



Stoke Newington School
& Sixth Form

INSPIRING CREATIVITY & LEARNING

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

ART
BIOLOGY
BUSINESS STUDIES
CHEMISTRY
CITIZENSHIP
CLASSICS
DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES
ECONOMICS
ENGLISH LITERATURE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND
LITERATURE
EXTENDED PROJECT
FRENCH
FILM STUDIES
GEOGRAPHY
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
GCSE MATHS & ENGLISH
HISTORY
ICT
MATHEMATICS
FURTHER MATHEMATICS
MEDIA STUDIES
MUSIC
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY
PE
PHILOSOPHY
PHOTOGRAPHY
PHYSICS
PRODUCT DESIGN – GRAPHICS
PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY
SPANISH
TEXTILES
TURKISH
BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA SPORT

Thank you for considering taking up a place with us at Stoke Newington School and Sixth Form.

We are proud to have a sixth form where our students achieve highly, enjoy learning and develop as individuals.

We have a great track record of achievement and progression – and this record is improving year on year. Our students do so well because we care deeply and we deliver rigorously. We care that all our students get the best possible teaching, the best support and that they do well together; both with their peer group and with our committed staff team.

We offer a high-quality creative education for all students who meet the criteria to start our courses. We accept a range of students onto our courses from those with multiple A* grades to those with C and D grades. What we do expect from all our students is a hard-working approach, a determination to succeed and a wish to work with others.

