



The Charter School

North Dulwich



Excellence for All



Christian Hicks, MA

Executive Headteacher

Welcome to The Charter School North Dulwich - an outstanding family school delivering excellence for all. We are at the heart of our local community and proud to be recognised as one of the top schools in the country for achievement at both GCSE and A Level.



Mark Pain

Head of School

The Charter School North Dulwich: Excellence for All

We believe that all our young people have the potential to achieve in school and succeed in life, and we ensure that pupils flourish here regardless of their starting points or circumstances.

Our pupils are encouraged to persevere, to take responsibility for themselves and others, and to enjoy their learning. I feel immensely privileged to be the Headteacher of this unique school which consistently transforms the life chances of the young people of our diverse local community.

Our GCSE students perform exceptionally well across all subjects, and we are proud to be among the top 10% state funded schools for our A Level performance. We have been classed as outstanding by Ofsted since 2006, and due to our commitment to continuous improvement, we feel that we are even better now.

We are proud of our shared vision and the strong values of excellence, responsibility, perseverance and family which are brought alive in every aspect of school life. We are an inclusive and happy family school founded on caring relationships with every child. We also provide an exceptional academic education, supported by wide-ranging and excellent sporting, cultural and artistic activities. We are one of the few schools teaching both Mandarin and Latin through to GCSE level.

We are a family school because we are large enough to provide a dynamic, challenging curriculum yet small enough to pay attention to the needs of every child. We know that each child is different and each child deserves success. Like every family, we have rules and routines and we have high expectations for each child. Visitors always tell me what a happy, well-behaved school it is. Pupils feel inspired, safe and challenged, and they love it here because they are supported to succeed.

Our vibrant, dynamic and exceptional school community is ideally set to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. We are also blessed with an active and supportive parent body and an unrivalled programme of partnerships and events which develop our students' employability skills and career opportunities.

Finally, our goal at The Charter School North Dulwich is a simple one: to enable all students to develop the knowledge, skills and character so that they can be happy in life, and be successful in higher education or the inspiring career pathway of their choice. We guarantee that we will harness your child's unique strengths to help them to flourish and develop into a creative, confident and caring citizen who is happy, excited about learning and ambitious for success.

EXCELLENCE

We expect the best of all our pupils. They study academically robust subjects, and their results are exceptional. Every year nearly all our students gain places at their first choice of university, medical school, art or music college. Many pupils go on to the very best centres of study including Oxford and Cambridge, Durham, LSE, The Royal Veterinary College, medical schools, RADA and The Royal Academy of Music.

Our pupils:

- ◆ Aim to be the best they can be in everything they do
- ◆ Strive to exceed all expectations inside and outside the classroom
- ◆ Make no excuses
- ◆ Are ambitious for the future



EXCELLENCE AT GCSE

"In 2021, we were projecting our best ever performance for attainment and progress at GCSE and A-Level. The Teacher Assessed Grade system reflected this performance with exceptional attainment in all areas of the school reflecting the hard work of the students over the last 2 years in their studies. Whilst the last eighteen months have been the most challenging time in education, these grades have enabled students to move on to the next steps of their education with confidence"

2019 GCSE RESULTS

- 82% of all students in Year 11 at the school gained a standard pass or above in both English and Maths (grade 4 to 9)
- 68% gaining a strong pass in both English and Maths (grade 5 to 9)
- 44% of all GCSEs gained by Year 11 pupils at the school this year were graded 7-9
- 46% of pupils achieved at least five GCSEs graded 7-9
- 55% of pupils gained the English Baccalaureate
- 70% of pupils gained at least one GCSE with a grade 7-9



Excellence for All

Students develop the knowledge, skills and character to be happy in life, and successful in higher education or the inspiring career pathway of their choice.

Here at The Charter School North Dulwich we maintain a broad and rich curriculum as well as achieving excellent results in the core subjects. Triple science is offered along with French, Spanish, Latin and Mandarin. The school has now been awarded 'Confucius Classroom' status, bringing more resources for the teaching of Mandarin. History and Geography are exceptionally well taught.

