

ONE DREAM.
ONE ROOM.
ONE CHILD.



HEADTEACHER

DIANE ANDERSON

It started as a dream with just one child and one room.

We are now a thriving Ofsted rated Outstanding school with exceptional pass rates in the core subjects of English and Maths, serving three boroughs in North London.

Our Ofsted rating is a testament to our hardworking talented and passionate team and the belief our parents, teachers and pupils share in the aims and ethos of this school.

In this prospectus, I hope we can communicate the passion, ambition and commitment we have for our school and pupils.

We are a thriving and dynamic private independent school providing an alternative curriculum to mainstream education.

We pride ourselves on having a warm and welcoming learning environment where pupils feel safe and supported.

Since moving to our new building, we have placed a renewed focus on developing a culture of high aspiration among our school community.

High standards of discipline and behaviour are expected and maintained to ensure a safe working environment where every child is encouraged to strive for excellence.

We work closely with the Special Educational Needs services in Enfield and recently with Barnet and Haringey to meet the ever-growing demand for our specialist provision.

We accept pupils both on a long- and short-term basis, understanding that some pupils simply require additional support before being reintegrated back into mainstream school.

Our personalised learning environment sees pupils taught in very small class sizes to ensure they are getting the dedicated support they need.

We are extremely proud of our school. But please, don't take our word for it. Book a guided tour of the school and see it in action.

If you would like any more information about FreshSteps School please visit our brand-new website www.freshstepsindependentschool.org.uk

CURRICULUM

We cover a range of subjects in our school, including the core subjects such as English, Mathematics and Science. We have a whole school focus on developing key Literacy skills such as reading, writing, spelling and comprehension. FreshSteps offers a range of interventions for pupils with additional needs; as well Art Therapy, Lego® -based therapy, counselling, and mentoring. Our PE curriculum includes horseriding, boxing, football and multi-sports with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and our in-house sports coaches. Additional support clubs include homework club, handwriting club and booster sessions for core subjects. Please see below subjects covered from KSI – KS4:

KSI & 2

- Literacy & Phonics
- Numeracy
- Science
- PSHE
- Art & Creative Activities
- ▶ ICT
- Spanish
- ▶ PE
- Cookery

KS3 & 4

- English
- Maths
- Science
- ▶ PSHE
- Design & Technology
- ▶ ICT
- Spanish
- ▶ PE
- Cookery

AIMS

In partnership with parents, we nurture, support and challenge our young people so they are respectful, resourceful and resilient, with a belief that they can achieve.

This is achieved through our aims:

- Providing the highest quality of teaching and learning experiences for all pupils.
- Providing a curriculum that meets the needs and aspirations of all pupils.
- Providing an environment which encourages learning.

BUILDING LIVES

We help our students become well rounded young people with the social and emotional skills to meet the challenges of the twenty first century.

RESPECT

treat all people with respect and in a way that we wish to be treated ourselves.

RESPONSIBILITY

take ownership of our actions and environment, never give up.

KINDNESS

be kind, strive to improve the lives of others in our community.

WHY FRESHSTEPS SCHOOL?

Choosing a primary or secondary school is among the most important decisions you will make on behalf of your child.

What you will find here is a blend of tradition and technology, in an atmosphere of calm and purposeful learning, offering a host of opportunities to ensure that our pupils are able to reach their potential.

We are truly dedicated to giving our young people the best possible education and access to opportunities that help them grow socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Our goal is not just to educate young people so that they are capable of passing their exams or being reintegrated into mainstream education but to help them become well-rounded, happy, responsible, kind, resilient young adults who make a valuable contribution to society and their communities.

"Being mixed with pupils of different abilities has really shown me how to act in certain situations, so l can use skills later in life."

Leon, Year II.











A NURTURING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Our pupils have the space and opportunity to develop as individuals within a warm, welcoming learning environment that celebrates ambition and high aspiration.

Pupils learn best when they feel happy, safe and supported. We believe that the right atmosphere helps pupils to thrive and gives the best opportunity to fulfil potential.

We offer personalised learning in very small class sizes with up to eight pupils per class in secondary and six in primary.

OUR EXPECTATIONS

We do not tolerate poor standards of behaviour - not out of an arbitrary desire for discipline but because we want our school to be a welcoming environment for all.

We expect our pupils to be polite, helpful, tolerant and well-behaved at all times, both inside and outside of the school.

Kindness, respect and honesty are expected at all times to help create the supportive learning environment that allows pupils to achieve and thrive.

"My teachers encourage and inspire me to work hard and improve myself."

Elias, Year 8

Inclusion Centre

Our Inclusion Centre is run by highly skilled and experienced staff with specialist training to support the needs of the pupils.

Whilst in the centre pupils will study core skills as well as engaging in mentoring, restorative justice and activites to enhance social skills and emotional intelligance.

Raising Aspirations

The Tottenham Hotspur mentoring scheme and the Aspire coaching courses are offered to our KS4 pupils. This will give pupils a coaching qualification at levels I and 2.

We feel that exposure and access to opportunities helps to build confidence in our young people, giving them the belief to pursue their ambitions.

Raising aspiration is built into our unique curriculum with pupils attending taster days at a wide range of top institutions, teaching them that with hard work there are no barriers to success.

Homework

We believe that learning does not stop or start when a pupil leaves or enters a classroom.

We encourage debate, conversation both in class but also outside the activity area and lunch room, teaching our pupils the power of good communication.

The homework we set is carefully tailored to help pupils develop a deeper understanding of the subject, building on learning inside the classroom.

ENRICHMENT

We take great pride in offering a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment activities which allow young people to explore their interest beyond the classroom.

To prepare for life after FreshSteps Independent School, pupils are encouraged to join a range of clubs, activities, trips and mentoring sessions to develop their interest and talents.

We want to provide interesting and memorable alternatives to classroom-based learning that will broaden the experiences of pupils and enrich their lives.









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