

"Pupils  
in this school  
receive an  
exceptional  
education."

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ORCHARD PARK  
HIGH SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS



We are a proud member of the Greenshaw Learning Trust, a family of like-minded schools that collaborate to provide mutual support, share good practice and learn from each other, whilst retaining and developing our own distinctive character.



# WELCOME

**Orchard Park is a calm, happy and high achieving school.**

A very warm welcome to Orchard Park High School. We are a comprehensive, co-educational 11 to 16 school situated in the leafy suburbs of Shirley, bordering Bromley.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Orchard Park High School because together with staff, students, and our families we have built a strong community which is built on the core values of drive, collaboration, excellence and integrity.

We are a successful, happy and vibrant school where young people are at the heart of what we do; we work to ensure they flourish. We aim to inspire and empower all members of our school community to:

- Be proud of and serve our school
- Strive for academic excellence
- Nurture their potential
- Respect, value and love ourselves and each other
- Create resilient, confident lifelong learners ready to take their place as leaders in the world, today, tomorrow and always.

**Carly Moran, Headteacher**

"There is a strong sense of community in the school. Staff know all their pupils very well."

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# THE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS

We work to ensure students leave Orchard Park High School as confident, ambitious and high-achieving individuals.

We clearly communicate and live out our values: Integrity, Excellence, Collaboration and Drive – to develop high standards of confidence, discipline and self-belief.

We insist that our students wear our uniform with pride, that their behaviour is exceptional and that they must be excellent ambassadors for Orchard Park High School on site, in the local community and beyond.

"The school is **amazing** and I love how **quickly you respond** to all issues. I would **1000 percent** recommend OPHS to families. Thank you all so much. She's only in Year 7 and can't imagine how great she will be in Year 11!"

Year 7 parent

"Orchard Park's environment meant that I was able to work at my **absolute best**. Every teacher provided me with the best tools to **help me achieve**. I am so glad that my **hard work** paid off because I have been offered a place at a **prestigious** sixth form."

Year 11 student

Every child is known at our school. Our size, our relentless focus on routines, our mantra of 'disruption free learning' and our commitment to our core values, mean that you can be confident your child is important to us and will be known and supported.

Our teachers are highly skilled and remain committed to their professional development. Students at Orchard Park have the best chance of success because they are taught by passionate subject experts who continue to achieve results well above the national average every year.

Students at KS4 receive additional teaching and all learners in Year 11 receive an additional two lessons a day as well as an opportunity to use our optional 'Champions hour' after school.

**Our GCSE results place us well above the national average.**

**Orchard Park is proud to be one of the highest achieving schools for contextual progress across Bromley, Croydon and Lambeth.**



# EXCELLENCE

People are not born with 'excellence'. Excellence is cultivated over a long period of time through hard work and determination and is different from perfection

At Orchard Park we believe it is exciting to strive for excellence. We ask every individual, students and staff, to be their very best. While reaching for perfection can be exhausting and narrowing, aiming for excellence on a daily basis should be liberating and full of opportunity.

We encourage everyone in our community to strive for excellence in lessons, in extra-curricular activities and in social situations.

# OUR CURRICULUM

We are proud of our broad, diverse and ambitious curriculum which enables students to achieve the best results.

At KS3 all students study English, maths, science, history, geography, modern foreign language, dance, drama, religious studies, art, photography, music, physical education and computing.

During Year 9, our families receive high levels of guidance and support so that students select the GCSE options that best reflect their passions and interests.

At KS4 all students study English, maths and science, and either geography or history. The English Baccalaureate is available to all students.

We offer a comprehensive programme of support and guidance for post-16 pathways, including sixth form interviews and one-to-one meetings with our careers advisor and scholarship application support to prestigious sixth forms.

"I particularly liked the science department; they were always so **helpful** and taught with a **deep passion**. I also particularly appreciated the clinics and **extra sessions** the school put on to **prepare me** for my GCSEs."

Ex-student Stanislav secured outstanding GCSE and A Level results and will be joining the University of Oxford studying Experimental Psychology.