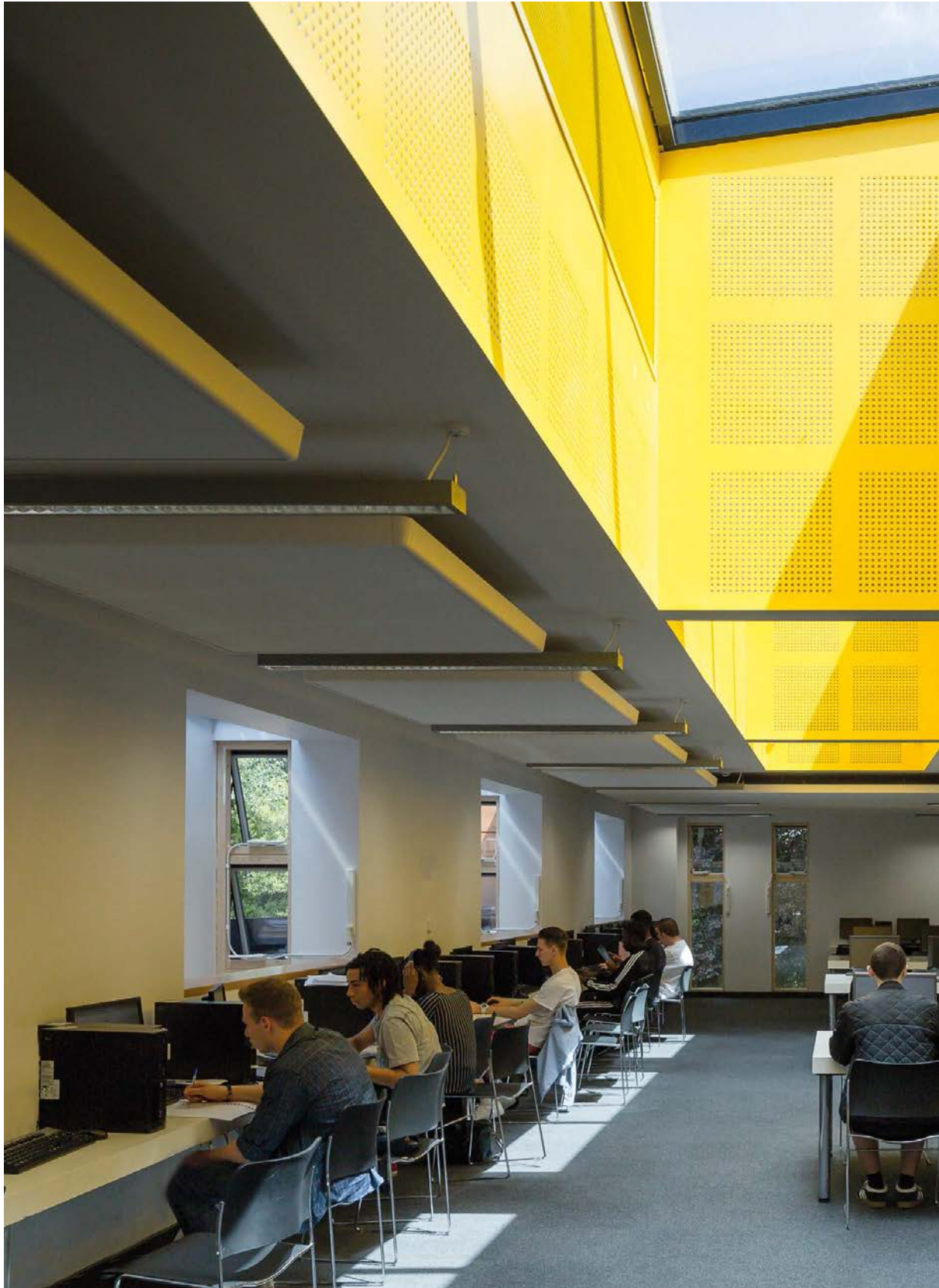


Annie Gammon
Headteacher



ANNIE GAMMON HEADTEACHER





WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM



STEWART HESSE DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form is a vibrant, purposeful and inclusive learning community which encourages and supports excellence. Stoke Newington students are confident, independent learners who are academically successful and encouraged to develop a great many other interests. As a member of the Sixth Form you will be challenged to achieve academically and develop your independence through excellent teaching and structured, caring support built on positive relationships with other students and members of staff.

Stoke Newington Sixth Form offers a positive, creative environment with high aspirations for all our students. Whether you are new to the school or the area or have come to us from our own Year 11, we look forward to working with you during these crucial two years to enable you to realise your ambitions.

This is achieved through:

- Excellent teaching and learning
- Outstanding academic outcomes
- Personalised support and guidance
- A high quality of enrichment for all

At Stoke Newington we ensure every student leaves us with the highest possible outcomes: empowered and enabled to continue on to the best that higher education, training or the world of work has to offer.

Stewart Hesse
Director of Sixth Form



EXCELLENT TEACHING & LEARNING

“STAFF ARE EXCEPTIONALLY SUCCESSFUL IN CREATING HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALL STUDENTS.” OFSTED 2013

Academic excellence is key to students' success. Our curriculum offer includes a wide range of A levels as well as our popular and highly rated BTEC Sport course. The A level subjects reflect our academic and creative school ethos ranging from English, the three sciences and Maths through to subjects such as Music Technology, Art and Photography, as well as new subjects such as Philosophy and Economics.

Our sixth form teachers are passionate about their subjects and use innovative and creative approaches to deliver engaging lessons that challenge our students intellectually, develop lifelong learners and make the most of the school's excellent facilities. Students are set ambitious targets and then given the support and constructive feedback they need to achieve them. Our teachers are committed to all students achieving their targets and our systems are geared to support this. We ensure that our teachers are extremely well trained in teaching and assessing the courses they deliver.

We review our offer each year to ensure it is up to date and relevant. Please see our course directory for a comprehensive guide to our current offer or contact the sixth form team for more information.



“I have really good relationships with all my teachers where I am always encouraged and challenged to do my best.”
Student

Key to excellent teaching and learning is an excellent learning environment with high quality resources. In 2014 we opened our purpose-built Sixth Form Block providing students with a purposeful environment in which to study and relax. It houses a large study area, 60 desktop computers, a dedicated café and the offices of the sixth form team.