Annually we compete in national competitions in science, maths, engineering, enterprise and modern foreign languages. We also have a strong offer in citizenship, religious studies and the creative and performing arts. We challenge our most able and talented pupils whilst providing extra support for those who need it.

This year we saw six of our 6th form students gain places at Oxford and Cambridge, our highest number ever in one year, whilst a further three pupils secured their places at medical school.

EXCELLENCE AT A LEVEL

"Our students have once again demonstrated their incredible hard work and focus on excellence through these first class results.

The past two years have been challenging for both students and staff as the government's A level reforms came into effect and I am extremely proud of the results today which evidence the hard work and commitment"

2019 A LEVEL RESULTS

- 72% of all A level grades this year were A*-B
- 44% of all A levels sat by students achieving A*/A
- 49% of our Year 13 students gained at least 3 A levels with A* to B grades
- 42% of pupils achieved at least five GCSEs graded 7-9
- 90% of our level 3 BTECs achieved Distinction/Merit
- 83% of Year 13 went onto University
- 17% went into work, apprenticeships or are taking a gap year



RESPONSIBILITY

Many of our students volunteer in our local community, supporting local primary schools, nurseries and local community organisations like Link Age Southwark and the Peckham Foodbank, as well as charitable causes further afield. Students and staff also regularly run in school fundraising events.

Many older students act as mentors for younger pupils and Students from every year group make up our School Council and take responsibility for encouraging their fellow students to put forward views and ideas. In Year 11 many students take on 'lead student' roles, whilst our Head Boy and Girl team work closely with our Assistant Headteachers on school improvement projects such as our 'Plastic Free campaign'.

Responsibility. Our students:

- ◆ Take responsibility for their own learning and behaviour
- ◆ Engage fully in lessons
- ◆ Participate in extra curricula activities



PERSEVERANCE

Learning is fun and rewarding at this school, so students and staff work hard. We offer excellent additional support for all students who need it and we ensure that all students have the same opportunities to progress. More than 80 after school clubs and activities are offered, giving students the opportunity to pursue their interests in music, art, drama, sports and much more.

Perseverance. Our students:

- ® Work hard and remember that effort is the key to success
- ® Keep trying even when they find things difficult
- ® Enjoy difficult challenges
- ® Are resilient and maintain a growth mind set at all times

“The inclusive culture and ethos of the school extend beyond its gates and result in outstanding promotion of community cohesion; in many ways the school is at the heart of the local community.”

Ofsted

FAMILY

We are a family school with most of our pupils coming from within walking distance of the school. Our social, cultural and ethnic mix of pupils is a reflection of our community.

We have remained small in size in comparison to many other secondary schools to ensure that we have strong relationships with the families who choose our school each year. We are large enough to provide a dynamic, challenging curriculum yet small enough to pay attention to the needs of every child.

Family. Our students:

- ◆ Respect themselves, other people and the school environment
- ◆ Care for and support each other
- ◆ Follow the rules





CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

All students study music, art and drama for at least three years. Many pupils also take individual or group music lessons. There are over 15 different music groups or ensembles every week.

Art and drama are exceptionally well taught at the school and pupils are consistently praised by examiners for the quality and diversity of their work. We are supported by many national organisations: The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, the National Theatre and Dulwich Picture Gallery, to name a few.

Each year students and staff put on a whole school production, which most recently was 'Grease', and there are regular music performances. The summer Creative Arts Show gives our pupils the opportunity to demonstrate their breadth and depth of creative talent from art to photography, textiles to design.

PE & SPORT

Our highly qualified PE team run many outstanding PE lessons and after-school sports clubs. We have strong links with a range of external clubs and organisations in tennis, cycling, cricket, rugby, netball, and football, as well as national institutions such as the MCC, the RFU, ASA and the Herne Hill Velodrome.

School teams are run on a termly basis and we have some exceptional students who compete nationally and regionally in a range of sports including athletics, netball, football, handball, gymnastics, trampolining,

basketball and volleyball. Facilities include two outdoor ball courts (one is covered), a large indoor sports hall, a 4G 7 a side football pitch and access to The Griffin playing fields. Over 700 pupils take part in after school sports clubs in any given week.

