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## Welcome from the Headteacher

At Central Foundation Boys' School we are committed to providing an outstanding level of education for our students, complemented by extensive opportunities and unique learning experiences. We are determined that our students leave us as successful, confident young men who are ambitious for their futures and prepared for the competitive 21st century world.

Central Foundation combines traditional values with a modern and innovative approach to education. Founded nearly 150 years ago, we are proud to be a school with a successful history and a promising future. We are ambitious for our students, and focus on success and achievement for all in a respectful, inclusive and supportive environment.

Our specialism in Business and Enterprise is embedded throughout the curriculum to give students access to essential skills that

have been identified by numerous employers as fundamental for successful employment. We place great emphasis upon leadership, teamwork, creative solutions and innovation and provide a wide range of opportunities for these key skills to be developed. Our specialist status has enabled us to enhance our facilities and extend our links with local businesses, successful City organisations and the community. We are delighted that our work in this area has been recognised and praised by Ofsted.

As a student at Central Foundation, your son will have access to a dynamic and innovative curriculum, unique exposure to business and industry, an 'outstanding' Sixth Form and exciting learning experiences, all within our successful, ambitious and wonderfully diverse school environment.

We look forward to welcoming you.

**Jamie Brownhill**  
Headteacher



## About Central Foundation

Central Foundation is a unique school with a blend of modern and traditional values. We are inspired by our exceptional history and the success of our alumni and are excited by our innovative, promising future in the heart of London.

Reverend William Rogers, who founded the school 150 years ago, was committed to transforming the lives of boys through education. To this end, Rogers established links with a number of City institutions and the school became a benefactor of The Dulwich Estate, along with six other London schools, including the renowned Dulwich College. These founding principles and beliefs are still held and we continue to benefit from our part in The Dulwich Estate.

Central Foundation has developed a strong academic tradition, complemented by our extensive sporting opportunities and wide range of extra-curricular activities. This wholesome education ensures the intellectual, physical and spiritual side are all developed within our students.

In recent years, the progress and achievement of our students at GCSE and

A level has placed the school's performance consistently in the top 10% of schools in the country. Our success is a direct result of the high expectations staff have of themselves and the students; our rigorous standards in uniform, behaviour, attendance and punctuality ensure positive outcomes.

At the heart of a successful school is inspirational teaching. At Central Foundation all teachers are subject specialists and are involved in an extensive teachers' development programme. We are committed to recruiting top graduates who can inspire, challenge and motivate the boys.

The guiding philosophy of pastoral care at Central Foundation is that students need to be happy and contented to be successful learners. Our pastoral support focuses on the care provided by the staff to students, as well as the care provided by the students to each other. Central to our pastoral system is our tutoring system; students are assigned to a small tutor group of 15. Tutors meet with parents before students start their educational journey at Central Foundation and continue to meet regularly throughout their child's time with us, providing a direct and personal connection to Central Foundation.

Our students are supported and challenged from 11–18. Within a culture of high expectations, Central Foundation nurtures, develops and challenges the individual gifts, talents and interests of every student.



## Our Vision

At Central Foundation you can expect:

- An emphasis on academic rigour and achievement
- Inspiring and dynamic teaching
- Outstanding pastoral care
- A broad range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities
- An innovative and challenging curriculum
- High expectations of students within the school and wider community
- Extensive links with successful businesses and organisations
- A uniquely diverse school
- An inspirational learning environment
- Excellent advice, guidance and support
- A commitment to our community
- An 'outstanding' Sixth Form

"The school provides a truly brilliant foundation for the outside world."

Parent

## Our Facilities

Central Foundation is housed in an impressive Victorian building in a superb City of London location.

