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ACADEMY



ALL CHILDREN  
ACHIEVE  
THEIR FULL  
POTENTIAL

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ASKE'S FEDERATION  
Three schools one vision



## STATEMENT OF VALUES, AIMS & ETHOS

The Haberdashers' Aske's Federation is a Federation of three all-through schools each at the heart of its community that share a vision for the education of children and young people. Our vision is built from our values of aspiration and achievement, personal responsibility, self-discipline and mutual respect. We are forward looking and value innovation, but always within the context of our long tradition of providing excellent education. Based upon these values we aim to ensure all the children and young people who come to our schools:

- Are happy and safe at school and are able to learn successfully within a supportive environment
- Are able to achieve their full potential personally, academically and socially
- Develop and grow as independent, resourceful and resilient individuals
- Are equipped with the skills, qualifications and love of learning they will need to be successful in the world they will join as adults

We will achieve these aims by providing a safe environment where all children and young people can succeed through:

- Provision of a curriculum that is stretching, relevant and provides each student with the opportunity to excel
- High expectations of every member of our community
- Excellent teaching, leading to the highest standards of academic excellence
- The best standards of behaviour based upon our values of mutual respect, self-discipline and self-confidence
- A respect for tradition that embraces innovation and challenge



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# WELCOME

Welcome to the Haberdashers' Aske's Federation. Our three Academies provide an education for children aged 3 – 18 in South London. We have been educating young people in this part of London since 1876 and throughout that time our approach has been epitomised by high standards and academic excellence, a tradition that continues today. Our values of aspiration and achievement, personal responsibility, self-discipline and mutual respect are evident in all our work and result in young people who develop and grow as independent, resourceful and resilient individuals.

Our commitment is that, working in partnership with you, we can ensure your child gets the best possible start in life. All children and young people who attend our schools have the opportunity to gain academic qualifications to equip them well for the next stage of their life, but we provide so much more than that. Our vision is that by the time young people leave us they will have experienced a whole range of opportunities that not only build their mind, but also build their character. As a result they are fully prepared to be successful in their adult lives as workers, as parents and as partners.



**Adrian Percival – Chief Executive**

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# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to Haberdasher's Aske's Knights Academy, an all through 3–18 Academy serving the local communities of Bromley and Catford in the London Borough of Lewisham.

Knights Academy is a vibrant, diverse school community with a relentless focus on high expectations and aspirations. We provide a happy and nurturing environment, so that as well as maturing into well-rounded, healthy young people, our pupils develop a passion for learning. We strive for excellence in all that we do, whether that is in standards of academic attainment, uniform or behaviour.

We enable our pupils to achieve success by focusing on the individual and by providing an 'outstanding' curriculum, including an elite science and elite business programme at post 16. Through the excellent provision offered through our sport specialism and the extensive extra-curricular activities, our pupils develop confidence and self-esteem.

We are a school that is built on an ethos of tradition and innovation, respect and responsibility, collaboration and inclusion. It is these moral values that we instil in our pupils which enables them to contribute to our school community and the communities in which they live.

It will be my privilege to work with you and your child along this exciting journey of their school career, to enable them to achieve their very best.

**Dr Tesca Bennett – Principal**

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STUDENT

## ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT

An all through Academy offers a curriculum experience that continues and integrates from age 3 – 18. All primary phase children have an automatic right of entry to the secondary phase. Transition is seamless between years 6 and 7 as well as progression through the other key stages, primary and secondary teachers work together and share expertise allowing excellent opportunities for sharing resources, learning from each other and pupil and teacher exchange.

The Academy offers co-education to the primary phase and wherever possible single sex teaching in years 7 – 11. It is the strong view of the Federation that students in the secondary phase learn more effectively in single sex classes. However, the benefits of a co-educational community are recognised and all house, enrichment and extra-curricular activities are co-educational. Post 16 classes are offered across the Federation and are co-educational. The achievement of boys and girls is equally matched and we aim to satisfy the aspirations and goals of all our students.



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# OUR CURRICULUM

The curriculum at Knights Academy has been judged as outstanding in our last two Ofsted Inspections.

Our high expectations and aspirations for pupils, drives the relentless commitment to continually raise the quality of teaching to support the delivery of an outstanding curriculum.

It is an on-going priority of the Academy to ensure that the curriculum throughout the all-through school is accessible to all pupils in terms of breadth, challenge, engagement and motivation. Strategic curriculum development and creative planning, ensures that pupils are able to make links across subjects and are equipped with the skills and competencies

to foster independence and ownership of their learning. Our curriculum is designed to ensure that all pupils achieve our stated aim of every child achieving their potential personally, academically and socially.

The curriculum is responsive to the needs of all pupils, with accelerated routes and targeted support and interventions, depending on pupil's attainment and achievement. Pupil's progress is tracked and monitored every six weeks to ensure that they are on the correct trajectory to achieve or exceed their target grades.



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# SPORT SPECIALISM

Knights Academy is a Specialist Sports Academy. Extra funding provides additional accommodation, resources, coaching staff and teachers resulting in access to a very high standard of sports facilities and experiences.

We pursue excellence for all in PE and sport and excellence through PE and sport. We raise standards of achievement for all our students and use the power of PE and sport to enhance their academic, personal and social development. Their self-esteem is increased which infuses them with a sense of pride in their successes, encourages them to strive for improvement, motivates them to achieve more and thus raises their standards of attainment in all areas of the curriculum.