Each year we run several sports trips to spectate and compete in (ESF Butlins Tournament and France Water sports trip). Every year we host a Sports Day for Years 7-10 at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.



Sporting Success

Over the years we have achieved lots of success within a variety of sports ranging from Year 7—Year 13; Football, netball, volleyball, handball, cricket, rounders, athletics and basketball just to name a few.



The school caterers, Harrisons, work closely with the school to provide healthy, cost effective meals for our staff and pupils whilst considering our impact on the environment.

We have recently installed 12 new water bottle refill stations around the school which provide free, filtered and chilled water and we no longer sell water in plastic bottles in either the restaurant or the Staff/sixth form café. All hot takeaway food is either served in compostable take-away containers.

ABOVE AND BEYOND

The extra-curricular provision at school is strong and aims to enhance the learning experience and prepare pupils for the world beyond school. We have excellent links with organisations such as PwC, The City of London Corporation, Southwark Council, Dulwich Picture Gallery and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. These ensure that pupils are encouraged to aim high.

Reading is very actively encouraged across all year groups. We have a busy library which is open from 8am to 4pm every day and are proud to be an 'Accelerated Reader' school.

We have:

- ⇒ A House System where all students are placed into one of the six House Tutor Groups named after inspirational individuals from history: Frank, King, Mandela, Pankhurst, Seacole and Turing. Students can earn House Points for displaying the school values of Excellence, Responsibility, Perseverance and Family in their school work, conduct and contributions to school life.
- ⇒ A wide range of lunchtime and after school clubs running weekly including art, BMX club, chess, drama, music ensembles and many sports.
- ⇒ Over 100 educational trips a year, in the UK and abroad including a watersports trip to France, Belgium Battlefields Trip with History, a Geography trip to Italy, an economics trip to Romania, the Mandarin trip to Beijing and a Science trip to CERN in Switzerland.
- ⇒ A week of work experience, with every year 10 and many year 12 pupils placed with a wide variety of employers.
- ⇒ An annual Careers Fair with over 40 different professions and sectors represented.
- ⇒ Visits and talks from many inspirational speakers including politicians, leading academics, journalists, scientists, business leaders, authors and poets.
- ⇒ All students now participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award and many go on to complete their Silver and Gold awards.





The Charter Schools Educational Trust

Transforming lives through the power of inclusive education

The Charter Schools Educational Trust is committed to transforming the lives of the young people in our community through the power of inclusive education.

It runs two secondary schools in Southwark, Southeast London. The first school, the Charter School North Dulwich on Red Post Hill, rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, was founded in 2000 following a parent-led campaign.

The second school, The Charter School East Dulwich, on the old East Dulwich Hospital site, was recently rated as 'Good' by Ofsted and is already very highly regarded. The Charter East Dulwich was founded following a successful, parent-led bid to the Department of Education, through the Free School programme and moved into Phase 1 of their brand new buildings in January 2019.

Both schools reflect the Trust's commitment to non-selective, co-educational learning, serving the diverse local communities in which they are based.

As an educational trust, its goals are to become a beacon of exceptional practice for inclusive education within and beyond our local community; to serve students in the community in Southeast London throughout their school careers, and to have the capacity and expertise to grow and sustain our family of schools.

ADMISSIONS

All information about admissions and how to apply for a place is on our website.

<https://www.charternorthdulwich.org.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=46>

Children receiving the Pupil Premium up to a maximum of **12 places**, must complete the **Supplementary information form**. Please see website for application form, deadline for applications is 31st October 2021.

If there are more applications than places, we will allocate places in accordance with our Admissions Policy's oversubscription criteria. Our Admissions Officer will help with any specific additional query. Please email:

admissions@charternorthdulwich.org.uk

SEN Admissions

School place admissions for children with EHCPs (education, health and care plans) are dealt with under a separate process by the special educational needs section of your child's Local Authority. Those applicants who are deemed to be suitably placed at The Charter School North Dulwich following consultation with the local authority will have priority in the admissions process.

OPEN DAYS (SEPTEMBER 2022 entry)

Year 7 Open Day:

Wednesday 29 September 2021 3:00—7:00pm

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