Welcome to Sutton Grammar School – a thriving state funded selective school situated in the centre of Sutton, with excellent transport links by bus and train.

We take 135 boys each year into Year 7 and the vast majority will stay at the school for seven years. Other students join the School in the Sixth Form, each year we plan to take about thirty extra students (boys or girls) into Year 12. The students get excellent results in academic exams but, just as important is that they leave the School confident, articulate young people. They have a balance of qualifications, skills and experiences that prepare them well for entry to leading universities and professional careers. Our school puts the nurture of its students’ welfare on a par with the nurture of their intellect.

We value breadth in studies; there is strong support for the arts and sport and for students maintaining a broad range of subjects throughout their time at the School, including in the Sixth Form where four subjects at A-level is the normal load for each student.

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of school life. There are lots of opportunities to take part in music, drama and sport and we have a large voluntary CCF. You can learn electronics in early release time and do STEM projects in Key Stage 4. Our students also produce several high quality publications and multimedia work. We have enjoyed a lot of success in national competitions in science, technology and maths.

One of the features that we believe contributes to the very positive ethos within the School is our size. The dedicated staff know the boys well and fantastic pastoral care is given the proper priority to ensure that boys are stretched academically but are cared for as well. Where it is needed there is expertise in supporting special needs.

For academic students this is a great school – kind, inclusive and dynamic; with lots of opportunities for personal development. Every one of our students, and their parents, are proud to be members of our community. Come and join us!

Mr B. Cloves
Headmaster
Academic success is at the core of what we offer at Sutton Grammar. We pride ourselves on developing the abilities and skills of an already bright group of pupils in their time at school. The students achieve excellent results at both GCSE and A level and also make excellent progress.

The School always ranks highly in national league tables on a range of measures and we constantly strive to improve the high quality academic provision we offer. The vast majority are successful at securing places at renowned universities with Oxbridge and Russell Group places dominating leavers’ destinations. All students study a strong core of subjects including all three sciences to GCSE along with Maths, English, a Modern Foreign Language and a humanity along with other creative and performance options to ensure a balanced and broad curriculum.

While traditional strengths have been in Maths, English and Science, the school prides itself on ensuring a high quality of teaching and excellent outcomes to suit the interests and abilities of all students while subjects as diverse as History and Drama also have a reputation for success at the highest level.

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE
Pastoral Care is extremely important. We believe that every pupil needs to feel that they are a valued and integral part of the school community and we make sure that they are well cared for and happy.

Pupils are assigned a form on entry and initially will be taught in his form group with a designated tutor who will oversee their day to day needs and get to know them as individuals. The experienced Heads of Year lead these form tutors in looking after the welfare of the pupils and providing additional help and support when required.

The School caters well for students with specific needs, working with parents and outside agencies to ensure that individuals receive close monitoring and the support that they need to enjoy their education and succeed.

PROVIDING GUIDANCE

We want all of our students to emerge as confident young adults and this is enabled by the opportunities they are given to present themselves and their ideas. Notable success has been regularly achieved in Young Enterprise and the collaborative public facing nature of the tasks this involves have been embraced by the students. The annual trade fairs are another highlight of the year where students of all ages have the chance to create and market their goods.

Students also run, write and edit their own weekly newspaper giving them a chance to develop their skills and contribute to the school community and a number of departments regularly publish high quality subject based magazines with articles from all year groups. The speech and drama lessons that can be taken culminate in the taking of LAMDA examinations giving students further chances to present to an audience and develop a range of skills in the process.

Public speaking is also a traditional strength of the school and opportunities to take part in this are open to all with the very best students competing successfully in a range of competitions including the ESU and UNA.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE
DEVELOPING SPORTING CHARACTER

With excellent sporting facilities both on site and at our playing fields in Cheam, sport plays a central role in the life of the school with an approach that manages to embrace both high participation and excellence.

Regular football and cricket fixtures are held on weekly basis against a highly competitive range of schools while all students have a chance to represent the school at some level. Athletics, swimming and badminton are also popular competitive sports and the PE department aim to cater for as many sports as they can with an emphasis on enjoyment while promoting healthy and active lifestyles.

House sporting competitions in a wide range of sports are hotly but fairly contested and form a large part of the outcome of the eventual winners of the House Shield. The aim at all times is to turn out capable but sportsmanlike students. Sutton Grammar provide Ballboys for Wimbledon every year enabling access to world class events.

