



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SIXTH FORM

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Founded by Thomas Tenison, Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1714, the school was designed 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. Today it is an 11-18 voluntary aided, mixed, Anglican comprehensive school within the Diocese of Southwark and the Borough of Croydon, with Foundation Governors appointed by the Church of England.

Archbishop Tenison's offers an academic Sixth Form Curriculum with a wide range of A-Levels and extra-curricular activities. The Sixth Form is a small community with around 100 students. Students are known individually and enabled to flourish with the support and guidance needed over their two years of study. We have students from many different schools and welcome applicants from all backgrounds. Archbishop Tenison's is an Anglican foundation, so students are expected to be sympathetic to the ideals which underlie our Christian ethos.

"Archbishop Tenison's Sixth Form is a friendly and welcoming environment, which has enabled me to enrich my learning and expand my horizons. All the teachers have created a safe and encouraging place for each and every one of us, which has inspired me to aim high and achieve." **Hannah, Year 13**



The Sixth Form

The Sixth Form years are a unique opportunity to learn academically, develop personally and socially, and discuss your calling and way ahead for your future. We are rightly proud of the great contribution our Sixth Formers make to the whole community. We recognise that every Sixth Form student has to work hard, rise to considerable challenges in their studies and make the most of many extra-curricular opportunities too. We also hope that by pursuing your post-16 studies at this school, you will develop not just into a person of great character but one who can make a difference to the wider world in which we live.

"Archbishop Tenison's Sixth Form is an outstanding place, as it offers a wide range of subjects and opportunities. This enriches students with quality education, discipline and moral values. The teachers do their utmost for us to make the right choices, which result in positive outcomes, I have experienced this personally as a new student from abroad."

Oswald, Year 12

Why Study at Tenison's

Archbishop Tenison's has a strong academic tradition, with a history of producing good results, and many of our students progress to the top universities. We offer a wide range of A-level subjects, full details of which can be found in the enclosed Course Guide. Students follow a two-year course, usually beginning with three subjects plus the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which is equivalent to AS-Level UCAS points.

One of the hallmarks of our school is the way in which students work together. There is a strong sense of community within our Sixth Form and students are encouraged to participate in a range of activities beyond the formal curriculum, including music, drama, sport, business related workshops and public speaking. There are plenty of opportunities to develop leadership qualities through our mentoring programme and Sixth Form Council, as Student Leaders or as representatives on committees in school or the wider Croydon community.



Life in the Sixth Form

From the time of making your subject choices and attending interview through the induction programme and enrolment process, to progressing from being a pupil to a student, the school provides strong support for you through the challenges of these two formative years.

We have a pastoral team of dedicated tutors who take an interest in the development of each individual. Learning to work together with others is an important aspect of our Sixth Form and students work together to prepare themselves for the challenges of life beyond the Sixth Form.

“Archbishop Tenison’s offers a wide range of subjects, catering to everyone’s skills and talents perfectly. The school encourages Sixth Form students to take on leadership roles and extracurricular activities, helping to increase their confidence, allowing them to thrive as they grow into young adults.”

Zoe, Year 12



The sixth-form centre provides the perfect environment where students can socialise with their peers. We support students’ health and social needs through our tutorial programme.

Students with a disability or Special Educational Need are well supported and successfully encouraged to fulfil their potential. Sixth Formers have their own assemblies and services and take part in formal occasions such as Founder’s Day.

“Throughout my time here, Archbishop Tenison’s has not only given me tailored support, which I did not have access to previously, but also room to thrive in all of my subjects”.

Ameerah, Year 13



Expectations and Responsibilities

We seek to instil our students with a sense of honesty and integrity which involves individuals taking responsibility for their own personal development and progression. Students will be offered the opportunity to widen their experiences of leading and influencing others. Underlying and supporting this aim is a positive Christian purpose that provides both direction and commitment for the school.

Dress code involves wearing professional style clothing reflecting the position of the students in the school as its senior members.

Teaching and Independent Learning

Both depth and breadth of study are important in the Sixth Form. Our traditional, academic curriculum prepares students for popular courses in the best universities; our new courses prepare students for the wider range of degrees and employment. Inspirational teaching encourages students to engage in their subjects and provides the encouragement and environment for independent learning.

Independent learning is the key to success at A-Level. A structured start helps students develop academic confidence, motivation and self-discipline. Individual advice, too, often makes the difference in the transition from GCSE to AS-Level. Our priority is to give students the tools of research, planning and evaluation which they need to organise their own learning.

“The Sixth Form is good. Students are positive about the high-quality teaching they receive”.

Ofsted

Extra Curricular Activities

Our Sixth Form students participate in a wide range of activities and enrichment courses designed for personal development.

Paired Reading and Mentoring of Lower School pupils increases confidence and inter-personal skills. Debating and other competitions challenge students to perform at the highest level whilst Enrichment Days and Religious Studies Away Days will broaden an individual's horizons.

The opportunity to follow intensive Chartered Management Institute courses allow students to work together with leading business professionals.

Working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Awards builds up skills, resilience and confidence. Stunning concerts involve the orchestra, wind band, choir and gospel, chamber and Sixth Form Singers. Drama and school productions help students to discover hidden talents.

The Sixth Form Council runs a whole variety of events including the Annual Charity Appeal, the Revue (Soirée) and a variety of Sixth Form social events.



"There are many ways in which Sixth Formers take an active role in the oversight of the school's Christian character, including Bible Study and events such as Evangelism Workshops".

Matthew, Year 13



Communication

Regular monitoring, evaluation and progress checks are carried out throughout the year. Parents/carers are invited to attend a Parents' Consultation Evening and Higher Education Evening. Mutual communication is encouraged between home and school to support students' learning and development.

Making an Application

This is an 'Open Sixth Form' and details on how to make an application are enclosed. All students who accept our conditional offers are invited to an Insight Programme where they have the opportunity to experience teaching in the subjects that they have initially chosen and meet the current Sixth Form students. This programme takes place in early July for one week. After the GCSE results are published, students attend for enrolment where they finalise their choice of subjects.

Further Information about the school, the admission criteria and application forms are available on the school website at: www.archten.croydon.sch.uk

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