The school has over 500 networked computers and a range of high-specification electronic resources. By utilising professional-standard equipment and software we are able to help equip students for the transition into higher education and work. Over the past 6 years students have been offered highly discounted rates on iPads in order to help them with their studies.

All Sixth Form classrooms have data projectors and interactive whiteboards and in addition to technology facilities students have

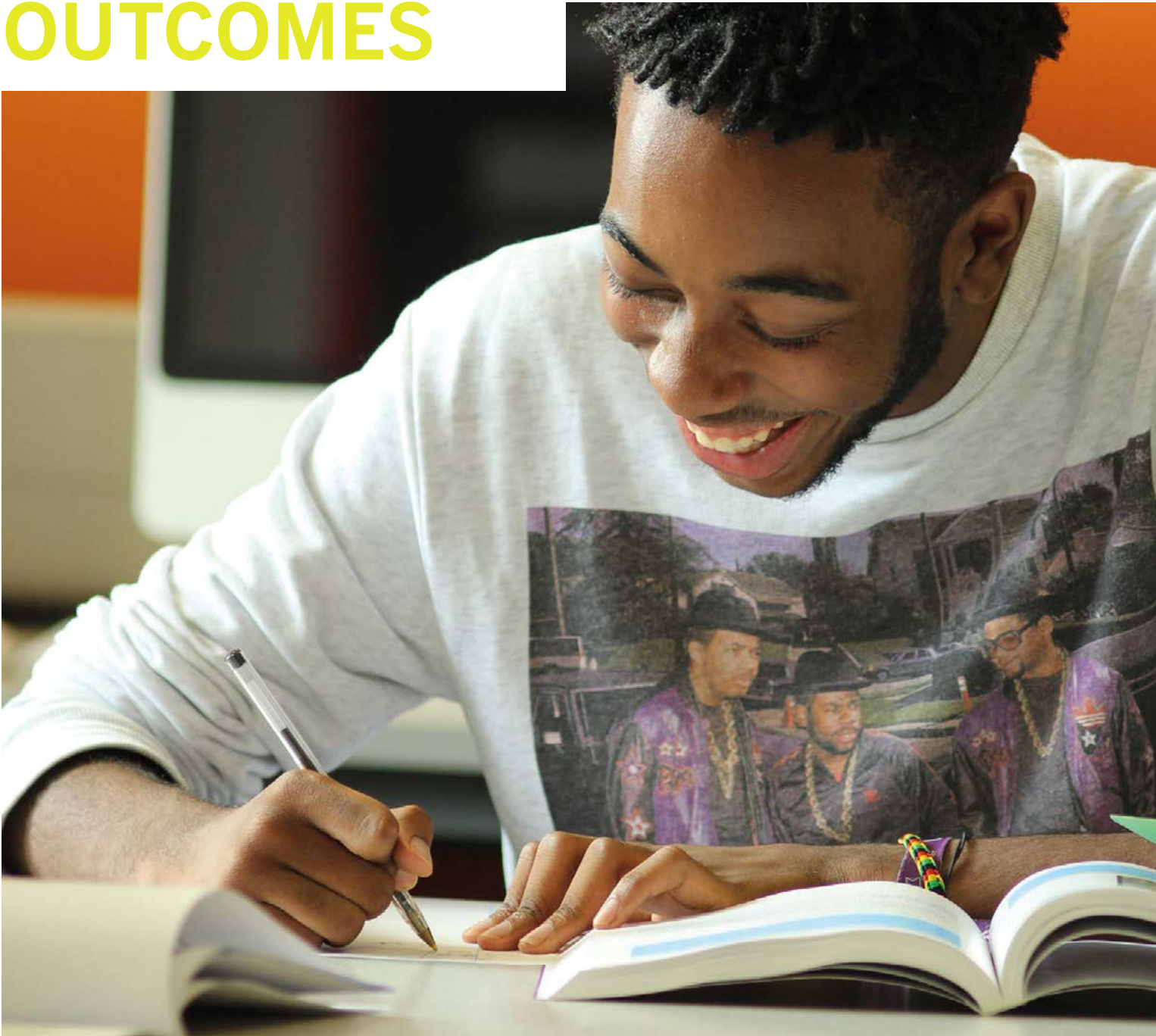
access to a well-resourced library with experienced staff to help guide and improve research skills.

