



**Empowering  
Students  
to be Ambitious  
and Proud**

**Chiswick School  
PROSPECTUS**





“Pupils at Chiswick School benefit from an exceptional level of care and support for their education, well-being and wider personal development.”

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

Chiswick School is a thriving 11-18 academy located in the heart of leafy West London, educating over 1,600 pupils including a successful and expanding Sixth Form. We pride ourselves on striving to deliver an exceptional educational experience, with GCSE and A Level results consistently above national averages, preparing students for ambitious futures.

Our carefully designed curriculum builds strong knowledge across a wide range of subjects, supporting many students as they progress to Russell Group universities and competitive apprenticeships. Equally important is our commitment to nurturing the whole child through excellent pastoral care within an inclusive, supportive, and aspirational community.

Beyond the classroom, students enjoy a rich variety of opportunities to explore their talents and interests—from our orchestra, steel bands, and choir to drama, sport, computing, and much more. With rising pupil numbers and growing demand for Sixth Form places, Chiswick School is a vibrant community where ambition, curiosity, and collaboration flourish.





## Our Vision

### The First Choice Secondary School for Chiswick

We build on the KS2 curriculum to ensure a seamless transition to secondary school. Our expert teachers, many from Oxbridge and Russell Group universities, deliver high expectations and excellent outcomes. With recent offers to Oxford and Cambridge, we are proud to compete with the very best schools while reflecting the diversity of our local community.

### An Aspirational Sixth Form Destination

Our refurbished sixth form centre offers outstanding facilities and pathways to top universities. From Year 7, students access a comprehensive careers programme and university visits, inspiring ambition from the very start.

### Providing an Exceptional and Rounded Education

Rated Outstanding by Ofsted for Personal Development, we deliver teaching that challenges and enriches. With disruption-free classrooms, wide-ranging extracurricular opportunities, and strong arts and sports, our students grow into confident, successful young people ready for their next stage.



## Our Guiding Principles



### AMBITION

At Chiswick School we are ambitious and work hard to achieve our goals. We understand that we need to keep moving forwards and strive for excellence in all that we do.



### HUMILITY

Allows us to focus on others and our community, the bigger picture and important things that promote growth and development.



### FAIRNESS

We understand that to be fair we need to go beyond equality. Underpinning our school development plan is a commitment to advantage the disadvantaged. The principle of fairness shapes our behaviour and decision making.



### TOGETHERNESS

A sense of belonging and worth is vital for happiness and success. Chiswick School is a family and serves its students, parents, staff and community.



# Curriculum

## Ambitious, Inclusive, and Future-Focused

We are ambitious for every child, offering a broad, balanced, and inclusive curriculum designed to develop knowledge, skills, and character. From their first day, students learn to communicate confidently across reading, writing, speaking, and listening, often in more than one language. The curriculum promotes intellectual curiosity alongside responsible citizenship, preparing students to thrive in school and beyond.

Most students study nine or more qualifications, including a core that meets the English Baccalaureate requirements, ensuring both academic breadth and future pathways to university or apprenticeships. For some, personalised support in English and maths replaces the language element, reflecting our commitment to meeting individual needs.

In Years 7 to 9, students build a solid foundation across academic, creative, and practical subjects through specialist teaching. In Years 10 and 11, they personalise their learning, selecting subjects that inspire them while maintaining a broad and ambitious curriculum focused on examination success. We regularly review our curriculum to ensure it remains current, inclusive, and challenging.

Beyond lessons, enrichment activities enhance cultural capital and personal growth, developing confident and curious learners ready to meet future challenges.



In each subject, the curriculum has been meticulously designed to ensure pupils build their knowledge incrementally from strong and well-embedded foundations.

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“I would like to be kind,  
successful, empowering, inspiring.  
Chiswick School helps me to push  
myself and reach my true potential.”

Year 13 student



# Achievement

## Academic Excellence and Ambitious Futures

Our students' outstanding academic achievements reflect their dedication and the high-quality teaching they receive. This year, 32% of GCSE grades were at the top levels (7–9), with Chemistry and Music particularly strong—one in four grades awarded the highest mark of 9. English and Mathematics results are consistently well above national averages, with approximately 80% of students securing grades 4–9.

At A Level, over 81% of grades were A\*–C, surpassing national averages, and 40% of students in subjects like Physics, Further Maths, Textiles, and Philosophy earned A\* or A grades. A record 45% of our Sixth Form students gained offers from prestigious Russell Group universities, including Oxbridge, pursuing courses across Medicine, Law, Environmental Sustainability, and Digital Media.

Academic success is balanced with personal development, as we celebrate students becoming confident, responsible young people prepared to succeed in the wider world.





# High Expectations

## Ambitious Standards, Proud Achievement

High expectations underpin everything we do. Our disciplined approach is reflected in our smart uniform policy, rigorous independent study routines, regular progress assessments, and dedicated academic mentoring.

Students are encouraged to read nightly and use knowledge organisers for weekly self-quizzing across subjects, supporting knowledge retention and deeper learning. Weekly online tasks in English, Maths, Science, and Modern Foreign Languages further reinforce progress.

We closely monitor student progress and expect parents to engage actively through parents' evenings and academic reviews. Uniform standards are strictly upheld, with distinctive ties and the compulsory school bag symbolising pride and belonging.

Excellent behaviour is essential. Students are expected to work hard, engage fully, follow instructions, and maintain excellent attendance and punctuality. Our daily silent line-ups help students focus and prepare for learning, while praise points and school-wide initiatives celebrate achievement and effort.



