

Welcome to Year Six

Meet the Year 6 Team!

2024 - 2025



Meet the team

6J - Miss Jackson

6C - Mr Conibeere

Ms Gignac

Mrs Federman

Mrs Ditchman

Miss Williams

Ms Mercer

Mr Peters



Arbor

Attendance and Punctuality

- It is more important than ever that children are in school and ready to learn on time!
- Children can arrive from 8:30, registration is at 8:45 and lessons begin at 8:55



Children walking home alone

- Please put a note into your child's home link book to provide your permission for your child to walk home unaccompanied.



Home Link Books

- Whole school focus: Reading
- Please ensure that your child is recording what they read each night.
- **We are also asking that they write sentence about what they have read each day, or a longer paragraph each week**
- Children should bring their homelink book to school **every day**
- The children will also need to ask their parents/carers to **sign their homelink book once a week - this will be checked every Thursday.**
- Please check that the agreements are signed at the front!

School uniform and PE kit

Please label uniform!



Winter kits
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now!

School uniform

1. A red sweatshirt.
2. A white plain shirt or polo shirt
3. Grey trousers (boys & girls) or a grey skirt
4. In summer, grey school shorts, plain white polo shirt or red and white check dresses may be worn.
5. Plain red baseball caps are available from the school. Branded caps are not permitted to be worn.
6. Low heeled black shoes must be worn. Trainers (except for PE), boots, open toed sandals or 'mules' are **not suitable for school and should not be worn.**

PE Kit

1. Plain navy shorts
2. Plain white T shirt (no polo)
3. Trainers for outdoor games (gym work is done barefoot)
4. P.E. bag
5. Black or navy tracksuit trousers
6. Black or navy tracksuit sweat top (no hood)
7. Change of socks

Reading homework

- Every child should be reading for **20 minutes** per evening and recording it in their Homelink book.
- Children will be given a new reading booklet every Friday
- A digital version of the comprehension text is also available on the Google Classroom
- The booklet contains two comprehension texts with questions
- Non fiction question will be due in on Tuesday

We will phase in the amount of homework as we know it is a significant change for pupils.

Maths homework will begin after half term

Mobile Phones



**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**



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UK Government says NO to Mobile Phones for Children

ALL schools must prohibit the use of phones in school. It has issued new guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools>



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

There is increasing evidence that phones damage developing brains, raise the likelihood of childhood mental illness and open the door to inappropriate content.

Mobile Phones

- Children who bring a mobile phone to school must keep their phone out of sign, switched off, in their bags
- *Their phone is their responsibility*
- Any phones seen during the school day will be confiscated and **a parent will need to attend the office to collect the device.**
- Parents / Carers - please ensure that the office has the most up to date numbers - so that we are able to contact you in an emergency.

Digital Security

- Please ensure that you keep your login details private and change them at least once per term.
- Problems can occur when pupils share their details with friends.
- The Woodcroft email system is a closed system with inbuilt security to filter.



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PE Day: Thursday (& sometimes Friday)

Pupils must come to school wearing their PE uniform every Thursday.

After half term children will have one extra P.E Session on Friday. Children should come to school in their P.E kit on Friday **after** half term.

Homework Schedule

Day	Homework to hand in
Monday	<p>Reading Test vocabulary words written into sentences (using correct punctuation and joined up handwriting).</p> <p>Spelling Sheets (Word Explorer and Practise Grid)</p>
Tuesday	<p>1st set of comprehension questions (fiction section).</p>
Wednesday	<p>Maths homework.</p>
Thursday	<p>2nd set of comprehension questions (non-fiction).</p>
Friday	<p>ALL NEW HOMEWORK HANDED OUT</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bring your reading booklet to class everyday.	

