

ERNEST BEVIN COLLEGE FAQs

Ernest Bevin is a successful community boys' school. Our boys consistently achieve above the National average for boys across the country. We are proud to say we have experienced teachers whose speciality is the teaching and learning of boys, for boys. Below is a sample of frequently asked questions. We encourage you to visit our website that has a wealth of information about our school. However, if you have any further questions, please email admissions@ernestbevin.london

How can I accept a place at Ernest Bevin College?

To secure your son's place at Ernest Bevin College, you will need to accept your school place via your LEA portal or by returning the forms, if you were sent your offer in the post.

How will you help my child settle into life at Ernest Bevin College?

We have a comprehensive transition programme that extends beyond the first few weeks of school life. It comprises of an induction interview, transition evening, an induction day where year 7s have the first day of school to themselves, Home learning showcase, promoting pride in our work, a love of learning and fostering positive relationships with families and the college as one community. We also promote year 8 buddy afternoons as well as year 11 prefect mentoring, which is a source of peer support.

What support is available?

We have a strong pastoral care ethos and an experienced team of tutors and year teams who, along with all members of staff, are there to support your son. For those with an educational need we have a special form group called the Nurture group that will be overseen and supported by the SEN department with a specialised curriculum.

My child has additional needs, what support will they get?

Inclusion is a core value at Ernest Bevin College. Our SENCO will liaise with the SENCO at your son's current school to ensure we fully understand their individual need. They will put a support plan in place to enable your child to access a full and varied curriculum.

Are there form group settings?

All form groups are mixed ability. We use primary school and Wandsworth test data along with preferred language and interests to put students into tutor groups. Students are streamed for Maths, Computing and Science from year 7. Other subjects are taught in the mixed ability form groups in Key Stage 3. We also have a nurture tutor group for students who will benefit from small group learning and additional curriculum support in Maths and English.

Will my child be able to take part in clubs?

At Ernest Bevin College, we believe in developing the full child. This includes character education, resilience and exploring opportunities. All students are encouraged to take part in a wealth of co-curricular opportunities including sport, performing arts, creative activities, and STEM provisions. There are co-curricular clubs every day, before school, lunch and after school.

Will my child have homework?

Yes. We believe in fostering a love of learning and this includes developing independent learners. Your child will receive a homework timetable. All homework is set using Canvas our Virtual Learning Platform (VLE).

What are the uniform expectations?

All students are expected to wear the correct uniform and shoes. This also includes the correct PE kit. More information is available on our website and our information booklet.

What equipment will my child need?

Unlike primary school where the equipment needed for the day is provided by the class teacher, at secondary schools, students are expected to come to school ready and prepared to learn. This aids the development of organisation skills. Students will need to bring a pencil case, a planner that we provide, a reading book and a scientific calculator. On days students have PE they are also expected to bring their PE kit into school. Further information about the types of equipment and calculator can be found in our information booklet.

What happens if my child loses their property?

This is sometimes inevitable and is a part of school life but can also be a learning moment when it happens. All members of staff are at hand to help your child find any property they have lost or misplaced. This is made easier when clothing and items are clearly labelled. There is also lost property in the office where students are often reunited with lost items.

Can my child ride a bike to school?

Walking and cycling are ways to stay healthy and we encourage this. We can accommodate a number of bicycles on the school site. You would need to ensure they are secured with an appropriate chain. We cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen bikes.

How does the school canteen operate?

Our caterers offer hot and healthy bites at break time as well as delicious, nutritious food at lunchtime. We operate a cashless biometric system which means students do not need to worry about carrying money around. An account will be set up as part of the induction process.

What do I do if I have any concerns?

Your son's tutor is the first port of call for any queries or concerns you have regarding your son. The pastoral team including the Head of Year are also at hand to help answer any questions. If you have an academic query, then Heads of Department are also on hand to assist.

What is the behaviour policy?

We set high expectations on student behaviour and have a robust behaviour policy in place. You can find these on our website. Part of the induction process includes the parent, student, and school charter where we agree to work in partnership with each other towards your son's academic and personal success.

Is my child allowed a mobile phone in school?

Students are not allowed mobile phones whilst in the college grounds.