Students are able to use whole school facilities including:

-  **12 FULLY EQUIPPED SCIENCE LABS**
-  **2 MEDIA SUITES WITH MAC DESKTOPS AND ACCOMPANYING SLR DIGITAL CAMERAS**
-  **1 SIXTH FORM CAFÉ**
-  **1 SIXTH FORM STUDY SPACE**
-  **1 FIVE-BAY PHOTOGRAPHIC DARKROOM**
-  **1 TELEVISION STUDIO WITH POST-PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT**
-  **1 MODERN THEATRE SEATING 220**
-  **1 DANCE STUDIO**
-  **1 MUSIC STUDIO, FULLY EQUIPPED FOR RECORDING AND MIXING LIVE MUSIC**
-  **1 SIXTH FORM ART STUDIO**
-  **GYMS, SPORTS HALL PLUS THE CLISSOLD LEISURE CENTRE**



OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC OUTCOMES



“ATTAINMENT IN THE SIXTH FORM HAS BEEN RISING OVER RECENT YEARS... AS- AND A-LEVEL RESULTS ARE STRONG. STUDENTS IN THE SIXTH FORM HAVE HIGH VALUE ADDED IN THE VERY LARGE MAJORITY OF SUBJECTS AND HAVE BEEN ACHIEVING BETTER, YEAR ON YEAR.” OFSTED 2013

Students make outstanding progress at Stoke Newington School which puts the sixth form in the top 10% of A-level providers nationally over the last 4 years. Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Graphics, Economics, English, French, Geography, History, Maths, Media Studies, Photography, Physics and Spanish have been rated in the top 10% nationally for the past 3 years and some of our subjects are in the top 1%.

“It’s incredibly rewarding to see the progress our pupils make and the enjoyment they have getting there.” Teacher

As a result of this our students are able to progress on to a wide range of courses at some of the UK’s most prestigious universities. Our students have gone on to study at Oxford and Cambridge and other Russell Group universities, as well as top art schools and universities across the country. Students have also moved onto apprenticeships after Stoke Newington School, these have ranged from software engineering to working in the city with international companies such as KPMG.





TOP 10%

**OF SIXTH FORMS
FOR VALUE ADDED**



**APPRENTICESHIPS
AND WORK**



**TOP UNIVERSITIES
AND ART SCHOOLS**



**OUTSTANDING
RESULTS
ALPS 2013 & 2014**

“I was so happy with my results. I couldn’t have done it without my teacher’s passion for the subject.” Student

PERSONALISED GUIDANCE & SUPPORT



"Help is always there if I need it. If I feel anxious about something I know I can rely on the teachers and staff to support me." Student

We have a very strong sixth form team at SNS. The student experience is centred on an effective pastoral and tutor system. Every student is assigned to a form teacher who will provide personalised one-to-one tuition throughout the two years. The student-tutor relationship is crucial to a successful 6th form experience and we seek to form strong bonds of trust and cooperation.

We arrange for representatives from Higher Education providers, Apprenticeship Schemes and other external agencies to come in and provide support and guidance to our students. We have strong links with Clare College Cambridge and Goldsmith's University as well as business links with international companies such as KPMG and MITIE.

At SNS Sixth Form we recognise that young people thrive best when they feel nurtured and supported as well as academically challenged. The two years of Sixth Form can be a demanding time for students and we are always on-hand to provide support. Our school counsellors are available to help students to manage stress and other emotional problems.