Promoting links between schools enables us to share resources, develop and spread good practice which raises standards for all students. Knights Academy makes young people healthier, encourages them to develop their self-discipline and teamwork skills, develops their leadership potential and introduces them to activities they may enjoy and derive health benefits from, for a lifetime.

By providing enhanced opportunities and offering encouragement to engage in PE and sport as spectators, participants, coaches, administrators or officials, the whole community of Knights Academy is included in the benefits that PE and sport can provide.





## ENRICHMENT POST 16

Enrichment activities are an integral part of the Academy ethos. These activities enable staff and students to interact on a less formal basis and give both breadth and the opportunity for cross curricular work. They are, therefore, strongly encouraged for all students.

Enrichment activities on offer will include a variety of clubs, societies, academic support sessions and special interest groups. The majority of activities take place on site, but some may involve the use of off-site facilities. Activities may take place at lunchtimes, after school or at weekends. There are also residential opportunities, Duke of Edinburgh Award, a ski trip and an inter-house competitions programme.

Drawing from the long and excellent traditions of the Sixth Form at Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham College, which has been educating students for well over a hundred years, the Sixth Form now operates across the Federation. This gives students the opportunity to study the wide range of courses that are available at Hatcham College and Knights Academy. Our Federation Sixth Form consistently achieves excellent results and is always over-subscribed.

“THE SCHOOL HAS A REALLY NICE AND KIND ATMOSPHERE.” STUDENT

## COMMUNITY

Knights Academy encourages everyone to make positive contributions to the local and wider community. With strong links to national and international organisations and charities providing many opportunities for trips and visits which enable pupils to be given a wide perspective on the world around them. This perspective adds significantly to the pupil's personal development and enjoyment. Knights Academy is firmly rooted in the local community, regularly hosting classes for primary schools, as well as being the home of the Lewisham Sports Partnership. Knights Academy sports centre offers sporting and recreation facilities to the local community.



# OUR SPONSORS

## THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF HABERDASHERS

The Haberdashers' Company is one of the Great Twelve Livery Companies and has a long history closely connected to the development of the City of London. Arising from this and in the 21st Century the Company plays a major role in the provision of support to education and is a vibrant participant in new educational initiatives. Alongside this remains a continuing commitment to charitable work that continues to play an important part in the work of the Company.

Education is of prime importance to The Haberdashers' Company. The schools that it supports in the maintained and independent sectors are of the highest national standard academically and prepare pupils for a full life. The Haberdashers' Company supports pupils, past and present, of the Company's schools, other educational establishments and young people in education.

The Company, as Trustee of the various educational charities that provide for the schools, is responsible for ensuring that the revenues are spent properly and that building projects are good value for money. The Company's Education Committee maintains close links with the schools and is kept advised of broad educational issues and initiatives.

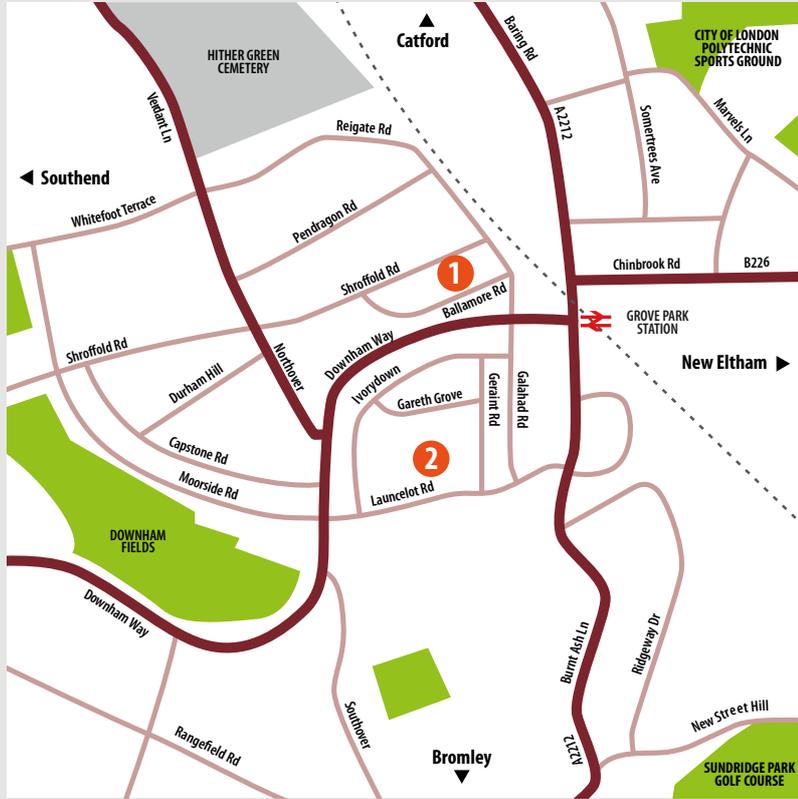
## TEMPLE GROVE SCHOOLS TRUST

As well as receiving sponsorship from the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, the Federation receives sponsorship from the Temple Grove Schools Trust, specifically for the benefit of the younger students.

Temple Grove Schools Trust is a charity founded some 50 years ago and springs from one of the country's oldest prep schools, Temple Grove – founded in 1810 and the subject of the books 'Cradle of Empire' and 'Waterfield's School'. The Trust's contemporary aim is to inspire excellence in primary education, particularly in schools in disadvantaged areas, whilst sharing best practice between the state and private sectors.



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