



Anglo European School

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A Welcome from the Headteachers

We would welcome an application to our distinctive and very successful school. The purpose of this letter is to highlight what makes the Anglo European School so unique.

Firstly, you would be joining a school where there are two Headteachers! Co-Headship is an innovative model of leadership and one that works well in our school. For us, it sends a strong message to everyone associated with the school about teamwork and the value we place on collegiality and a corporate spirit. Secondly, you would be joining a school which is committed to achieving the highest academic success through its distinct internationalist curriculum. Thirdly, you would be joining a school where students are recognised, and valued, as independent, open-minded and confident young people who are able to communicate effectively in a variety of languages, knowing that they have something worthwhile to say.

Situated in the village of Ingatestone, our state comprehensive is committed to achieving the highest academic standards within a caring and cosmopolitan environment. Its success reflects strong leadership and management, together with the professionalism of its staff. The school is open to all its local children and to others, within a wide region, who value its internationalist curriculum. It was the first state school in Britain to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the first such school to become a Specialist Language College. The school benefits from an active partnership with parents in achieving its aims.

Special Quality: to provide the highest quality of education enriched by a strong European and International dimension.

Inter-cultural Worth:

to respect individuals and their culture whilst developing a respect for, and an understanding of, the students' own culture and the cultures of others.

“L’avenir”: to give students the academic and social skills which enable them to move freely and productively beyond the boundaries of their own community.

The International Dimension is present in every subject area. When students first arrive at the school they complete a cross-curricular induction programme. This provides a practical insight into the special internationalist nature of the school and allows them to draw on their own experiences. Each student's participation in the international nature of the school culminates in the award of the Diplôme du Citoyen in Year 9 (Foundation), Year 11 (Intermediate) and Sixth Form (Advanced).

Our school is recognised as a centre of excellence for language learning. All pupils study French and German from Year 7 and Russian, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese are introduced in Year 9. At GCSE all pupils will normally study two languages in addition to English, though three are possible. In the

Sixth Form all students study a language other than English in some form. Bilingual teaching takes place for some in Geography and History (Years 8 and 9).

A remarkable feature of the school is our extensive Study Visits Programme. All Year 7 pupils take part in a cross curricular study visit to Belgium. The other year groups are able to choose from over eighteen home to home exchanges together with specialised study visits at Sixth Form level. On these visits, pupils follow a carefully prepared cross-curricular work package, which is integrated into the school-based curriculum. Most exchanges are of two weeks' duration, although in Year 10 pupils have the opportunity to participate in the extended study visits to Reims and Frankfurt of up to eight weeks. They follow the curriculum of our partner schools and work independently for their GCSE subjects. Typically, 700 pupils and students participate each year and 500 partners visit the school.

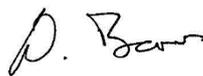
The quality and success of Sixth Form provision was particularly praised in our most recent OFSTED report where it was recognised as 'outstanding' and the school accepts new students from other schools at Sixth Form level. There has been a long and successful tradition of A-Levels and the International Baccalaureate Diploma, which was enriched from September 2001 by the availability of Applied A-Level courses. The IB offers students a balanced curriculum through its choice of six subjects from various academic disciplines and its CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service) programme. The Diploma is highly regarded by UK universities and recognised both by universities and employers world-wide. A-Level and Applied A-Level students have the flexibility of taking single certificate qualifications from the IB programme in addition to A-Level subjects, thus adding breadth to their curriculum. This provides an exceptionally rich variety of courses. The CAS component of the Diploma is taken by all students, as is the requirement to study a language other than English.

We are proud to be Co-Headteachers of this successful and distinctive school. If you apply and are successful, we would make you very welcome.

Yours sincerely



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