



**LIBERTY
WOODLAND
SCHOOL**



WELCOME

Liberty Woodland School is an independent, co-educational school for students aged 4 to 16 years. It's believed to be the UK's very first, fully outdoor school.

We are preparing our young people for an extraordinary life in the 21st century, guiding and teaching them to become successful citizens in school, in their careers and in life.

The world we are living in is fast-paced, dynamic, exciting and challenging. Our young people need different skills to thrive than previous generations have needed. Schools were designed in the industrial era with a focus on impersonal, efficient, and standardised learning in a world where life was stable, predictable and where careers followed a clear and unmoving path. Mainstream state and independent schools, for the most part, haven't changed significantly from this original design. The world has changed. Our schools need to do the same.

Liberty Woodland School is a revolutionary re-imagining of school. A school designed around the needs of the 21st century learner and deeply rooted in research of neuroscience and how young people learn best. A school where to prepare young people to become the best they can be, through a global context, young people are developed to be problem-solvers, critical thinkers and deeply reflective lifelong learners with a strong sense of social responsibility.

Leanna Barrett, Head Teacher



**"Our mission is to
develop those
children most likely to
succeed in the 21st**



A STUNNING LOCATION

Set in a 3 acre campus around Morden Lodge, our school grounds contain a variety of habitats, such as woodland, meadow and river frontage. Liberty Woodland School is truly unique, where our modern buildings sit harmoniously alongside the more traditional and historic buildings. .

The use of our site is focused around sustainability with a ground source heat pump combined with a water turbine providing our heating and hot water alongside solar panels providing our electricity. We model sustainability to our young people.

The school operates a mini bus service to and from several locations around the area, making it easy for pupils to get to school and home again.

How do our children feel about their school environment?

'Being able to hear the birds sing and be around trees makes me feel grounded, calm and happy'.

'Just experiencing nature and seeing wildlife regularly makes me feel connected to the world which actually really helps my learning because I can focus more'.

'I feel happy so it makes me excited to learn.'

Liberty Woodland School Students



At Liberty Woodland School, development of personal and social skills, emotional intelligence and self-regulation alongside a strong focus on positive mental health, are absolutely crucial.

We are living in a world which is fast-paced, demanding and challenging. We need to proactively work to equip our young people with tools and strategies to manage anything and everything that comes their way in both their personal and professional lives.

“Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.”

CHARLES SWINDOLL

We use a whole school 'Zones of Regulation' approach as self-regulation is an essential skill to master in life. Children from an early age are taught to identify emotions and use individual strategies to support themselves in moving through the zones of regulation.

Our teachers are developed and trained to observe and support young people with their mental health. We provide high quality pastoral care to support our young people with their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

When young people are physically, emotionally and mentally healthy it helps them to feel happy and enjoy their lives, freeing their minds up to achieve academic success.



WELLBEING AT SCHOOL

At Liberty Woodland School, academic rigour is complemented by a family-like atmosphere and an emphasis on personal development. Our innovative teaching methods encourage students to think for themselves, explore new ideas, and develop confidence in their own abilities. We challenge our young people every day to be working at the very edge of what they can't yet do independently.

We pride ourselves on our high teacher to pupil ratio, allowing teachers to form strong relationships with students and really understand what motivates them to succeed. With a skilled teacher's support and hard work, young learners can overcome hurdles and progress rapidly. Young people excel when challenged and are capable of greatness.

We believe in a healthy work/life balance, school operates on a 4-day week in attendance, for all pupils across the school.

Our days at LWS are longer to allow pupils to delve deeply into their learning, grapple with challenging learning and have time to focus on their personal development, emotional well-being and mental health.



**ACADEMIC
RIGOUR**

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Project based learning is at the heart of our creative curriculum. Project based learning blends content mastery, meaningful work, and personal connection to create powerful learning experiences, in terms of both academic achievement and students personal growth.

A design principal of our school is that learning should be purposeful and relevant to children's lives, with meaningful learning goals and outcomes. Our cross curricular projects are diverse and designed to inspire our children to grapple with demanding and meaningful topics, to produce high-quality work and, through their projects, master both academic knowledge and skills and develop their learning habits and character attributes.

Each class for their project creates a google site which is then updated by the class weekly to provide parents and our authentic audiences with an opportunity to follow real-time progress within the project.

Projects are presented in different ways. We ask students to answer big questions, to plan and deliver community events, complete challenges or find solutions to problems.





SUBJECTS WE STUDY

At Liberty Woodland School we have a full and varied curriculum incorporating both academic and creative subjects.

Pupils enjoy a rigorous and broad introduction to our core skills of maths, literacy and environmentalism in small, stage of development appropriate groups.

Children enjoy their project sessions alongside their Senior Learning Associate and Learning Associate in their class groups.

Liberty Woodland School provides specialist teachers who deliver their specialist sessions in science, environmentalism, visual arts, performing arts and sport.

ENVIRONMENTALISM AT SCHOOL

Young people today are the future custodians of the planet.

Like never before they need to be equipped with the knowledge, skills and motivation to address the increasingly complex environmental challenges of the 21st Century.

This generation of young people are the game changers of the future; the ones who will be solving the problems of climate change, global resource limitations, long term sustainability; as well as many other complex issues that global leaders aren't even aware of yet.

Our Head of Environmentalism leads on all of our eco efforts, teaching and inspiring our students every day. In November 2022, Liberty Woodland School were proudly awarded The Independent Schools Association Award for Sustainability.

As an example project within environmentalism, our Year 4-6 pupils began their 2022/23 environmentalism with a year-long project which aims to take LWS closer to becoming a carbon zero school.

This project allows young people to learn more about climate change and feel empowered to take action in their school community. Our pupils:

- Develop leadership, communication, problem solving and teamwork skills
- Calculate an estimate of our school's carbon emissions
- Lead meaningful projects to reduce the school's carbon footprint.

This is the defining issue of our time. By adopting a whole school, student-led approach, our school models to our pupils how to show leadership in the face of the climate emergency.





BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Well rounded young people need support, opportunities and encouragement in all areas, not only academics. Our students spend time every day learning about the power of community and collaboration as well as working on their physical and mental health.

Every term our young people exhibit their learning to members of our community, experts or members of the public, ensuring they are developing their confidence and skills in public speaking and presentation regularly.

Our students also benefit from forest skills sessions, including bushcraft, rope work, firelighting, flora and fauna and shelter building.

Each year always includes a variety of team sports, individual sports and sports guided by our young people's interests.

We enrich our students' learning wherever possible, using the incredible resources available to us in London. Ranging from art gallery visits, professional workshops, farm visits, trips to the theatre to visiting Houses of Parliament. If there is ever an opportunity to deepen our students' learning with real life understanding and community engagement, we take it.





“Joining Liberty Woodland School has been the best decision we made for our son, he is thriving.”





School Minibus Transport

Available for all students from Barnes, Putney, Southfields,
Strawberry Hill, Kingston, Wimbledon, Parsons
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