



**LIBERTY  
WOODLAND  
SCHOOL**



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# WELCOME

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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 unmovable 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  
century.”**





# A STUNNING LOCATION

Set in a 3 acre campus around Morden Lodge, our 3 acre 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







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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

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 mentally healthy it helps them to feel happy and enjoy their lives, freeing their minds up to achieve academic success.



# WELLBEING AT SCHOOL

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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**

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# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

We have chosen the International Baccalaureate for our secondary school, meaning we have a world leading and widely recognised exam system which allows for a pedagogical approach which continues to emphasise intellectual challenges.

Alongside our school curriculum and ethos which ensures all learning is relevant, meaningful and purposeful, developing life skills and attributes, our pupils will through the IB be equipped with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to succeed in the 21st century - alongside earning fantastic, world recognised exam results.

The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) is designed for pupils between the ages of 11 and 16. It is taught in 108 countries around the world, is accredited by Ofqual as having the same status as GCSEs and respected by universities in the UK and abroad.

The MYP enables us to nurture in our pupils the character and strength of mind for them to succeed in adult life. There is a strong focus on 'learning to learn' through the systematic development of approaches to learning, skills for communication, collaboration, organisation, self-management, reflection, research, creative and critical thinking.







# SUBJECTS WE STUDY

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

As they begin their learning journey, pupils enjoy a rigorous and broad introduction to mathematical, scientific, literary, linguistic, musical, and creative; before moving on to our Middle Years Programme, part of the International Baccalaureate.

Our primary school students learn through their play in a fully outdoor, enriching natural environment.

Classes for secondary students take place either in their class workshop, the art studio, Morden Lodge or any outdoor natural environment that would be most suitable for a calm, relaxed session to facilitate excellent learning.

We believe school should not be insular and we are fortunate to have private access to many excellent professional facilities in the London community to enhance our learning. Locations such as university science labs, specialist sports centres and more.

# 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 7 pupils begin their journey into secondary school 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.









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# 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 week our young people have the opportunity to explore their personal passions and areas through our Delve and Drive programme. Students are supported to dive deeply into a question they want to answer, or a business they want to pursue.

We offer supported opportunities to volunteer in the local community, to undertake Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and to explore and develop their areas of personal interest.

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

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

Each year always include 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, 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 Green, Wandsworth & Fulham.







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