**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Alexandra Park (APS) is a high achieving, successful comprehensive school in North London. The school, which is located on a beautiful five-acre site adjacent to Oliver Tambo Park in the London Borough of Haringey.

Alexandra Park is an ‘outstanding’ school as recognised by Ofsted. The school’s motto is “Success for all” and this is achieved by providing an environment in which all students flourish and are able to achieve. A highly developed and embedded culture of learning is at the heart of everything the school does. When students join APS, and throughout their experience at the school, they find a supportive and friendly environment, where high standards of discipline and behaviour are expected and maintained. APS provides a safe, structured working environment where every individual is encouraged to strive for excellence.

APS is committed to working collaboratively with local primary and secondary schools, specialist organisations and universities in order to ensure best practice and optimise opportunities for its staff and students. Our many accolades represent a genuine aspiration to provide staff with the best resources and training. From developing staff to teach astronomy to being lead assessors for the Duke of Edinburgh award. Our work as a Lead Teacher Training School in conjunction with our partners schools has raised academic standards by recruiting and training the very best candidates into the profession and by develop existing teachers’ practice through strong and coordinated research and training.

APS converted to multi-academy status at the end of 2016 in order to develop further its collaborative working model. Since then we have secured multiple bids to bolster not only our environmental credentials but to also provide exceptional facilities for staff and students. This includes additional green space for our sixth form, 2 extension projects adding addition 16 classrooms, music facilities, multi-sport AstroTurf, a school gym and upgraded maths and library rooms.

An attractive green school makes for happy teachers. In fact, wellbeing and workload is at the heart of our consideration, which include extensive after school sports for staff, as well as free refreshments and lunch.

APS is a thriving, dynamic, non-selective school that offers an outstanding curriculum experience and achieves excellent outcomes for its students. It aims to ensure that all students make excellent progress from the point at which they arrive in Year 7. Attainment at Key Stage 4 and 5 has increased year-on-year. APS students study a predominantly traditional curriculum with a focus on the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. At Key Stage 4 academic achievement is high: in 2023, Progress 8 was 0.58, Attainment 8 was 64 and 90% of students achieved good passes in five GCSEs including English and Maths. This places us in the top 10% of schools nationally.

The Sixth Form offers an extensive range of courses and recruits externally as well as internally. The provision has been independently assessed (ALPS) as in the top 10% of institutions nationwide. At its last inspection of APS, Ofsted judged the Sixth Form as Outstanding in every category. Two thirds were successful in their application to one of the UK's top 30 universities and three quarters of our students were able to follow the course they had chosen at their first-choice university.

The school is always heavily over-subscribed at Year 7 entry and has been for several years. The number of parents choosing APS as their first or second choice is more than 1,000. This is consistently higher than for any other maintained secondary school in Haringey. Applications to join the Sixth Form increased over the same period, with applications for September 2023 outnumbering available places by a ratio of 5:1.

APS is proud to be a truly comprehensive school offering a broad, balanced and accessible curriculum that recognises and responds to the needs of its rich and diverse community. The school appreciates that young people live in times of rapid cultural change and increasing cultural diversity. It believes it has an essential role to play in enabling students to understand and respect different cultural values and traditions and the processes of cultural change and development. APS fosters confident and responsible citizens who are prepared to meet the challenges of life. When it was awarded the World Class Schools Quality Mark in 2015, APS students were enthusiastic contributors to the process.

Ofsted noted that: “Alexandra Park School is an outstanding school. The decisive and inspirational leadership of the Headteacher and a highly effective leadership team has enabled Alexandra Park to continue its journey of rapid improvement. It is a reflective and self-critical organisation which lives its aim to ‘put learning first’ through its every action.”

“Students are highly motivated learners who make rapid progress from their starting points through outstanding teaching, an excellent curriculum and exemplary care, guidance and support. Attainment is high and rising. Students are highly committed to their studies and are aspirational. Their ambitions are high as is reflected in large numbers of students progressing to the most competitive courses and universities.”

Whilst being rightly proud of its achievements, APS recognises that its success rests on its ability to appoint outstanding, highly qualified staff who bring vision, energy, enthusiasm and very high expectations to the school. Its recruitment processes are aimed at finding and appointing those who are committed to excellence in education.

Please visit the APS website for more detailed information about the school: <http://www.alexandrapark.school>