“At the heart of our School are our students. The School prides itself on the strong academic and pastoral support it provides”

Rob Shadbolt - Headteacher
Welcome to Wood Green School

Our Sixth Form is a thriving, vibrant and active community of some 200 students, which continues to attract applicants from many other schools. There is a friendly, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere and students feel at home.

In the recent Ofsted inspection (October 2013), all Sixth Form teaching observed was judged to be either good or outstanding. Wood Green School Sixth Form achieved double the national average percentage of students going to Oxford or Cambridge, putting us in the top 1% of over 3000 comprehensive schools in the UK. Russell Group University places are consistently above the national average, this year we are 10% above the national figures. We offer an extensive choice of over 30 subjects at AS and A2, including vocational courses.

We have high expectations of our students and foster a strong work ethic and spirit of participation; we expect our students to be responsible young adults. We offer excellent teaching, a diverse enrichment programme and a highly supportive academic tutorial system. Our students work hard and are successful. They make a significant contribution to many school activities such as Orchestra or School bands, three Senior Choirs, drama productions, sports teams, School Council, Sixth Form Council and clubs. They also benefit from other opportunities, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, which has a strong tradition at Wood Green, with many students currently involved in the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Furthermore, students can gain extra-curricular accreditation through participation in the Community Sports Leadership Award, or the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) awards.

We hope that this Prospectus and our Course Guidance and Information booklet (both available online) give you the information you need about courses and reflect the varied opportunities offered by life in the Sixth Form. If you do not know Wood Green School, the best way to gain an understanding is to visit us during the working day. Please telephone the School to arrange an appointment. Students and staff will be happy to supply information, answer questions and give you a tour of the School.

We all very much enjoy being part of the Sixth Form, and look forward to welcoming you in September.

Mrs C Whiting,
Assistant Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form

“Were it not for Wood Green, I would not be where I am today - The atmosphere allowed me not only to succeed academically, but also to grow as an individual. I know that my time in the School will stay with me throughout my career as a doctor.”

- Nick Jones: studying Medicine at the University of Cambridge
Wood Green School Sixth Form

Our highly effective Sixth Form provides students with a stimulating environment to make outstanding progress, as well as a supportive community in which to develop and flourish academically, socially and personally. Our Sixth Form students benefit from excellent teaching which enables them to attain very high standards in their AS and A Levels. They are seen as extremely good role models by younger students.

Academic Tutoring

Each student is assigned to a tutor group. The tutor, together with the Head and Assistant Head of Sixth Form, gives information and guidance concerning courses, monitors progress, maintains contact with parents/carers, and is readily available for consultation with the students about their education, future careers and other aspects of life in the Sixth Form. Our academic tutoring system offers regular one-to-one interviews between students and their tutor.

Sixth Form Studies

Complementing the Enrichment programme, Sixth Form Studies lessons delivered by Sixth Form tutors, provide students with opportunities to prepare effectively for life in and beyond the Sixth Form. They deal with career guidance, study skills, preparation for university and work, as well as personal and social development.

Tutor Monitoring

We offer students access to additional academic support, where appropriate, in the form of regular meetings with tutors, Assistant Head of Sixth Form or the Head of Sixth Form, leading up to a termly review. This is a purely supportive mechanism for the student, where parents/carers receive additional information about their son/daughter’s progress, in order to give the student every chance of success. Students may self-refer or may be offered additional tutor support following a request by their tutor.

Student Support

We have a counselling service available in School. Students can self-refer or be referred, with their agreement, by staff or, in consultation with the tutor or Head of Sixth Form, by a parent/carer.

Sixth Form Steering and Events Committee

There is a Sixth Form Committee, consisting of representatives from each tutor group and members of staff, which meets every week. The Committee discusses and makes decisions about the running of the Sixth Form, social functions and fundraising. Social events in the last year have included the Christmas Party and the annual Leavers’ Summer Ball. Fundraising has provided money for charities such as SeeSaw, The Poppy Appeal, Cancer Research and Children in Need. The Sixth Form is also represented on the School Council.
Additional Qualifications
Sixth Form students have additional opportunities outside the timetabled curriculum to gain further qualifications. These include:

- The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) Award
- Graded Music Examinations
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Community Sports Leader Award (CSLA)
- The Extended Project (a full AS subject, the only one in which an A* grade is awarded)

Community Award
Our students are expected to help the community in some way during their time in the Sixth Form. One of the most popular ways they do so is through the Lesson Attachment scheme, which involves helping on a weekly basis in classes in Years 7-10. Wider community attachment possibilities include looking after young children in a crèche or playgroup; helping in a primary school or Springfield Special School (co-located on site); and helping senior citizens or those with disabilities. Students can achieve the School's Community Award at different levels according to how much help and time they give. They find this work to be very rewarding: it makes good use of their talents for the benefit of others, whilst developing their own interpersonal skills.

A Letter from the Head Boy and Girl

To quote Nelson Mandela “Education is the most powerful weapon we have to change the world”. We know our sixth form is capable of helping you achieve your highest standard of education.

It is hard to précis our experience at Wood Green School into a collection of mere paragraphs, however it not difficult for anyone to see that our Sixth Form is one with great community spirit and vitality. The warm and welcoming Wood Green Sixth Form team will ensure that your experience here is full of opportunity and will assist you throughout your journey of self-discovery. Through tailoring your passions and interests in specific subjects at GCSE, you will go on to find that the two years at sixth form will develop your knowledge, further your understanding and ignite your love for specific fields. For us, our Sixth Form options could not be more different from one another, however we have found the standard throughout all subjects to be consistent and with supportive staff at hand and the right frame of mind we know you will achieve great things beyond your expectations.

