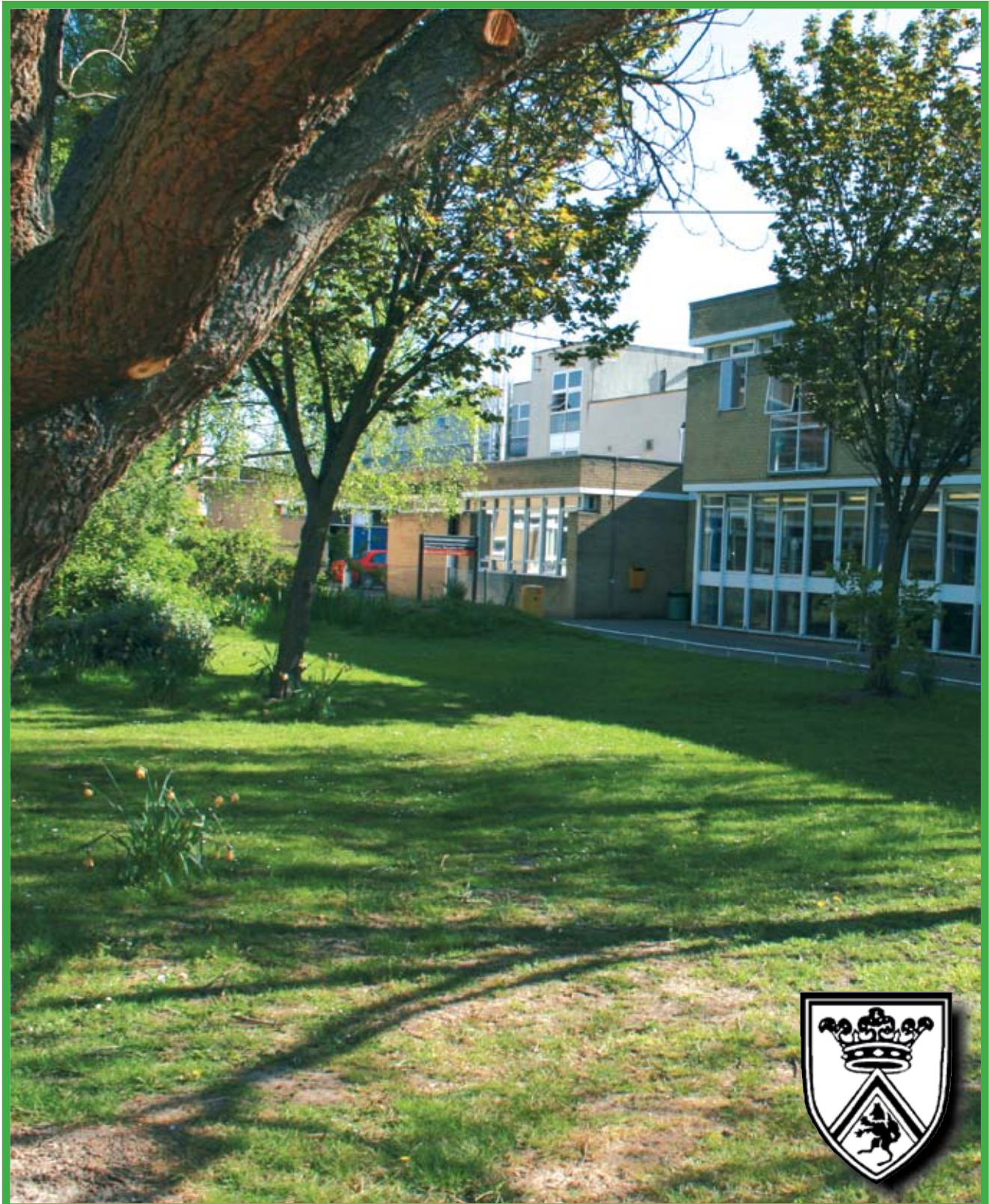


# KINGSMEAD SCHOOL





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Choosing a new school is never an easy decision. There are so many things to consider before you can feel that you know which one is likely to be best for the next stages of learning.



Kingsmead is an 'outstanding' school, (OfSTED, January 2008) for students between 11-19, with a reputation for quality recognised within Enfield and beyond. Kingsmead is a dynamic and caring place to learn, where every child is supported and encouraged to reach their full potential whatever their talents and interests are. In October 2010 we became one of the first secondary schools in London to become an outstanding academy. Our excellent public examination results in August 2011 are evidence of a successful and constantly improving school.

We are committed to traditional excellence in academic achievement and examination success as well as taking on board new technology and innovative, positive approaches that make learning stimulating and rewarding. In addition we have specialist schools status in Performing and Visual Arts and have just been awarded the full International School Award. I believe these are some of the main reasons why students enjoy coming here and why Kingsmead is such a popular and hugely over-subscribed school.

I am proud of our inclusive school community and believe that we have a special responsibility to every parent and child who chooses our school for secondary education. We aim to give parents regular and helpful information on their child's progress and welcome a balanced relationship that reminds us that we are partners in trying to give every child a future that lives up to their dreams.

If you like the aims and values outlined here then visit us on Open Evening in October or arrange to visit on a working day. You will meet an experienced and enthusiastic team of staff, and discover an exciting range of opportunities, offered in a vibrant, caring environment.

I very much hope you too will want to share in Kingsmead's success!

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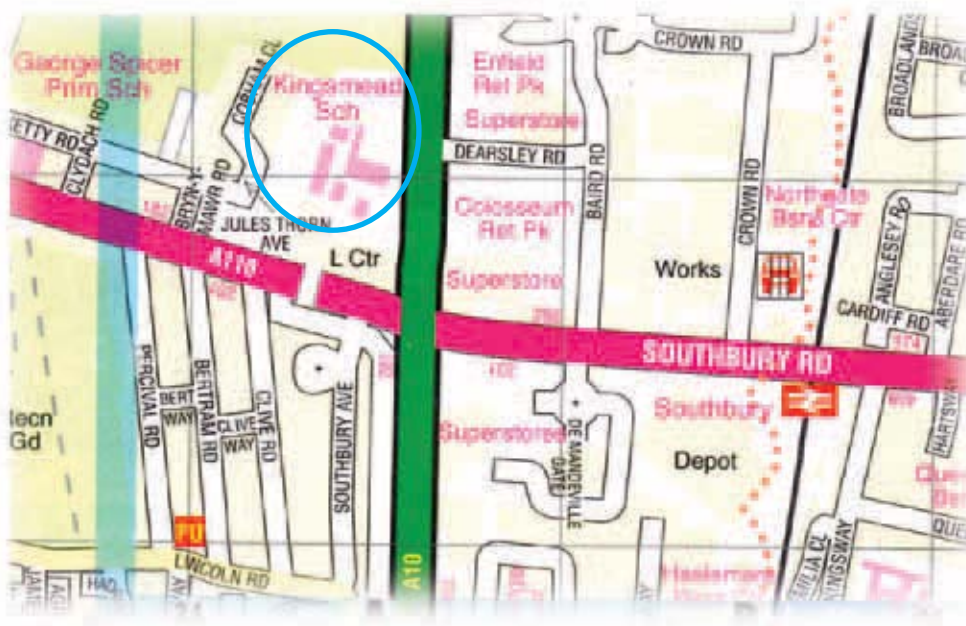
## OUR SCHOOL AIMS

Our chief aim is to create a community where all members are valued and have an equal chance to realise their full potential in every possible way. This aim is encapsulated in our school motto suggested by one of our own students

Dream  
Believe  
Achieve

## THE SCHOOL

The school is situated on Southbury Road, less than a mile from Enfield Town centre, just near the junction with the Great Cambridge Road (A10). Its setting is convenient, making it easily accessible from a wide area with plentiful public transport. There is a footbridge and a pelican crossing so that students can cross the road safely, and several senior staff are always scheduled to supervise children's departure. All of our teaching suites offer up-to-date facilities in a bright, airy environment, promoting a positive attitude to learning and achievement.



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## THE CURRICULUM

Kingsmead aims to ensure a smooth progression from primary to secondary school and to provide a broad and varied curriculum that will motivate and engage young people. This year we have introduced Latin for some of our Year 7 and 8 students, Building Learning Power (BLP) to strengthen our students' ability in independent learning and the Accelerated Reader programme to support and fully extend our students' reading ability. The Key Stage 3 curriculum (Years 7-9) is designed to raise achievement in all subjects, particularly English and Mathematics.

