite you to visit us to experience for yourself the wealth of opportunities that Dunraven has to offer.

Michaela Christian, Head of Primary
Guy Maidment, Head of Secondary
David Boyle, CEO



BUILDING FIRM

FOUNDATIONS

WE AIM TO CREATE A STIMULATING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH CHILDREN'S NATURAL CURIOSITY IS USED TO NURTURE A LOVE OF LEARNING AND RAISE ASPIRATIONS.

Providing a unique opportunity for families to develop a long-term relationship with Dunraven, children joining our primary phase have an automatic right to continue to the secondary school. An all-through education not only avoids the anxiety of transition but also enables us to offer unique collaborative opportunities. These include primary pupils being able to access specialist facilities – such as the Science laboratories and ICT suites – and peer mentoring, such as Years 7 and 8 supporting the reading of younger pupils.

With state-of-the-art buildings and facilities, our Mount Nod Road site is fully equipped to engage pupils in hands-on learning experiences, as well as accommodating daily breakfast and after-school clubs. To help pupils settle in quickly, our Reception team visits families at home and children are invited into school for taster sessions. By getting to know children really well, we understand how each individual learns best, enabling us to engage every pupil. Their achievements are celebrated at every level, creating a positive atmosphere in which children feel valued, grow in confidence and achieve their best.

Following the Early Years Foundation Stage in Reception and the National Curriculum from Year 1, our broad and balanced programme places a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy skills. If needed, children across the school can access support from our Speech, Language and Communication Resource, staffed by specialist speech and language therapists. Use of technology enables ICT to support teaching across the curriculum. Homework is also an essential element of learning, being gradually increased as pupils move up the school. We provide families with regular updates on progress including termly assessments, annual written reports and parents' evenings.



“The quality of teaching is consistently high and adults respond to children's interests, making learning highly enjoyable and developing a powerful desire to want to learn more.”

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“Outstanding teaching is endemic in all year groups of the school and across all subjects and has contributed to consistently high levels of achievement for all pupils.”

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BY REWARDING INITIATIVE, EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT, WE INSPIRE STUDENTS TO BECOME CAPABLE, CONFIDENT AND RESILIENT LEARNERS.

Our exciting curriculum, high-calibre teaching and personalised learning strategies mean that Dunraven is a stimulating place to learn. The educational experience is enhanced by superb facilities that include a Dance & Drama Studio; Music Suite with Recital Rooms; Business Education Centre and well-stocked Library.

Through challenging targets, rigorous monitoring of progress and swift intervention when required, we ensure that students of all abilities achieve their full potential. Setting from Year 7 ensures that the most able are sufficiently challenged while those needing additional help receive it. This support is provided in the classroom, within smaller groups and through drop-in subject surgeries and revision clubs.

Use of technology – including our internet-based learning platform, which also offers students free access to Britannica Online – helps to engage our young people in their learning. Partnership between the student, school and home is fundamental to success, with homework playing a key role in the development of independent study and organisational skills. Through regular assessment and feedback, students and their families have a clear understanding of progress and how to improve.

We provide a comprehensive programme of careers guidance for all year groups. Year 9 students are supported in their GCSE options, Year 10 students experience a variety of work-related activities during Futures Week and every Year 11 is given an interview and detailed help with career choices and Sixth Form or college applications.

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OUR SIXTH FORM PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT PLATFORM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXTEND THEIR LEARNING AND PREPARE FOR UNIVERSITY OR THE WORKPLACE.

“The Sixth Form is outstanding and has sustained a track record of high achievement. Students perform exceptionally well and all gain places at university, college or on training courses.”

Ofsted

The majority of Dunraven's students take advantage of the fantastic opportunities offered by our Sixth Form, judged as outstanding by Ofsted. With a dedicated Sixth Form Centre that features spacious teaching rooms, impressive ICT facilities and social spaces for students to relax in, the post-16 experience is unrivalled locally.

As part of the successful South London Sixth (SL6) collaboration, we offer a huge range of academic and vocational courses. With our highly qualified staff ensuring that each student is sufficiently challenged and supported, our Sixth Formers enjoy considerable academic success. We work with a range of external agencies including the London School of Economics, Realising Opportunities and the Amos Bursary which enables students to receive advice from university or industry mentors and in some cases, specialist support for Oxbridge and Russell Group applications.

Our Year 12 and 13 students rise to the challenge of being positive role models, demonstrating increasing levels of maturity in their charity fundraising, peer mentoring and community work. They can visit Crystal Palace Sports Centre on Wednesdays for a range of activities including swimming, trampolining and basketball. They can also gain valuable leadership experience as Prefects, members of the Sixth Form Council or SL6 Committee representatives. Students continue to benefit from our pastoral support and their horizons are broadened by a variety of guest speakers, visits and trips.

Our Sixth Form team works hard to give each student practical and personalised guidance to help shape their future. This includes visiting a UCAS Convention and one-to-one sessions – including mock interviews – to help with university or employment applications. We encourage our young people to undertake two types of work experience, helping them to gain placements in diverse organisations – including Parliament and firms in the City – or overseas if they are studying a foreign language.



AN ENRICHING

COMMUNITY

RECOGNISING THAT CHILDREN ARE MOST SUCCESSFUL WHEN THEY FEEL SECURE AND HAPPY, WE PROMOTE A POSITIVE ETHOS AND PROVIDE A WEALTH OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES.

Enriched by its diversity, Dunraven is an inclusive community with a firm anti-bullying culture. Our house system, assemblies, peer mentoring and charity fundraising reward participation, boost confidence and foster a sense of family.

Class teachers and form tutors are committed to supporting childrens' wellbeing and development. Throughout their school career, students benefit from Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education (PSHCE), which helps raise their self-esteem and develop their decision-making ability. Beginning in an informal way in Reception, PSHCE becomes more structured and covers topics such as relationships, ethics and finance. We also promote fitness and our canteen offers freshly cooked, nutritious meals.

Our young people take part in many enrichment activities that build the well-rounded character and teamwork skills that universities and employers are looking for. We provide a wide range of artistic and sporting clubs such as animation, street dance and debating. Students participate in regular inter-house and inter-school sports matches and creative competitions. Many of them enjoy individual music lessons and they can join the school's various choirs and orchestras. Opportunities for students to showcase their talents include musical concerts and our Young Musician of the Year award; dramatic and dance performances; the annual art exhibition; participation in the London School Games; and our Sports Day for all ages, held at the National Stadium in Crystal Palace.

Students enjoy day visits and residential trips, in the UK and abroad, and many visitors – from authors and artists to scientists and business leaders – are welcomed into school for masterclasses. Our strong links with a number of London's cultural icons – including the English National Opera, Old and Young Vic theatres, South Bank Centre and British Film Institute – provide further opportunities. Students are keen to develop their initiative and perseverance through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and their leadership skills through the elected School Council and a range of responsible roles such as Primary Play Leader, House Captain and the Sixth Form President team.



“Dunraven has an excellent balance between education, pastoral support and extra-curricular activities.”

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