The first week of the school is an important time for all students – including external applicants, who make up 40% of our intake. We have a strong induction programme which includes team building, setting of expectations and understanding the journey ahead.



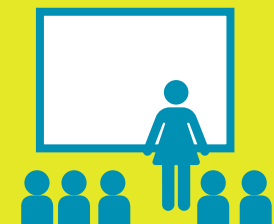
The programme includes a visit to an outdoor activity centre and talks from ex-students and university admissions tutors. We set a reading and summer task list for students to complete in advance of their start with us so they arrive at school prepared for the start of their studies.



**INDUCTION
TRIP**



**SCHOOL
COUNSELLORS**



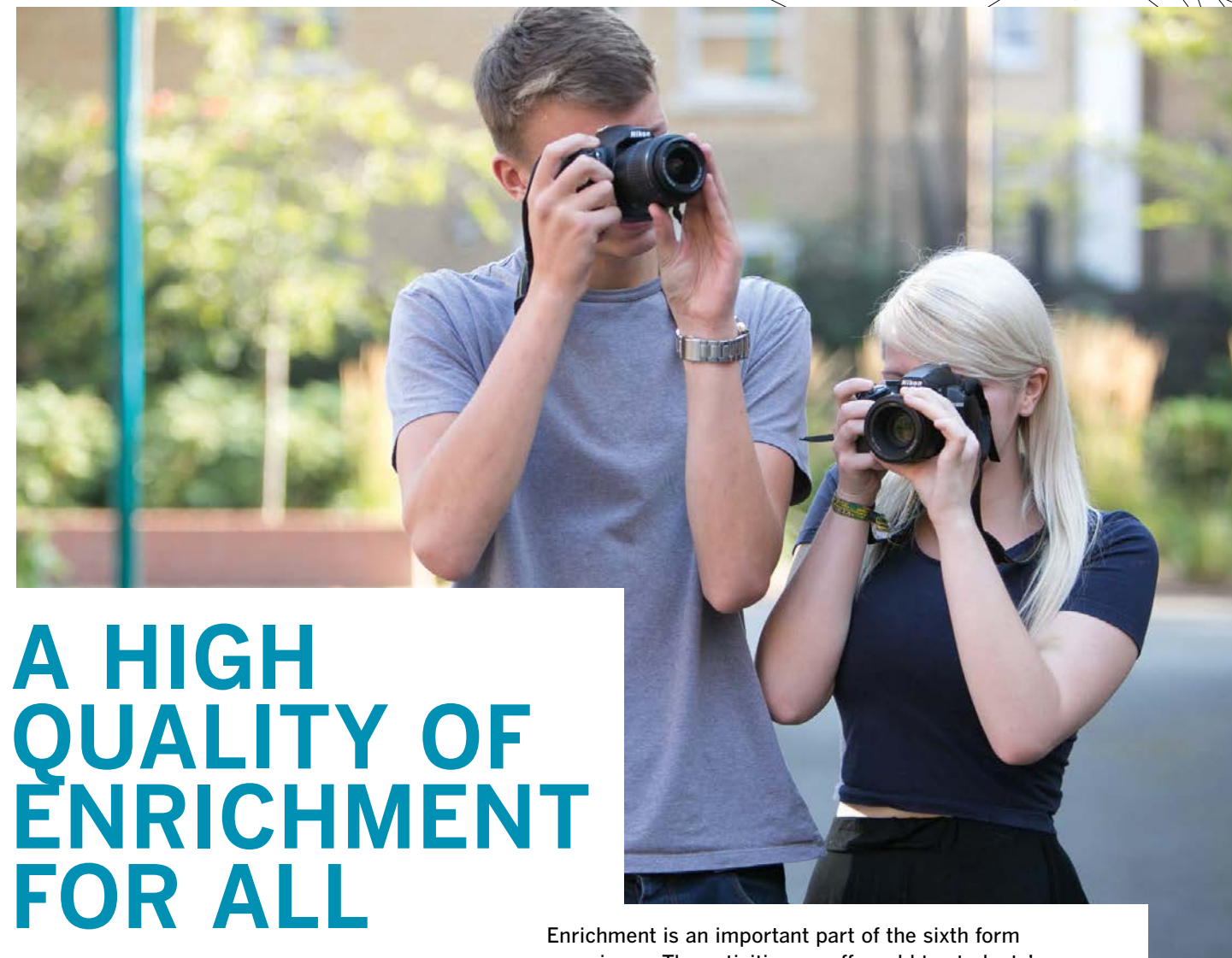
FORM TUTORS

A HIGH QUALITY OF ENRICHMENT FOR ALL

"Performing at the Hackney Empire was one of the most amazing experiences of my life." *Student*

Enrichment is an important part of the sixth form experience. The activities we offer add to students' personal development, education and progression to university and employment. We offer a wide range of enrichment activities, both linked to lessons and beyond the curriculum.

Every week, for an hour, students take part in a chosen activity designed to help them to develop as a person and/or support them with their studies. These enrichment classes include; working on the sixth form magazine, personal training sessions at the nearby Clissold Gym, sixth form orchestra and a film appreciation club.



"STUDENTS THOROUGHLY ENJOY THE MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED, WHICH HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON LEARNING" *OFSTED*

"Costa Rica, Greece, New York... there are so many trips to go for!"
Student

As a part of our ongoing commitment to supporting students' understanding of the world we run a series of lectures and debates that take place after school known as 'SNS Talks'. Speakers have included the Guardian Journalists Jonathan Freedland and Owen Jones as well as Equalities Advisor Linda Bellos OBE and Dame Doreen Lawrence.

As well as the activities in school we offer a large range of field trips and educational visits to exciting and inspirational destinations. Over the last three years students have visited, amongst other places, New York with the Art and Photography departments, Costa Rica and Iceland with Biology, Cern with Physics, and Athens with Classics.

