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Welcome to Royal Liberty School

Thank you for your interest in Royal Liberty School.

This is a unique school with a wealth of tradition and history, yet a school which always looks to the future.

Everyone at Royal Liberty School is committed to empowering our students to become successful, creative, independent and resilient learners. This is a school where *'Teachers have high expectations and are ambitious for students' achievement.* (OFSTED 2013).

Our aim is to develop students' ambition and confidence to equip them to make a positive contribution to the future of our society.

At Royal Liberty we believe in offering an education that is exciting and challenging for all students regardless of background or ability. We are a relatively small secondary school and take advantage of this to get to know our students well and create a friendly, supporting and caring environment for learning. Respect for each other is one of our core values

and this contributes to the strong sense of community within the school.

In 2006 we became a Specialist Science College and the legacy of this continues. We have a strong focus on high achievement in all subjects with a particular emphasis on Science and Mathematics.

Our partnership with universities and other community organisations greatly enhance the opportunities for students to achieve their potential. We also have exceptional Student Leadership and Ambassador Programmes and take every opportunity to develop skills that will secure success in the future.

If you are looking for a school that is committed to preparing students to be the bright, ambitious young men of tomorrow, then come and visit Royal Liberty School.

I am proud of the students of this school, they make Royal Liberty a great place to come to every day.

Ms April Saunders
Headteacher





Aspirational

At Royal Liberty we are ambitious for all our students and we strive constantly to encourage academic excellence.

We understand how crucial it is for our students to achieve the skills, knowledge and qualifications that will enable them to lead successful lives. We know that a safe welcoming environment, excellent teaching and high standards of behaviour are essential. We work hard to ensure that our school provides these things for all of our students.

We understand the boys in particular need regular feedback on their progress if they are to stay motivated. Therefore, students are set targets for their own individual achievement and these targets are closely monitored by teachers.

Students are regularly congratulated on their progress and rewarded for success. There are a variety of intervention strategies in place to support students who are not making the progress that we expect of them.

The school has many activities that allow students to achieve both academic and personal success.

We recognise that all our students have individual hopes and dreams for the future. We believe it is essential for us to work together with parents to ensure that each one of our students achieves his ambition and is well prepared to make his own contribution to the world beyond school.





Student *voice*

"Being a Captain is a great opportunity to make a lasting difference to the School and challenge yourself. It has given me the opportunity to develop my leadership skills and help the Year 7s make the transition from primary school to life here at Royal Liberty."

Freddie Player, Year 11

"This is a school that has something for everyone to enjoy, whether it's lessons, a club or just time with your friends. My favourite lesson is Music and I go to Homework Club."

Harry Bond, Year 7

"Student Council has given students like me the opportunity to make real changes and ensure that life is better for future students."

Gurdip Uppal, Year 11

"Royal Liberty is a great school. I had big expectations for it and I haven't been disappointed! The School teaches me skills for life and I am proud to be a part of it. The teachers are helpful and are always trying to get you to be the best you can be."

Daanyaal Mirza, Year 7

Inspiring



and Challenging

One of the most important values of our school is the belief that learning is about engaging with the world, developing in students a sense of wonder and curiosity about life.

At Royal Liberty we constantly review our curriculum and teaching within the school to ensure that our students are excited about their learning and are challenged to do their very best.

At Key Stage 3 students study the full range of National Curriculum subjects. However, the way some subjects are taught is new and different from many other schools.

In Key Stage 3 students are taught Religious Education, Citizenship and Personal Social and Health Education through Cultural Studies. This encourages students to think more deeply about each subject and develop their understanding of the real world.

At Key Stage 3 - 4 students can choose from a wide range of subjects. We recognise the importance of choices made at this stage in their school career so each student is given individual advice to support them in this process.

Teachers at Royal Liberty place an emphasis on students achieving good literacy and numeracy skills in addition to acquiring specialist subject knowledge. At Key Stage 3 we develop these skills through extended writing tasks in every subject. There is an emphasis on enjoyment of learning, with a strong focus on the use of ICT to extend our students' understanding. We know the importance of ICT in their world so we teach students to use technology safely and wisely recognising its power to transform learning.





Resilient Learners

Our students are the citizens of the 21st Century. We want to ensure that the young men who leave this school are fully prepared to meet the challenges of the new century and have the knowledge and skills to take a responsible role in the society in which they will live.

Students are encouraged to have high expectations; they are inspired to believe that with determination, hard work and resilience they can achieve their ambitions.

We have achieved the Investors in Careers Award which recognises the quality of our Careers Education Programme at a national level, as part of this, students complete two weeks work experience at the end of Year 10.

We encourage students to look to the future. The links which we have with higher education and partnerships with the business community enable us to support students to have high aspirations for what they can achieve. Most of all, the commitment of all staff at the school to the education of young people means that at The Royal Liberty students are supported to overcome barriers to plan for success and to achieve their dreams.



Succeed



Student voice

"I used to believe that working independently built character. After doing my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award I now believe the saying that 'two heads are better than one'. Working together is the way forward."

Lenny Mobley, Year 10

"In our first two weeks at the School we went on an amazing trip to Mersea Island. As soon as we got off from our long but fun coach journey, we got into groups for our first activity. It was the best ...it was the Zip Line!"