All students benefit from individual academic mentoring to support their progress. At the beginning of Key Stage 4 in Year 10, in close consultation with parents and staff, students are able to complement the core subjects by choosing others specially suited to their interests, abilities and plans for the future. Students in Year 10 are also offered the opportunity for early exam entry in many subjects.

Any of our students who speak a language other than English are encouraged to enter for public examinations in these languages as soon as they are ready.



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## THE SIXTH FORM

Kingsmead Sixth Form is in the top 25% nationally for examination results. It is a lively, successful environment of high achieving students and very dedicated staff. In recent years it has grown significantly and, as in Year 7, entry is over-subscribed. Strong teaching allied with sympathetic pastoral care, academic support and guidance on progression, provide our students with the qualifications necessary to access higher education or secure employment. Past students have obtained entry into universities far and wide, studying a range of subjects including Medicine, Accounting & Finance, Law, Psychology, Music, Marine Biology and International Relations.



Sixth Formers are encouraged to take an active role in the school community and beyond. They act as mentors to younger students, take part in numerous extra curriculum activities and support charitable and community projects. Participating in enrichment activities broadens their horizons, helps them develop new and varied skills and become socially and politically aware young adults.



*Team building on a 6th form residential weekend.*

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## STUDENTS WITH MARKED APTITUDE

Students identified as being in the top 10% of a subject area or assessed as having a high standard of ability in P.E. or the performing arts fall within the criteria of Marked Aptitude (MA). Once identified it is our responsibility to ensure that appropriate strategies are employed to make certain that our MA students raise their achievements still further and maximise their full potential both academically and personally. We have a dedicated Marked Aptitude Coordinator who is a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team. Our MA Coordinator monitors strategies to guarantee students achieve to the best of their ability. A2 level exam results in August 2010 saw Kingsmead students amongst the first to be awarded the new national A\* grade.

Our Marked Aptitude programme currently has links with many top universities, including the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, The London School of Economics, Kings College, London, and Imperial College, London.

In recent years Marked Aptitude students have gone on to study degree courses at Cambridge University, the London School of Economics, Kings College, London, Bristol University, the School of Oriental & African Studies and the London College of Fashion.



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## **ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

We are aware that children do not learn at the same rate or in the same way. Our Additional Educational Needs department offers expert and sensitive help to children who have a special need of whatever kind. All students entering Year 7 are screened for ability levels in reading, spelling and mathematics. In Year 7 students who lack confidence in reading are supported weekly on a one-to-one basis by a team of reading assistants. Students with additional needs may be supported by small group withdrawal work or they may be helped within the classroom by a teaching assistant. Our Additional Educational Needs department keeps in close touch with parents of children with special educational needs and ensures that teachers know appropriate strategies and expectations.

The Ethnic Minority Achievement (EMA) department supports the needs of students for whom English is an additional language in order to maximise their progress. Our dedicated Learning Mentors work with students individually and in groups in order to raise aspirations and help our students overcome barriers to learning.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

We are very proud of our diverse, multicultural school and have students from many different faiths. All our students are taught about the main world religions. Our school assemblies and CHRE/MRPS lessons are designed to reflect as far as possible the absolute spectrum of religious beliefs found in our school community with strong emphasis on moral values and religious tolerance. Students begin studying GCSE Moral, Religious and Philosophical Studies (MRPS) in Year 9. Parents do have a right to withdraw their children from religious education either wholly or in part.

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## ENRICHMENT

Our curriculum is enhanced by numerous opportunities for students to discover new talents, develop skills and grow as confident young people. The P.E. department organises a wide range of sporting activities and many of our students take part in inter-school and borough sports events and achieve great success. Kingsmead has Specialist School Status in the Performing and Visual Arts, and has an excellent reputation for the superb quality of its work within these subject areas. We have a rich tradition of concerts and performances encompassing drama, dance and music. A number of special interest lunchtime and after-school clubs exist to build on students' enthusiasm and commitment. Students have opportunities to go on residential and day trips with a wide range of destinations on offer both in Britain and abroad.



*Performing in our theatre.*



*Reading in our library.*



*A workshop on our annual  
Performing & Visual Arts Day.*

*Hairspray - The School Musical,  
Sky1, September-October 2008.*