In order to help students progress on after sixth form, all our pupils undertake a two week period of work experience in the summer term. These placements reflect the career interests of the students and this experience adds weight and substance to their UCAS process or job applications.

We also run a focussed Progression Week in Year 12 which includes workshops, our own graduate careers event along with guidance for students and parents on the UCAS process. To complement this, we organise visits to universities (UCL, Clare College Cambridge, Sussex, Essex and Kent universities) and run subject-related workshops, supported by admissions tutors from Queen Mary's, Cambridge and Goldsmiths, which prepare our students to leave Stoke Newington and move onto the next phase of their lives.





WORK EXPERIENCE



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS



UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP VISITS



VISITING SPEAKERS



TOP UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Over the last three years, amongst others, students have gone on to:

- Bristol:** Mechanical Engineering, Psychology
- Central Saint Martins/UAL:** Fine Art, Photography
- Durham:** Anthropology, Archaeology
- Edinburgh:** Geography
- Falmouth:** Acting, Photography, Popular Music
- Glasgow:** Geography
- Goldsmiths:** English
- Imperial:** Artificial Intelligence
- King's College London:** Biomedical Sciences, Geography, Physics
- LCC:** Art, Graphics, Photography
- Leeds:** Economics, History, Latin Studies, Structural Engineering, Spanish
- Loughborough:** Sports Science
- Manchester:** Chemical Engineering, Engineering, History, Mechanical Engineering, Psychology
- Oxford and Cambridge:** Biology, English, History, Human Social & Political Sciences, Medicine, Theology
- Queen Mary's:** Engineering, Law, Physics, Theology
- Sheffield:** Architecture, Biology, Economics
- SOAS:** Economics, Geography, History
- St Andrews:** Maths
- Sussex:** Biomedical Science, Economics, International Relations, Psychology
- UAL:** Sound Arts & Design
- UEA:** American & English Literature
- York:** History of Art, History, Drama



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INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE

