

The Curriculum and Beyond

The curriculum at The Howard School meets National Curriculum legal requirements, is challenging and demanding and is designed to enable every student, irrespective of ability, to achieve the very best possible outcome. There are opportunities to study for a variety of qualifications throughout all key stages.

Information and Communication Technology is a strong feature of the school with over 450 Internet connected computers available. Use of the Internet is subject to individual students providing written parental permission and the Internet service is filtered to preclude access to inappropriate sites.

The School provides a wide range of activities outside curriculum time including:

- A wide range of sporting opportunities
- Regular Drama and Musical productions
- A varied Gifted and Talented programme
- An extensive range of school trips, both within the UK and further afield
- Homework and ICT club
- A programme of Enrichment Days



Pastoral Care

The Howard School is very large and for the purposes of Pastoral Care is organised in Year Groups and Forms. Your son's Form Tutor and Head of Year will be responsible for his welfare, social and academic development. Should you have any concerns at any stage regarding your son's education your first contact should be his Form Tutor who will have extensive knowledge about your son's development and progress. You will have the opportunity to meet with his Form Tutor early in the first term and regularly after that to set targets for his academic progress.

The Student Services Department is open from 8am to 3.45pm daily; there will always be someone to assist you with any issues you may have.



Welcome to The Howard School

The Howard School is a thriving 11–18 bi-lateral grammar and high school for boys. We are an increasingly high achieving, heavily subscribed and popular school. The school is a Specialist Sports College with Information Communication Technology as its second strand.

Whilst we are proud of the education we provide, we are constantly striving to raise standards still further. From the moment your child arrives at The Howard we will work in partnership with you. We will monitor progress, encourage participation in the wide range of extra-curricular activities that are available and strive to ensure he becomes a confident young person who, through guidance, is prepared for the demands of further and higher education and the world of work.

I would like to invite you to become partners with us in the shared enterprise of providing the best education for your child and I look forward to welcoming you to The Howard School.



Paul Morris

Principal **P G Morris BA Hons DipEd**

Howard School Aims

The Howard School aims to be a widely respected school which provides unmatched opportunities for students in academic, sporting, personal, cultural and social aspects of life.

When students leave The Howard School we expect them to have:

- developed knowledge, skills and understanding in a wide variety of areas
- fulfilled their potential in terms of qualifications gained
- developed the personal and teamwork qualities necessary to enjoy a happy and successful life
- a clear understanding and experience of the world of work



Raising Standards

The Howard School intends to continue to raise standards and it is vital that students, parents, staff, governors and the Local Education Authority work together to realise that aim.

We fully appreciate that students have varying levels of ability but it is essential that they all work to their maximum and enjoy the support of all other stakeholders in the school community.

At The Howard School there is a clearly stated Code of Conduct, which all students are required to embrace. In circumstances where students are in breach of the Code of Conduct sanctions are applied ranging from verbal rebuke, detention after school and, in extreme cases, exclusion from school.

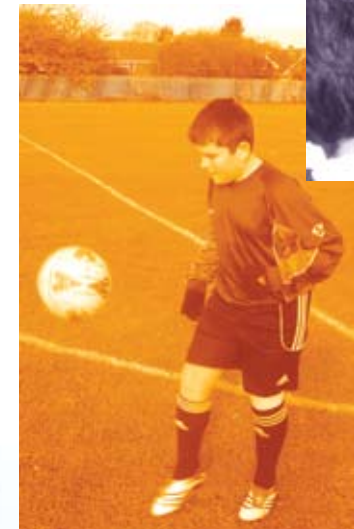
In order to achieve the stated aims the school wants to build productive working relationships with parents. You can expect from the school:

- High expectations for every student
- Regular homework
- Constructive marking of work
- Regular reports and parents' meetings
- Opportunities to develop interests beyond the curriculum
- Staff to be available by appointment to discuss and resolve issues and concerns should they arise

The school expects parents to:

- Ensure that their son attends school regularly and punctually
- Support school policy regarding school uniform and behaviour
- Monitor the completion of homework
- Attend parent/teacher meetings and other events where academic progress is on the agenda

Please see the separate information at the back of the prospectus for further information and guidance.



Why choose The Howard School?

We offer:

- A generous teacher to student ratio
- Improving examination results at all levels
- An excellent curriculum offer at each stage
- A strong commitment to school uniform
- A good balance between academic, sporting, recreational and cultural activities. A very strong commitment to competitive sport and an outstanding record of success in major competitions
- A £2m football development
- A good range of extra-curricular activities including regular drama and musical productions
- Outstanding facilities for Information and Communication Technology with one computer for every four boys
- A revised provision for students with Special Educational Needs which meets the Code of Practice requirements. Teaching Assistants who provide extensive in-class support
- A large Sixth Form run in conjunction with Rainham School for Girls and Rainham Mark Grammar School to provide the widest range of opportunities for students of all abilities. The school has a good record of placing students at University
- A clearly defined and understood discipline policy
- A dedicated Student Services Team