# A DAY AT ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL



## Morning roll call

Students at Orchard Park come to school each day looking smart, in full school uniform, fully equipped, with their homework completed and ready to have a productive day of learning. This is checked by form tutors every morning and is the best way to ensure the day is successful. Our mantra is 'win the morning, win the day!'

## Tutor reading

We read together for 25 minutes every morning. Our unique and inspiring reading programme gives our students the opportunity to read brilliant literature every morning. By reading to them, we are able to supplement the text with valuable context and vocabulary that boosts student knowledge and understanding.

## Classes

Our lessons are free from disruption. Students are challenged to learn lots, think hard and produce work of a very high standard. Each lesson recaps previous learning and involves silent, independent work. Our classrooms are highly inclusive.

## Lunch time

All year groups have their own playground and students have a wealth of extra-curricular clubs and study support to choose from during lunchtimes.

## Afternoon

Afternoon lessons at Orchard Park begin with explicit vocabulary instruction. KS3 learners are taught new vocabulary including etymology and application.

## After school clubs

We have a large number of character clubs for students to opt into including competitive sports, the arts and support with homework.



# INTEGRITY

Orchard Park High School is a community where you'll find hard work, optimism and honesty. We expect the very best from each other every minute of every day, because we believe that each one of us can succeed with effort and encouragement.

Choosing what is right over what is convenient marks an individual as having deep integrity. Our school takes real pride in transparency and in treating each other fairly.

**"Integrity** is doing the **right thing**, even when **nobody** is **watching**."

C S Lewis



"The level of maturity and obvious personal reflection exhibited by students of all ages was impressive and reflected positively on their sense of pride in their school and its wider community."

ACE Character Quality Mark  
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# OUR EQUALITY PLEDGE

At Orchard Park High School we believe in equality, we value the strength that comes with difference and we celebrate the positive contribution that diversity brings to our community.

Our community has a voice that strives to bring about positive change through our Equality Pledge created by our student equality club:


- We agree everyone has the right to feel safe.
- We understand that all people should be treated with dignity and respect.
- We will eliminate prejudice and discrimination from our own words and actions.
- We will not tolerate offensive language and behaviour.
- We will celebrate our differences.
- We will call out and challenge inequality in our community.
- We will not be bystanders.
- We stand for inclusion.
- We seek to understand, challenge and overcome our own biases.
- We support our community to reflect on and learn from our mistakes.

"As a school you are **simply amazing**. I am so pleased I chose Orchard Park for my daughter's final years. As teachers you made her feel **safe and heard**. You **believed in her**, which made her **believe in herself** and I will be forever grateful."

Year 11 parent







“No one can  
**whistle** a  
**symphony**.  
It takes a  
**whole**  
**orchestra**  
to **play** it.”

H E Luccock

# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

We pride ourselves in our positive ethos which supports and enhances the personal development and well-being of every individual.

We are an inclusive school which fosters a genuine sense of respect for the individual child and creating the conditions for everyone to thrive both in lessons and in life. All students have access to our STAR building which is a dedicated space designed to support students to develop good mental health. The STAR is also home to our school dogs, Betty and Paddy.

“Our son’s time at your school has been filled with **happiness** and **encouragement**. He’s been given so much **support** in all of his subjects.”

Year 11 parent



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR

We are committed for our success to be based not only on excellent GCSE outcomes, but also on our superb character education offer. Our rich programme of extra-curricular and character development activities enables students to grow into kind, thoughtful, and well-rounded young people.

We work in partnership with the Royal Academy of Dance, LAMDA and the National Theatre. Our students perform annually at prestigious venues such as Sadler's Wells, the Southbank Centre, the Royal Academy of Music and Cadogan Hall.

We are very proud of our extensive character club offer which includes:

• Debate	• Football	• Duke of Edinburgh Awards
• Politics	• Netball	• Writer's Circle
• Philosophy	• Dodgeball	• Art
• Band	• Spanish film	• Drums
• Steel Drums	• Coding	• Equality
• Biology	• Rugby	• STEM
• Business	• Dance	• Guitar
• Geography	• Scrabble	• Athletics
• Meditation	• Chess	• Plant club

"The **lessons** at Orchard Park are **interesting**, no matter what the subject."

Year 7 student





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