



GORESBROOK SCHOOL

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WELCOME

Our school is unique; we are unashamedly ambitious for our pupils and our academic achievements are amongst some of the best in the country. We aim to ensure that all our students leave us with the real option to succeed at a top university, the skills to excel in a career of their choice and go on to live happy and fulfilling lives rich with altruism.

Goresbrook School is a very special place to work. I am honoured to be Principal of this school and to have the opportunity to provide students with the very best educational experience. This includes high quality teaching across a broad and balanced curriculum alongside lots of exciting opportunities to develop as an individual beyond the classroom.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that all of our pupils are successful both within their time at Goresbrook School and beyond in their future studies and careers.



Goresbrook is
one of the top
2% of schools
in the UK.

Megan Harris
Principal

OUR VALUES

At Goresbrook, our values of Growth, Team and Belief permeate everything that we do. Every decision, every action, every lesson and every conversation is conducted through these values. We create a culture of respect, empathy and care.



Growth

We have a thirst for learning. We are committed to getting better at what we do. We always try our best and learn from our mistakes.



Team

We can achieve more together. We know that we can achieve more when we work with others. We are accepting of differences and celebrate the achievements of others as if they are our own.



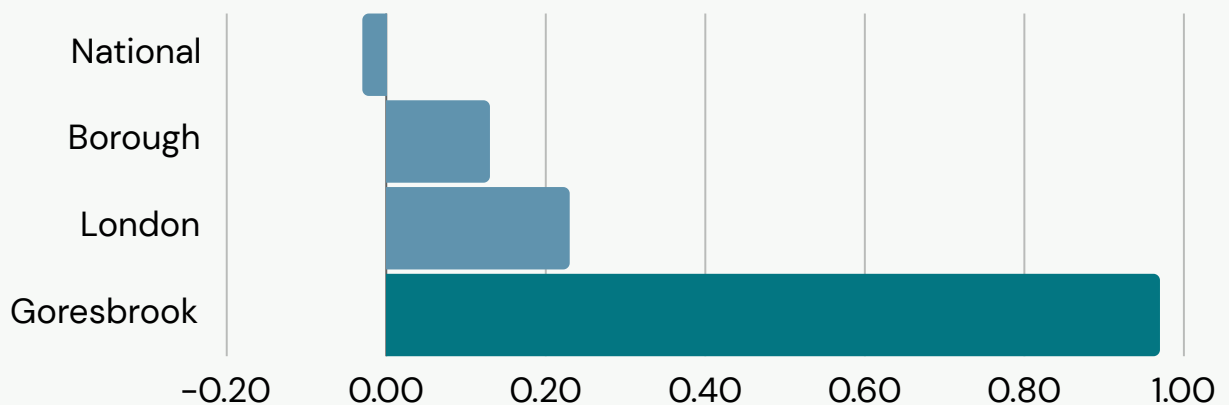
Belief

We never give up. We have an unshakable desire to see ourselves succeed. We have the confidence to be ambitious and the resilience to overcome adversity. We demonstrate determination in the pursuit of our goals.

PERFORMANCE

Whilst educational attainment is only one measure of a child's success at Goresbrook, we are extremely proud of the life changing GCSE outcomes that we generate for our pupils. We are one of the countries top performing schools, and set our young people up for any life choice they wish to make.

Progress from entry in comparison to the UK averages



.97 PROGRESS 8 SCORE.
WE ADD A GRADE TO
EVERY CHILD'S
EXPECTED GRADE.

2% WE ARE IN THE TOP
2% OF SCHOOLS
NATIONALLY FOR
GCSE OUTCOMES.

Our progress measures were excellent across all subjects with of 65% of students achieving at least a grade 5 in English and Maths. We also have one of the highest EBACC entries in the country.

OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is unashamedly ambitious. We work out what every student needs to know in order to get an A* at A-level. Students learn the knowledge and skills they require for the best chance of success. We are extremely proud of our broad and rounded curriculum that allows students to find joy, passion and energy in a variety of academic areas. All students in Key Stage 3 experience the following subject areas in their weekly offer.

Mathematics

The abstract science of number, size and space.

English

Literature and language is the hallmark of human intelligence.

Science

The systematic search to understand the world around you.

French

As you learn language, you learn how to think.

Humanities

The diversity and complexity of the living world.

PE & Sport

We are not brains on legs, we are embodied beings.

Music & Drama

Human experience essential to intellectual development.

Art & Design

The ability to make sense of the images and objects that surround you.

Religion & Ethics

The understanding of our spiritual place in the universe.

CORE

The core curriculum at Goresbrook involves 5 hours of English and Mathematics per week, with an additional 4 hours of Science. Every student receives expert instruction from highly qualified professionals graduating from the finest universities in the country. We aim to not only teach high level topics, but to ensure that the basic numeracy and literacy for future success are in place.

1

Mathematics

We focus on mathematical fluency, problem solving and reasoning and a deep understanding of all mathematical concepts.

2

English

Our English curriculum is 'broad and balanced'. We ensure all students are widely read, literate people who can engage with the world and become active citizens having developed their cultural and political understanding.

3

Science

In our science department, we strive to build young scientists who are knowledgeable, curious and equipped with the skills necessary to understand the physical world in which they live.

HUMANITIES

The humanities provides a unique chance to investigate the physical, societal and spiritual world that we inhabit. Students take a journey through the UK's past, the earth's structure and religion's key teachings to provide them with an understanding of the world so they make a positive and lasting contribution to the society they exist within.

1

History

History is the study of people, places and societies; how they lived and how their lives changed throughout time. Students will gain a coherent understanding of Britain's past and that of our world.

2

Geography

Geography is an in depth understanding of the complexity and diversity that is our world. We explore the place of humans within that complexity and give students the chance to see how our planet works.