Initiatives such as the PiXL Group have been influential in our Sixth Form with the goal of assisting you with any queries or concerns regarding any one of your subjects. Having been a part of the PiXL group ourselves we know it to be extremely useful in that it has given us extra opportunities to practice the skills required for our examinations and it can improve your overall confidence within a subject by reinforcing your knowledge.

Extracurricular activities such as the Community Sport’s leader Award, Choir tours, the Community Award and the Extended Project Qualification are all offered at Wood Green School. You can get involved and it will give you the opportunity to relax and have fun with your fellow sixth form friends.

We came to the Wood Green Sixth Form because of the friendly community, the variety of A level subjects available and the electrifying atmosphere. Therefore we know you shall feel the same way too.

Head Girl Morgan Lewis
Head Boy Chikolum Ejide

“Last year I was one of the University of Oxford Student Union Vice-Presidents. I would not be here if it wasn’t for Wood Green School. Wood Green gave me the confidence I needed to apply to Oxford and also gave me the skills needed to do well here.”
- Dan Tomlinson
Extra Curricular Opportunities

These include: helping Year 7 students with their reading skills; training to peer-mentor, support younger students and being a member of the School Council, taking part in decisions and activities for the whole School.

Sporting Opportunities

All students are encouraged to keep fit and healthy, and to make use of the excellent sports facilities on the School site, including the all-weather pitch, outdoor swimming pool, sports hall, gymnasium, fitness suite and sports fields. Wood Green School has an excellent reputation for sport and there are many opportunities for Sixth Formers to participate in sports teams and other sporting activities, such as inter-school and inter-house matches, as well as organising events for younger students.

Music

The School offers several opportunities for students to develop their musical talents, including:

- Concert Band
- Big Band
- Orchestra
- String Orchestra
- Senior Choir
- Senior Boys’ Choir
- Senior Girls’ Choir
- Chamber Choir

Trips

Many trips and visits are undertaken by Sixth Formers and these have included:

Art
- Residential trips to Amsterdam/Barcelona/Paris.
- Visits to art galleries and exhibitions.

Drama
- Residential trips to Barcelona (jointly with Art).
- London residential.
- Several theatre visits and workshops.

Geography
- Residential fieldwork trip to Norfolk.

History and Religious Studies
- Residential trip to Krakow and Berlin.

Music
- Senior Choir and Band European tours.
- Music for Youth Regional Festival.

Physical Education
- Bi-annual ski trip and sporting tours.
Facilities
The Sixth Form Centre is a modern purpose-built facility, consisting of:

- a large multi-purpose space with ICT and audio-visual equipment for private study, assemblies, visiting speakers and social time.
- a dedicated ICT suite.
- a Higher Education library.
- a meetings room.
- the Sixth Form Office.

The Sixth Form Centre occupies the top floor of the building and has panoramic views over the School gardens and sports fields. On the ground floor is the Restaurant, offering a variety of food and drink, which Sixth Form students are able to use throughout the day. Students can also use the School’s excellent Learning Resource and Careers Centre, which is well-equipped with reference books, additional computer facilities, internet access, higher education information and other resources. We have a Careers Advisor from Adviza who is available for careers interviews which Sixth Form students may request.

Induction Course
All students who apply to Wood Green Sixth Form are invited to attend the Induction Course in late June/early July. During this three-day course, they will have the opportunity to experience taster lessons in all their subjects before confirming their subject choices. In addition to these lessons, they will spend time getting to know their new tutor and tutor group, as well as enjoying many team-building and group activities on a day-trip out of School with the whole year group. This is where life as a Sixth Former at Wood Green School begins, and students leave with a real sense of the exciting possibilities offered by A Level study and Sixth Form as a whole.

Sixth Form Destinations
In recent years, approximately 85% of our Sixth Form students have gone on to university or further education; others have taken a gap year, or started full time employment or another career path.

They have gone to a wide range of universities, including:

- Aberdeen
- Aberystwyth
- Bangor
- Bath Spa
- Birmingham
- Bristol
- Brunel
- Cambridge
- Cardiff
- East Anglia
- Essex
- Exeter
- Kent
- Kings College
- Leicester
- Liverpool
- Manchester
- Mid America Nazarene
- Newcastle
- Nottingham
- Old Vic Theatre School
- Oxford Brookes
- Oxford
- Reading
- Royal Holloway
- Sheffield
- Southampton
- Surrey
- Sussex
- Swansea
- Warwick
- York
- Aberystwyth
- Bangor
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- Royal Holloway
- Sheffield
- Southampton
- Surrey
- Sussex
- Swansea
- Warwick
- York
- Animal Behaviour
- Business Studies
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Disaster Management
- Drama and Theatre
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Film and Television
- Geography
- History
- International Relations
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medicine
- Music
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sport Science
- Theology
- Veterinary Medicine
- Web Design

They have read a variety of undergraduate degrees, including:

- Animal Behaviour
- Business Studies
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Criminology
- Disaster Management
- Drama and Theatre
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Film and Television
- Geography
- History
- International Relations
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medicine
- Music
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sport Science
- Theology
- Veterinary Medicine
- Web Design

Or they have taken up employment, training or apprenticeships opportunities in:

- Accountancy
- The Armed Forces
- Automotive Industry
- Blenheim Palace
- Fitness Industry
- Hotel Management
- Management Studies
- Physiotherapy
- Primary Education
- Veterinary Medicine
- Web Design