The school has extremely high expectations for pupils' behaviour and conduct... Pupils are proactive, positive and responsible learners, who feel they are treated fairly.

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# The School Community

## Ambitious and Proud Together

At Chiswick School, every student is at the centre of a strong, supportive community. We understand that a smooth transition to secondary school is vital for well-being and success. Our school family - parents, carers, staff, and local partners - work closely with ambition and pride to support each child's journey.

Parents and carers are crucial partners in their child's education. We value the contributions of our active Parents' Forum and volunteers who enrich school life through reading support, careers talks, fundraising, and events such as the monthly car boot fair.



Clear communication and collaboration are key. We expect families to engage fully with progress updates and maintain regular contact with staff to support their children's learning and personal growth.

Our dedicated form tutors and senior leaders foster responsibility, belonging, and pride, modelling high expectations and respect. Strong partnerships with local universities, businesses, and primary schools extend learning beyond the classroom and are celebrated in our monthly Chiswick News.





“The school prepares pupils to become responsible, respectful and active citizens. This is achieved through lessons, assemblies, tutor times, visiting speakers and special days.”

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# Care and Guidance

## Ambitious and Proud in Every Step

Care and guidance are at the heart of our community. Tutors are the first point of contact for students and parents, providing a listening ear and support. Supported by Year Team Leaders and senior staff, our pastoral system ensures no student faces challenges alone.

We encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities, especially in Performing Arts and Sport, to develop ambition, teamwork, and pride alongside academic success.

Our SEND and pastoral teams work tirelessly to provide tailored support for students with additional needs, disabilities, or English as an additional language, ensuring full access to the curriculum and opportunities to excel.





# Performing Arts, Music & Sport

*Ambitious in Expression. Proud in Performance.*

We believe creativity and physical endeavour are vital to a well-rounded education.

Our vibrant Music Department includes choirs and steel bands performing at prestigious venues and events, with students gaining valuable leadership and organisational experience. We reserve 10 places each year for talented Year 7 musicians receiving pupil premium funding, ensuring access for all.

Performing Arts encourages bold, expressive, and collaborative learning through drama lessons and full-scale productions exploring contemporary and classical works, helping students build confidence and critical thinking.



Our Sport programme offers over 40 teams across ten sports, with excellent facilities and coaching, competing successfully at local and national levels. Strong links with clubs including Brentford FC and Chiswick Rugby enrich the programme.

From creative expression to sporting achievement, students are supported to discover their strengths and celebrate their progress as part of our Ambitious and Proud culture.





# Enrichment and Wider Learning

## Ambitious and Proud Beyond the Classroom

Our enrichment programme is a vital part of school life, offering activities from rugby and rowing to debating and computing. Students can take part in competitions, performances, and events that build confidence and pride.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award fosters leadership and resilience, while a wide range of educational trips—including language and ski trips abroad, camping, and enterprise visits—expand students' horizons. From Year 7, a pathway programme introduces careers and university experiences, helping students plan ambitious futures.

Leadership roles abound through Sports and Arts Leaders, who organise events and productions, gaining skills and pride.



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“Pupils and students in the sixth form achieve highly across a broad range of subjects which have been designed to fully reflect the ambition of the national curriculum.”

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## Sixth Form

### Ambitious Futures, Proud Foundations

Chiswick School Sixth Form is a proudly comprehensive, co-educational community for students aged 16 to 19. It offers the independence and vibrant atmosphere of an undergraduate campus—but with far greater support and care than universities can provide. Our Sixth Form experience combines academic excellence with world-class enrichment and a genuine commitment to wellbeing, ensuring students are fully prepared for their next steps.

At the heart of our Sixth Form is outstanding teaching. Lessons are delivered by expert subject specialists who bring deep knowledge and passion to their subjects, inspiring students to meet and exceed rigorous curriculum demands. Our staff engage in regular professional development, drawing on the latest research to create engaging, high-quality learning experiences.

Wellbeing is a cornerstone of Sixth Form life. We offer a bespoke Wellbeing Curriculum with activities tailored to support students' mental and emotional health. Our dedicated pastoral team—including a full-time Pastoral Support Officer, tutors, and heads of year—work closely with students to provide personalised support and guidance throughout their journey.

We also value student voice and leadership. The Senior Student Committee gives sixth formers a platform to shape their experience by debating key issues and organising fundraising, social events, and representing the school at major occasions like open evenings. This fosters a strong sense of community and responsibility, empowering students to grow as confident, proud individuals.

With a broad and balanced curriculum, expert teaching, outstanding pastoral care, and enriching opportunities, Chiswick School Sixth Form is the perfect place for ambitious young people to thrive and build proud foundations for their futures.



# Join Us

## A Place to Thrive and Belong

Set in beautiful West London, Chiswick School enjoys access to excellent local sports facilities, the grounds of Chiswick House, and the nearby River Thames. Our campus features a modern IT and technology block, large playing fields, and extensive outdoor spaces.

What truly sets us apart is the rich variety of opportunities across both lower and upper school, creating a vibrant environment where every child can grow and flourish.

We invite families to visit through open days, guided tours, and taster sessions to experience our community firsthand. From September 2025, we will reserve 10 places annually for musically talented pupils eligible for pupil premium funding, offering a unique opportunity to join our ambitious school.

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Transitioning from primary to secondary was easy because Chiswick School made me feel welcome. The school made my transition fun and it boosted my confidence.

Year 9 student

Chiswick School



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