Spelling Homework

- We use a spelling scheme called Sounds-Write.
- This uses a combination of phonics and syllables to help children learn to spell
- The children will be given 12 words a week and will be asked to learn their spellings using these new strategies

Sounds Write Spellings

Week 1 Word Explorer Grid

Spelling: ay	Number of syllables	Write with syllable mark	Number of phonemes (sounds)	Write with sound lines
explain	2	ex plain	6	<u>Ex</u> <u>pl</u> <u>ain</u>
debate	2	de bate	8	<u>d</u> <u>e</u> <u>b</u> <u>a</u> <u>t</u> <u>e</u>
indicate	3	in di cate		
spectator				
eliminate				
demonstrate				

Testing Schedule



Children will have an opportunity to show their progress!

Half termly - the children will practise tests similar to those that they will do in May. Results will go home to you so that you can see the progress and help your children with their learning.

In 2025, the statutory key stage 2 (KS2) SATs week will take place from Monday, May 12 to Thursday, May 15.

Please mark that week in your diary! Please do not make any appointments this week.

RAF Trip



November 13th 2024

We will be learning about life during WW2.

We would like some parent volunteers to support us!

**£2.50 voluntary contribution on Arbor Pay
(details to follow)**

Equipment Checklist

1. Writing pencils
2. Handwriting pens - black or blue
3. Ruler
4. Rubber
5. Pencil sharpener
6. Highlighter
7. See-through pencil case (testing)
8. Green and purple pens are useful too



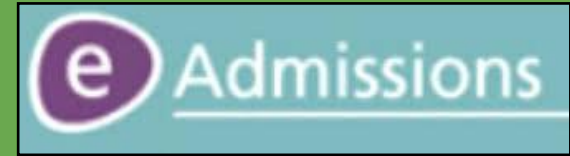
Pupil Premium funding

Please inform the school if you are eligible (**approx. £1345 EXTRA FUNDING!**)

Check with the office if you are unsure.

Breakfast Club / After School Club

Acorns After School Club / Breakfast Club
enquiries - please see Mrs Hurley in the office.



Secondary Transfer

Applications are open now!

Deadline for (online) applications to secondary schools is **31 October 2024**

Information packs were distributed via email last term. Copies in foyer.

Please log onto the **eAdmissions** website, register and make your selections.

Most secondary schools are holding open evenings over the next few weeks - please take the opportunity to visit the schools that you are considering.

More information available on the Barnet website:

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-secondary-school/transferring-secondary-school>

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Residential Trip: Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th June 2025

- A great experience with 'The Bushcraft Company' at Penshurst Place in Kent.
- **£240** per child inclusive
- **£25** initial deposit on Arbor (Minimum 30 pupils required by Tuesday 1st October)
- Once confirmed the booking is fixed
- Pay the rest in installments
- Includes all food and activities
- [Letters given out](#)

Video <http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com/>



Arts Award Bronze



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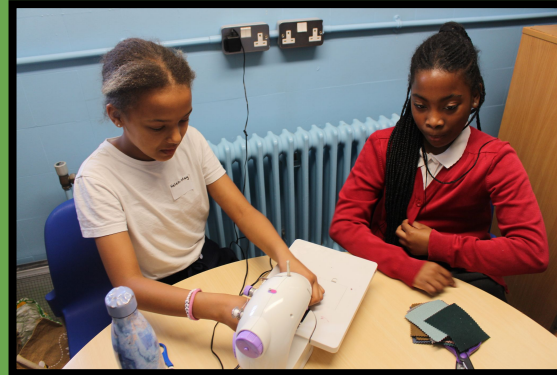


...a unique qualification that supports anyone aged up to 25.

... the culmination of an outstanding Arts experience at Woodcroft.

There is a **£30** admin charge. This is great value for money for a nationally recognised certificate.

