

Hornsey School

Hornsey School is the only girls' school in Haringey. The school is a genuinely comprehensive, multi-cultural community reflecting a range of family backgrounds. A high proportion of our students are bilingual. In July 2001 the school was awarded Beacon Status, recognising the success of staff and students in achieving high academic standards. From September 2004 we have been a Leading Edge school.

Hornsey is a Specialist School for Performing Arts and has 'Investor in People' status. The school has an extremely attractive site being surrounded by lawns and gardens. Refurbishment and extension of the whole school was completed in September 2003. We have new buildings for music and drama, maths and religious education. Every other area has been redesigned and redecorated.

We expect high standards of work, care and behaviour from all our students. The school fosters knowledge, confidence, self-discipline and student contribution to our community. The organisation of the school, careful curriculum planning, effective pastoral care and attention to facilities, all play their part. We regard the close contacts and dialogue with parents as essential in realising students' full potential. Hornsey School is justly proud of the record of achievement of its students, past and present. Most continue their education in Colleges and Universities including Oxford and Cambridge, gaining both academic and professional qualifications.

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DfES Number: 309 4029

Roll: 1460

Planned admissions number: 243

Chair of Governors: Karen Christie

Headteacher: Andy Yarrow MA

Deputy Head: Gladys Berry

Jo Clipsham

Emma Hillman

Nearest buses: 41, 91, W5, W7, W3

Nearest tube station: Turnpike Lane

Nearest rail station: Hornsey

The curriculum

Hornsey students are known and valued as individuals, whose skills as learners are fostered and developed across the curriculum. Hornsey gives a quality education through commitment to excellent teaching. The school endeavours to ensure that each student's learning needs are met and she is helped to achieve her highest potential.

A Hornsey student is expected to leave with:

- The best possible qualifications
- Confidence and assertiveness
- A sense of her own worth
- Awareness of the contribution she will make to society as a young woman
- A respect for and acceptance of others

At Key Stage 3, students are taught in mixed-ability tutor groups of 27. In Year 9 there is some setting by ability. In Years 10 and 11 teaching groups are determined by students' subject choices.

Students who are identified as 'Gifted or Talented' are supported by an Academic Mentor and offered a range of enrichment activities. For students who are learning English as an additional language, specialist support is available.

The Special Needs Department supports students and teachers ensuring all students enjoy access to the curriculum. Parents may contact the SEN Co-ordinator for further details.

A team of Learning Mentors works in the school to support students in raising achievement.

School uniform

It is the policy of the school that all students (apart from those in the Sixth Form) should wear uniform.

A new uniform has been in place since September 2005, which combines formal and more casual options to suit students' preferences.



Please contact the School Office directly for full details. Uniform will also be on display at the Transfer Evening. The school uniform supplier is Brigg Sports, 140 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 6EH. TEL: 020 8888 1461.

Courses

All main subjects of the curriculum are taught to Advanced level. In **Years 7-9**, students follow a broad, common curriculum comprising:
Art; ICT Mathematics; Dance Modern Foreign Languages; Design and Technology;
Music; Drama; Personal and Social Education; English; Physical Education; Geography;
Religious Education;
History; Science;
During **Year 9**, students are involved in discussions about courses for Year 10 & 11.

Students continue to take: English; Physical Education; ICT; Religious Education; Mathematics; Social Education; Personal Science.

These subjects, together with a wide range of optional courses enable study at a deeper level

High success rates are achieved in all public examinations.

In Summer 2004, the school celebrated its highest ever proportion of students obtaining 5+ A*-C grades at GCSE (54%) and Haringey's highest Key Stage 2-4 value-added measure, 1025.2.

Homework

Homework is set for all students. They are given diaries in which they write a short description of the task and the date by which it has to be submitted. In this way, parents and tutors are able to monitor the homework.

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In the large and well-established Sixth Form there is a wide range of courses. The following subjects are currently offered to AS/A2 (A level):

Art	History
Biology	ICT
Chemistry	Mathematics
Design	Media Studies
Drama	Music
Economics	Philosophy
English	Physics
Film Studies	Psychology
French	Sociology
German	Turkish
Government and Politics	

General National Vocational Qualifications (GNVQ):

Business

Health and Social Care

Leisure and Tourism

AVCE in Business Studies and a BTEC course in Performing Arts are also available.

All efforts are made to provide new courses where viable numbers of students show interest.

The School Day

School begins at 8.35am and ends at 3.10pm.

8.35am	Registration or assembly
8.45am	Lesson 1
9.45am	Lesson 2
10.45am	Break
11.05am	Lesson 3
12.05pm	Lesson 4
1.05pm	Lunch

2.05pm Registration
2.10pm Lesson 5
3.10pm End of the day

The total teaching time each full week is **25 hours**.

Pastoral

Pastoral care is seen as the responsibility of the whole staff. Our emphasis is on the establishment of an atmosphere of mutual trust and co-operation, allowing all members to achieve their true potential

The pastoral organisation is based on the tutor group. Each Tutor is responsible for the academic and social progress of a group of twenty-seven students. The work of the Tutors is co-ordinated by Directors of Learning (Heads of Year).

Wherever possible, the Tutor remains with the tutor group throughout the five years at school, enabling sound relationships to develop between the Tutor, the student and her family. Close co-operation exists with the outside agencies involved in pastoral care.

An expanding programme of extra-curricular activities runs at lunchtime and after school, including choir, brass band, wind ensemble, debating club, karate club, dance club, ICT club, football club, netball club and homework club.

Student responsibility

Students have a major role to play in the development of the school through the Junior and Senior School Councils. These Councils are made up of representatives who are elected by their tutor groups. The school councils meet every half term. In addition there are twelve students appointed to the School Executive Team: the Head Girl, three Deputy Head Girls and eight Assistant Head Girls. Each has a specific area of responsibility.

Lunch

A cafeteria system operates before school, at lunchtime and break time and students have the option of bringing a packed lunch or having a school lunch.

The school operates a healthy eating policy.

Students in the first three years are expected to remain on the premises at lunchtime. Students in Years 10 and above may currently leave the school site at lunchtime if they wish but are welcome to stay.

Admission to Hornsey School

Haringey Admissions Service manages admissions policy for this school.

Transfer evening and morning

The Transfer Evening for Hornsey School is Monday

26 September. The evening begins at 6.00pm with a short general meeting where the Headteacher will speak about the school. This talk will be repeated at 7.00pm. You will then have the opportunity to meet staff, students and current parents of the school, tour our facilities and see examples of our students' work.

You are also welcome to visit the school and see us at work on the morning of Tuesday 27 September at 9.00, 10.00 or 11.00am.

If you accept a place at the school for your daughter, she will be visited in her primary school by a teacher from Hornsey. You will have the opportunity, with her, to visit the school in the summer term to meet her Form Tutor and her Director of Learning (Head of Year). In addition, your daughter will have the opportunity to spend a day at Hornsey before the end of the summer term, as part of the Year 7 Induction Programme. She will be able to meet other members of her tutor group, take part in special lessons with them and have lunch at the school.