

What every applicant should know



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Forest Hill is an LEA maintained comprehensive School with a student population of 1370 students (including 224 Sixth Formers). In KS3 and KS4 we are a single sex boys comprehensive while the Sixth Form is part of a large consortium which includes two other local schools. The Sixth Form is mixed and we have an increasing number of young women on our roll.

The school is extremely popular and is over-subscribed by some considerable margin. Our standard number is 240. We are allocated students via the local authority formula of 25% top band, 50% middle band and 25% lower band.

Through its curriculum development supported by an active Equal Opportunities Policy the school is particularly proud of its caring and supportive ethos. We are in every respect a school that serves its local community and have strong links and close associations with a wide range of community groups.

The teaching staff is stable but with sufficient turnover to allow the introduction of new blood and ideas. Many current and former staff have children attending the school.

At Forest Hill we have a justified reputation for confronting the traditional stereotypes held by young males. Of the 100 members of teaching staff over 50% are women and women occupy positions of seniority throughout the school. Currently 3 out of 10 Heads of Faculty are women while the SMT have 3 out of 6 positions held by women. In the Sixth Form young women students play an increasingly important role in the life of the school.

We offer a large number of activities outside the classroom to extend students' learning. There are well established language exchanges with schools in Berlin and Paris and numerous school journeys throughout the year. We have strong links with the Aberllefenni centre in Wales and all Year 7 pupils have the opportunity to visit the centre with their Tutor Group. Ski trips, activity trips at home and to Europe, canal trips, and educational visits at home and abroad form an integral part of the life of the school. A variety of lunchtime and after school clubs add to the enrichment of the school.

The school has a local and national reputation for media studies and video production. Our "video unit" has been successful in winning awards in many national competitions. Videos produced by students have featured on television at home and abroad.

Sporting opportunities for students are an important aspect of school life. Soccer, rugby, basketball, athletics and cricket teams represent the school regularly, with an extensive range of fixtures offering pupils the opportunity to excel. Large numbers of pupils regularly gain representative honours at district and county level.

The "Arts" play an integral role in the life of the school. The Art department is a "Centre of Excellence" and regularly hosts training for other schools and PGCE students. Music performance is a daily part of school life and Drama is a successful and popular GCSE option.

Forest Hill is an exciting, challenging and stimulating school for both staff and pupils.