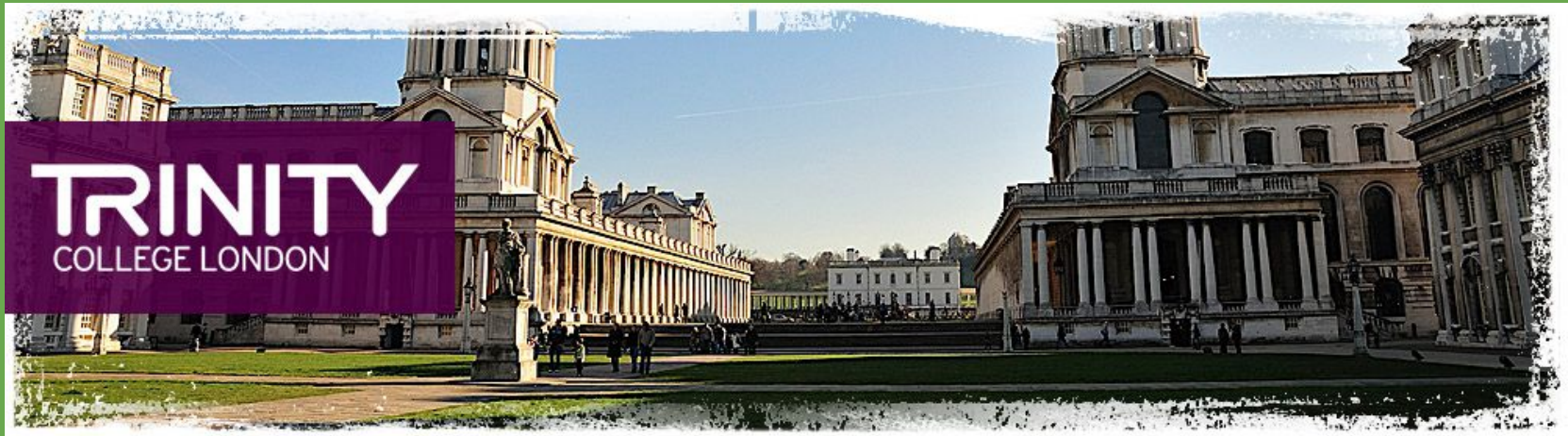
Some examples of work from previous years



Recognised qualification

Arts Award	Standard	Equivalent qualifications
Discover / Explore	Pre GCSE	
Bronze	D-G GCSE	Music Grade 1 Level 1 Sports Leadership
Silver	A - C GCSE Grade	Music Grade 3 Level 2 Sports Leadership BTEC Level 2
Gold	A' Level	Music Grade 5 Level 3 Sports Leader Award

Prestigious University Award



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Arts Award Bronze Level 1 Award in the Arts

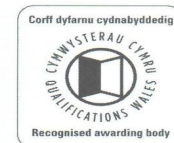
Unit Title	Level	Credits	Unit Reference
Enjoying the arts	1	6	K/601/7727

The certificate holder has been awarded 6 credits at Level 1 of the QCF.

Sarah Kemp
Chief Executive, Trinity College London
Patron HRH The Duke of Kent KC

Certificate issued 8 August 2017
Qualification number: 501/0081/6
Trinity ID: 1-655007986:1-747921397

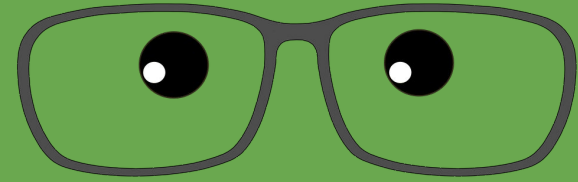
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Dates for the Diary

- Photographer: Individual portraits - **Monday 7th October**
- Parent Consultation Evenings **Tuesday 8th (to 7.00pm) & Thursday 10th October (to 6.00pm)**
- International Colours Day - **Monday 21st October**
- RAF visit - **Wednesday 13th November**
- Secondary Application / Arts Award deadline - **31st October**
- Anti-bullying Week (Odd Socks Day) - **Tuesday 12th November**
- BBC Children in Need - 'The Great SPOTacular'- **Friday 15th November**
- Book Fair - **26th November - 2nd December**
- Christmas Party - **Tuesday 16th December**



Eyesight check

If you think it's necessary, please can you take your child to the optician.

We find that many children start to have difficulties as they hit their growth spurt in Year 6 and it is crucial that they can see clearly.

Concerns?

- If you have any concerns please feel free to write a note into your child's homelink to schedule a conversation with one of the year six team.
- **Please remind your child to show any new notes to their teacher as soon as they are written!**

Thank you for your time.

Any questions?