3

Religion & Ethics

A deep and spiritual enquiry into the nature of the human condition. There is specific focus on Abrahamic religions and a journey into the ethical questions raised by our society.

LANGUAGES

We aim to develop real linguists at Goresbrook; developing fluency and meaningful language acquisition. We teach all students how to manipulate language successfully. All students thrive on the most challenging work and we recognise that developing a depth of knowledge at Key Stage 3 will set students up for success during their language careers at Goresbrook and beyond.

1

French

Students learn French for 3 hours per week so that they are able to develop fluency before they embark on their GCSE qualification.

2

Home Languages

We encourage and celebrate the many native languages that are spoken by our students on entry. Many take extra qualifications in these throughout their time with us.

3

EBACC

We have one of the highest entries for the EBACC in the UK because of our focus on modern foreign languages at Key Stage 3.

ARTS

Access to the arts is a birth rite. Every student at Goresbrook has 3 hours of physical arts (music and drama) per week. Every student learns to play a musical instruments for 3 years and performs in a Gala Concert at the end of Year 9. We have an annual school musical and a plethora of opportunities for students to perform in our series of concerts, plays, and celebration assemblies.

1

Music

Students at Goresbrook School get 2 hours of music per week. One hour involves robust theory and a practical music curriculum that incorporates singing, instrumental and listening and appraising skills.

2

Drama

Drama at Goresbrook aims to equip students with the necessary skills to raise self esteem, be confident adults and succeed in the working world.

3

Big Band Project

Every student has the opportunity to master a musical instrument and play that instrument in an authentic performance environment.

SPORT

The Physical Education course aims to introduce and develop skills in the following National Curriculum areas: developing techniques; performance in competition; decision making; analysing performance. This is all underpinned with gaining an understanding of the importance of maintaining a healthy, active and balanced lifestyle. We aim to create lifelong athletes.

1

PE

Every student receives at least 2 hours of PE teaching per week with many additional opportunities in after school and co-curricular clubs and teams.

2

Partnerships

We have partnerships with the borough's top sports teams including Barking FC and Barking RUFC. We have the privilege of using these facilities on a weekly basis.

3

Facilities

A double sports hall with state of the art Basketball facilities, extensive green space for athletics and other outdoor sports. Use of 'Goals' astroturf facilities for football training.

DESIGN

The sole purpose of the Creative Arts Faculty is to ensure that every student receives an authentic and engaging artistic experience. Our vision is that every student has the opportunity to explore a wide range of materials, and create works inspired by exciting artists. They have the opportunity to develop creative thinking and recording skills, as well as gaining an in-depth and authentic exposure to the world of Art and Design.

1

Fine Art

Study of shape and colour including using a variety of medium including paint, charcoal, clay and pencil drawing.

2

Food Technology

A theoretical and practical application of cooking practices, nutrition and how food interacts with the human body.

3

Graphic Art

The study of shape, colour, typography and perspective design using physical and digital mediums.

CO-CURRICULAR

Every student experiences an afternoon of extra-curricular education every Wednesday. Students pick what they would like to take part in. The options are extensive and change termly.

An example of our co-curricular offer is:

SPORT

Football, Handball, Rugby, Tennis, Cricket, Fitness Class

MUSIC

Song writing, Jazz Band, Percussion Group, Choir

DRAMA & DANCE

Acting, Bollywood Dancing, Modern Dance, Ballet, Musical Theatre

DESIGN

Crochet, Quilt Design, Art Club, Graphic Design Club, Photography

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL

Debate Society, Model UN, School Council

STEM

Young Scientists, Code Breaking, Computer Science, Coding Club

Contact

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GOESBROOK GUARANTEE

We make a promise to all our students that they will have certain opportunities throughout each academic year to enrich their lives and support their academic journeys.

Each year every student will:

VISIT A TOP UNIVERSITY

Cambridge, Oxford, Cardiff, Royal Holloway, Kings College London

CLIMB A MOUNTAIN

To give all our students a sense of accomplishment in the outdoors

TAKE PART IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As part of our Wednesday co-curricular provision

VISIT A PLACE OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Theatres, Museums, Concert Halls, Art Galleries

TAKE PART IN A ELECTION

Nominate, ballot and vote on their choice of candidate in the Student Council

LEARN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

As part of the Goresbrook Big Band Project

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INCLUSION (SEND)

Goresbrook School adopts a person-centred approach for all students. We are proud of the strong positive relationships we develop with parents and students. This is especially important for those students with additional needs. As a fully inclusive school we are committed to meeting the needs of all children. Our SEND provision aims to support children who may need some additional help and guidance to access our curriculum and the wider life of the school.

1

The Whole Child

We understand that all young people are unique and need a personalised approach in order to help them navigate school life.

2

Intervention

We provide a variety of academic and pastoral interventions to help students with additional needs thrive in schools.

3

In Class Support

We provide in class support to those students with an EHCP and adhere to all requirements of those educational plans.



GOESBROOK

6TH FORM

Goresbrook Sixth Form was established with the aim of providing an exceptional A Level offer. As a selective sixth form we are committed to securing excellent outcomes for students in order to progress to top universities nationally and internationally.

Students study a robust curriculum where diverse knowledge, key skills and meaningful experiences are embedded to enable success at A level, university and their future careers.

Hard work, resilience, independence and motivation are traits we hone over the course of the two years in order for students to meet expectations required in higher education. Our sixth form is linked to a variety of institutions to support students with enrichment opportunities alongside our in-school offer.



All students
will have the
option to
study at a
Russell Group
University.

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KEY STAFF

We welcome any questions you may have regarding our school. Choosing your child's secondary school is an extremely important decision and we hope to work with you at Goresbrook.



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