Some of our students have achieved notable success in national sports as diverse as martial arts and triathlon in recent years and we do our best to support them and applaud their success.
A successful school is based upon the support of its students and their support is essential in both running the school and developing their leadership skills. Led by the Head Student team, the senior prefects and prefects assist in the day to day running of the school and care for the student body. The School Council (Student Voice) provides an opportunity for the pupils to represent the feelings of their peers while sixth form students act as mentors for younger students who need support and encouragement.

A range of clubs and societies are student led and Year 10 are offered a course in sports leadership which takes them out to lead PE teaching in local primary schools. The Combined Cadet Force provides further chances for students to lead by example in the weekly parades and frequent camps while self-directed development takes place through the popular Duke of Edinburgh’s Award programme.
Sutton Grammar has an established and deserved reputation for excellence within the performing and creative arts. Drama, Art and Music are all valued examination subjects at GCSE and A Level and do much to enhance the cultural experience of the students here.

Enrichment activities in Drama and Music showcase the high standards expected of the hard work and talents of our students and the two subjects have a strong history of collaborating in excellent musical productions.

There are opportunities across the year for students to perform music as soloists and in a wide range of ensemble groups, from an acapella group to the massed ranks of the school orchestra. A Level drama performances and younger boys’ participation in the Shakespeare Schools Festival provide a chance for all students to perform in public and for all students to celebrate creative talent. Regular visits to see concerts, exhibitions and plays are an integral part of both learning and expanding creative horizons. With House competitions also running in all creative areas from Drama to Photography to Poetry the students’ creative needs are nurtured across the school.
It is not just within the classroom that we provide opportunities for students to apply their knowledge and skills. The enrichment programme caters for students of all abilities and interests. At the highest level our students have a reputation for delivering significant success in national Science and Technology competitions with teams and individuals regularly winning prizes for their projects.

Intellectual pursuits such as Chess and other problem solving competitions enable younger students to put their knowledge into practice and the wide range of day trips and residential visits offered by the school enable the students to see their subjects being applied in the real world. These vary from Geography trips to Iceland through to a wide programme of lectures that we hope inspire the students.

Students are also encouraged to follow their academic interests and relevant skills in a wide range of lunchtime clubs and societies. These range from taking part in the Bar Association Mock Trial programme through the Law Society to the ever popular board games club which develops social interaction and problem solving skills. Clubs are there to support the interests and passions of all students and opportunities are there for all.

Notable Highlights

Great public exam results – 2018 61% A*/A at A-level 61% level 9/8 (old A*) at GCSE

High quality journals produced by students of history (Retrospect), biology (Life), geography (Latitude 51), English (Eloquent) and chemistry (Transition), STEAM (tech and art).


Year 13 boy represented UK at the Intel Science Fair in Pittsburgh (2018)

Year 13 boy was UK Senior Scientist of the Year 2018 (for breast cancer therapies). This young man named by Time magazine as one of the world’s top 30 influential teenagers.

Year 12 boy was UK Intermediate Engineer of the Year 2017 (for Stackamals).


Green Power Car Team reached national finals in our first year (2018).

LAMDA Awards include many distinctions in the medal classes each year for acting, speech and communications.

Many essay prize winners – e.g. four year 13 students are shortlisted finalists at 2018 John Locke Institute prizes. Year 13 student was winner of the Times Kingsley Napley Advocacy Award 2017

Music - Students from the school in the National Youth Orchestra (cello), two in the National Children’s Orchestra (trumpet and cor anglais). Jazz orchestra perform at the Streatham Jazz Club each year. Large orchestra and choirs. Musical: The Addams Family a great show at Leatherhead Theatre (with Sutton High) 2018.

Sport – excellent sports ground (27 acres) e.g. football two teams per year group every Saturdays. We have our own swimming pool. School provides ballboys for Wimbledon.

To celebrate 100 years of existence the CCF has built a new memorial cairn for those Suttonians died on active service in the armed forces from WW2 to present day.

Chess – 4th in ECF National Junior Team Challenge 2018. Teams in Divs 1,2,4 of Poulter League. 3rd team won Division 4 in 2019.

Boys prepared well for university and working life – e.g. 130 places confirmed at universities in Autumn 2018 including 9 at Oxford and Cambridge colleges, 33 at London colleges and 11 at Durham colleges.

Young Enterprise – regularly Company of the Year in Sutton and Merton Area. Pinpoint were national runners-up 2016.

Just Give finalists give £1000 to My Time for Young Carers 2019.