



# Shirley High School

## Performing Arts College



*Our Vision: To develop aspirational learners who strive for excellence academically, creatively and culturally, benefitting from a wide range of opportunities led by inspirational educators.*

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Dear Future Shirley High School Families

Thank you for considering us as choice for your child. Moving to secondary school is a significant landmark in your child's education, so it is important you make the right choice. I hope this evening will demonstrate to you that joining Shirley High School is the right choice for your child and for you.

I am honoured to be the Principal of Shirley High School and extremely proud of the significant improvement since joining in 2019. During this time we have moved from a school that Ofsted graded as "required improvement" to a school which is now graded "**Good**" in all categories (Ofsted inspection December 2022). Along with this fantastic achievement, given the turmoil of the last two years, we are also one of the most improved schools in the borough, investing nearly £1 million in improving our resources, environment and staffing. This summer, we were also delighted that one of our Sixth Form pupils accepted their place to study at the University of Cambridge. We want all pupils to recognise that, regardless of their dream and ambition, it can be achieved here at Shirley High School.

We are proud to be a multicultural school in the heart of a vibrant and diverse community, with an established reputation of integrity and excellence. We have transformed many aspects of our school including new facilities and technology, redesigning our curriculum and overhauling teaching and learning to represent a modern and transforming world. We make no apologies for the high expectations we have for everyone within our school community and strongly believe that, through our values, pupils should aspire to be the best in the world at whatever they decide to pursue. Our school strives for excellence in all aspects, both inside and outside the classroom. We passionately believe that true success comes from strong relationships within the school and a trusting partnership between families and the local community. We take our responsibility to create the next generation of leaders extremely seriously and view academic achievement vital for a successful future.

We are determined to build on our recent achievements and build an exceptional school in every measure for the diverse and talented community we serve as this is what all our pupils and families deserve. Our excellent staff are dedicated to developing our pupils through our broad curriculum, extracurricular, enrichment and cultural capital opportunities so that they can build the academic, personal and pastoral skills required for a life of success and continued learning.

I hope you enjoy your visit and recognise and embrace what we are trying to achieve. We would love for you to join us on this journey. Shirley High School will provide a safe, happy and stimulating environment for your child so please explore all departments, speak to our pupils and view for yourself the qualities that define our school.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Myton  
Principal

"Striving for Excellence"

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