



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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We are delighted to have the opportunity to tell you about Archbishop Tenison's. We are a school with a distinctive character and purpose. Our school motto is 'Academic excellence for each person in a Christian community' and we aim to instil these values in everything that goes on at Tenison's.

We want our pupils to experience a genuine, strong, Christian learning community. We want our teaching to be rigorous, imaginative and exciting, alive and alert to what interests them. We want to help them develop into people of good character, who can think hard, communicate well and understand for themselves different areas of human experience. We want to see them progress individually, but also grow spiritually and contribute socially - to the school now and in society later.

*"The school's ethos makes a strong contribution to students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development". Ofsted*



## A School with a History

Our school was founded by Thomas Tenison, Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1714. He wanted to give "ten poor boys and ten poor girls" a good basic education to help them earn an honest living and grow in the Christian faith. Over 300 years later we are on our third site in Croydon and still providing schooling of a high standard in a Christian context. We do this as an 11-18 voluntary aided, Anglican, mixed comprehensive school, within both the Diocese of Southwark and the Borough of Croydon, with Foundation Governors appointed by the Church of England.

## A School with a Purpose

With over 300 years' experience we are able to approach the challenges of educating young people in the 21st century with clarity of vision and confidence of purpose. We know that the

whole person matters, that the best curriculum combines the academic, the human and the practical and that the best teaching develops the knowledge, understanding and skills of each pupil across all the different subjects.

We also know that the best learning takes place in a school community where pupils know and are known and where they find the space to learn independently, the grace to understand new and difficult things and the inner strength to succeed.

This is what it takes for their academic study to be rewarding and, above all, enjoyable.

We recognise that there is so much for us to learn as human beings - about ourselves as created in God's image; about the world in which we live and our purpose in being here; and about our relationships with other people and how we handle the differences between us.



## Teaching and Learning

The curriculum at Archbishop Tenison's retains a particular focus on the core subjects of English, Maths, Science and Modern Languages, with a high profile for History, Geography and Religious Studies, as well as a lively tradition of Art, Computing, Drama, Music, Physical Education and different forms of Technology. In the Sixth Form we add social science courses in Business Studies, Economics, Politics, Psychology and Sociology, as well as Spanish and the Extended Project. Personal and Social Development is taught in every year.



Good teaching is at the heart of all that we do. Our school motto of "Academic excellence for each person in a Christian community" means that every lesson matters. High standards of discipline and pace ensure each pupil fulfils his or her potential in a class setting. Imaginative resources, well-structured discourse and good teamwork between staff and pupils make for challenging and engaging tasks. Success is celebrated, effort rewarded and achievement recognised. Good provision is made for Gifted and Talented pupils and for those with Special Educational Needs.

*"High quality teaching, effective leadership and consistently high expectations have ensured that all groups of students achieve exceptionally well".*

### Ofsted

### Extra-Curricular Activities

There is a remarkable number of different curricular and extra-curricular activities at Tenison's. We have a strong tradition of music and of drama. The orchestra, gospel choir, chamber choir, other groups and choirs are well supported; many pupils have instrumental tuition.



Our concerts and school productions are of a very high standard.

We have a great tradition of competitive sport - athletics, cricket, cross-country, football, netball, rounders, rugby and tennis. We do well at debating and public speaking and in the UK and European Maths Challenges. We run Geography and Biology Field Visits, a Duke of Edinburgh programme, two vibrant exchanges with Rouen and Berlin and numerous trips - ranging from skiing to water sports, from a Christian residential weekend to a day visit to Bodiam Castle. Our Sixth Form Soirée and other events for charity are well supported.

### Support and Guidance

We work hard at ensuring a good transition for pupils from Year 6 to Year 7. Our pastoral care is strong, with each pupil belonging to a Tutor Group and one of four Houses named after Archbishops of Canterbury. Good relationships make other things possible, including a high standard of self-discipline amongst pupils and the mutual respect and understanding which are the prerequisite for academic success.

There are good vertical links across year groups and older pupils act as strong and positive role models with the School Council, House Captains and Sixth Form Student Leaders and mentors all playing a key role in the life of the school as a whole community. There is a friendly competition between Houses, formal celebration of achievements at annual Year Presentation Evenings and a determination on everyone's part to be good "Tenisonians".

*"The vibrant Christian community in action, where pupils and staff are cared for as individuals".*

### SIAMS

## Communication

Good communication with parents is a high priority for us, recognising the important role which parents and carers have in supporting their child's education. Year group information evenings are held at the start of each year. Formal progress checks are issued each half term and a full report once a year. As well as traditional parents' evenings, we hold subject and revision evenings so that parents can understand better how to provide support at home.

Homework is integral to good learning and has to be completed promptly and done well.

Parents are invited to join the Archbishop Tenison's Parents' Association (ATPA), which gives strong, vibrant support to school events and fund-raising.

*"Communication between the school and parents is very effective and well managed".*

Year 11 Parent

## Special Educational Needs

Pupils are assessed on transition and provision for those with special needs is co-ordinated and monitored by the school's SEN and Learning Support department.

## Personal and Social Education

There is a varied programme of lessons and activities. This includes provision for Sex and Health Education, giving pupils an insight into Christian principles of moral responsibility for oneself and one's neighbour. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from these lessons.

For Careers Education and Guidance there are taught lessons, opportunities for individual interviews, work experience and access to the careers library.

## Religious Education

The teaching is in accordance with that of the Church of England and is based on the Southwark Diocesan scheme and the Croydon agreed syllabus.

Pupils also learn about other major world religions. All pupils take the GCSE for which they study Mark's Gospel and a range of contemporary moral issues. In the Sixth Form there are themed away-days as well as the opportunity to study A-Level Theology, Philosophy and Ethics.

*"Diverse opportunities and expressions of worship that have a significant impact on the school community and are highly valued by pupils, staff, parents and governors". SIAMS*

## Assemblies and Church Services

Each year begins and each term ends with a service at St. Matthew's Church, where we also hold inter-denominational Communion Services once a year for each year group. Parents are warmly invited to our Carol Service and Founder's Day Services. Our Chaplain is the Vicar of St. Matthew's.



Assemblies in school are held daily and are predominantly Christian, in keeping with the school's foundation. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from Religious Studies and collective worship.

## The Sixth Form

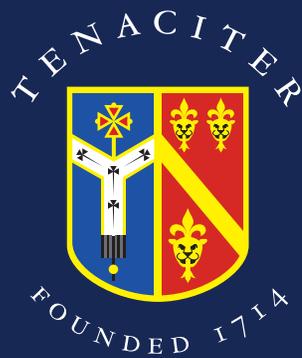
In the Sixth Form we offer a wide range of A Levels as well as one BTEC. A separate prospectus is available on request.

**Further Information about the school, the admission criteria and application forms are available on the school website at: [www.archten.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.archten.croydon.sch.uk)**

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