Zak Khan, Year 7

"As a Captain, I completed the Silver SSAT Student Leadership Award. It was hard work and required independent learning, but it was very rewarding. Not only does it look great on my CV, but it has allowed me to make a difference in the School and has boosted my confidence in leading a group and taking charge."

Rajan Mistry, Year 11



and Motivation

At Royal Liberty School we know that students learn best when they feel confident in themselves and motivated to succeed.

We place an emphasis on caring for students as individual young people.

On entry to school each student is placed in a tutor group of no more than twenty other students. Each tutor group is led by two members of staff who have responsibility for the pastoral care of the students in their tutor group. In each tutor group there is a mixture of ages from Years 7 to 11. This gives older students the opportunity to take responsibility for younger students. In turn this promotes the values of respect, responsibility and caring for others which are at the heart of our school community.

Each tutor group is part of one of four Colleges all named after famous space explorations: Endeavour; Voyager; Challenger; Discovery.

Through the College system we encourage healthy competition organising inter-college events and learning challenges.

Each College has its own Council with student representatives who take views and ideas to the main School Council.

The Tutorial and College systems enable us to care for students individually whilst encouraging each one of them to become mature, responsible, self-confidence young men who will make a positive contribution to society in which they will live.





Beyond the Classroom

At Royal Liberty School we believe that learning is not just confined to the classroom.

We provide students with a wide variety of exciting activities which help them to develop their skills and extend their abilities.

Sport is particularly strong with opportunities for students to play football, rugby, cricket and basketball at competitive levels.

We also have great success in rowing and athletics.

Other extra-curricular activities include clubs for:

- Science and Engineering
- Drama
- Opportunities to study an additional language
- Music
- Radio Controlled Cards
- Eco Projects
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Technical Theatre Group
- Buddies
- Chess/Draughts
- Handwriting
- Animation
- Game Designing
- Coding
- Building Apps
- Games
- Manufacturing
- Ancient Civilisation
- School Gardens
- Science Engineering
- Rockets

Drama students regularly take part in *Shakespeare in Schools Festivals* and have performed at the House of Lords.





Student voice

"The Duke of Edinburgh Award is tough, emotional and demanding. It has taught me skills for life and I am proud to be part of it. Having the opportunity to complete the Bronze and Silver here at Royal Liberty has been brilliant."

Stephen Hitchcock, Year 10

"It wasn't until my first expedition that I realised how much our DofE training keeps us together, while doing the Award and later in life. It has been an amazing opportunity."

Harry Page, Year 10





Discovery

An important occasion in the school year is Curriculum Enrichment Week in which students in Years 7 to 9 take part in a series of activities designed to enrich and extend their learning. Recently during this week students experienced these opportunities:

- Residential visits to Spain, France, Germany and the Pennines Ski trips
- Visits to the Globe Theatre, Tower of London, IMAX Theatre, Dover Castle, Duxford Air Museum
- Caving, Canoeing, Abseiling
- Building model airplanes, rockets and robotic dinosaurs
- Spending a day in Medieval times
- World Music Day



As a school we encourage students to discover opportunities that take them beyond the everyday school curriculum.

We believe that such experiences can be inspirational. They enrich learning and give our students memories that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.





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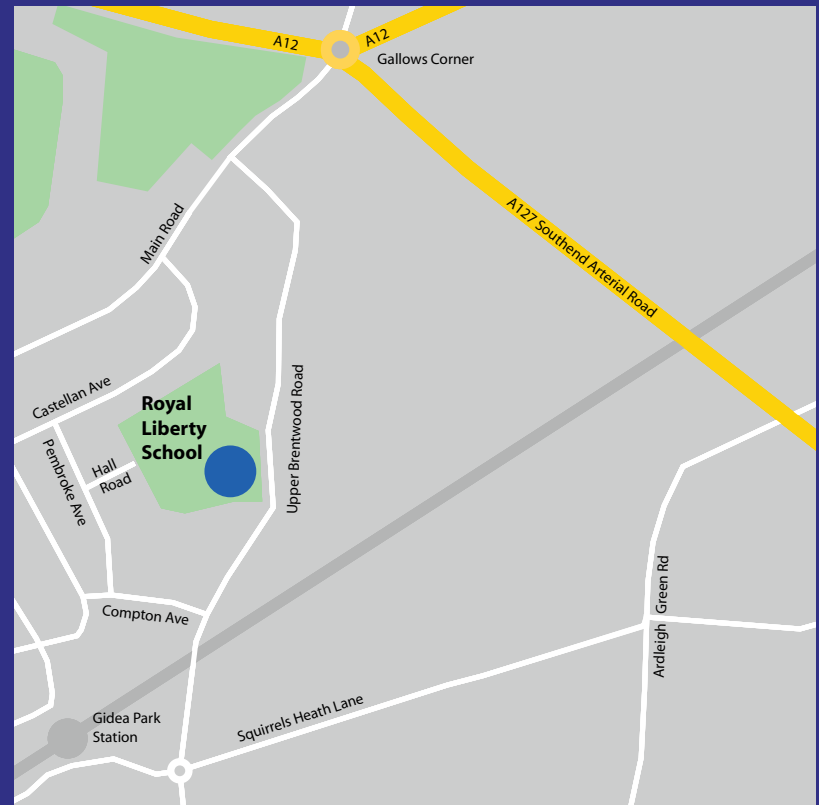
it's who we are, and it's what we do







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