Our state-of-the-art facilities include:

- Specialist teaching rooms
- Technology suites
- Two fully equipped gyms
- All weather, floodlit astro-turf
- Lecture theatre
- Library
- Sixth Form common room and study area

In November 2010, **Ofsted** found Central Foundation to be a 'good' school, 'improving rapidly' with an 'outstanding' Sixth Form. The report praised many aspects of the school including students' progress and attainment, the specialism, the curriculum and the quality of teaching and learning.

## Our Curriculum

At Central Foundation our curriculum offer is traditional, challenging and dynamic and is enhanced by our modern specialism in Business and Enterprise. We seek to motivate and inspire students to achieve their full academic potential to equip them for the world of work.

**Our curriculum offer is:**

- Traditional, academic and innovative with a focus on achievement
- Enriched by our specialism in Business and Enterprise
- Challenging and inspiring
- Designed to ensure students reach their full potential
- Enhanced by unique opportunities to work with successful businesses and organisations
- Comprehensive, offering a post-16 learning experience which opens the door to higher education and employment

We are committed to personalising our provision for all students, including those with special talents or educational needs, in an inclusive, supportive environment. Our extensive gifted and talented programme includes master classes, e-mentoring with City lawyers and opportunities for early entry GCSEs and A levels. For students who require additional support in accessing the curriculum effectively we have a Learning Mentor system in place, complemented by our extensive specialist support to ensure all students reach their full potential.

## A World of Opportunity

We are committed to developing confident and ambitious young men who strive to challenge themselves by taking advantage of our extensive educational offer, which goes beyond the classroom.

We provide our students with a comprehensive programme of enrichment exploring individual talents in sport, the arts, music and travel. The wide range of sports clubs includes: martial arts, cricket, football, basketball and gym.

We offer extensive modern foreign languages clubs and a range of creative activities from visits to art galleries and West End productions to music lessons and performances on the Barbican stage. We have links with the London Symphony Orchestra and have participated in the 'Shakespeare in Schools' Festival, which saw students performing to an audience in Stratford and London. Through our local, national and global partnerships, we provide opportunities for all students to take part in visits, trips and activities across the globe as well as inviting inspirational and motivational guest speakers and leaders from the world of business to talk to our students. As part of their studies, students' travels could include trips to France, Austria, Berlin and further afield to Beijing.

"The school really encourages students to take on every opportunity and make the most of their time there."

Parent

## Partnerships

At Central Foundation we are genuinely committed to building strong relationships with parents as we strongly believe they play a fundamental role in securing their child's success. We encourage parents to take an active interest in the school and their son's education. Parents are regularly invited into school throughout the year to discuss student successes, progress and attainment. We also communicate regularly with home through newsletters, the website and the school's text alert system.

We are committed to ensuring that our students' time at Central Foundation is as happy, successful and fulfilling as possible. In striving to achieve this we are committed to listening to the opinions of our young men, working in partnership with them and responding to feedback from the vibrant student council.

We are keen to develop links with the local community and are expanding our involvement with local groups and organisations. One of the ways in which we are achieving this is by making our extensive facilities accessible to all, benefitting the wider community and local primary schools. We are also working closely with our partner primary schools to ensure that pupils' transition to secondary school is as smooth as possible.

We are proud of our many strong links with City businesses and organisations, in line with our specialism. Teaching our students about the skills required to work in the world of business has become an important part of our curriculum and wider educational offer. We organise special business days each year along with a rich programme of trips, visits, events and guest speakers where students are exposed to unique opportunities and industry expertise.

*"The exceptional links within the community, for example local lawyers and other businesses, provide students with high quality support and advice when preparing for university or seeking work experience."*

*Ofsted, November 2010*

## Sixth Form Offer

The Central Foundation offer extends into post-16 provision with high levels of achievement and exam success. As part of the Islington Sixth Form (IC6) consortium, a collaboration between Central Foundation, Highbury Grove School, Highbury Fields School and St Aloysius' College, the Sixth Form offer is extensive and the curriculum is 'outstanding'.

We are delighted that our Sixth Form was rated as 'outstanding', placing it in the top 5% nationally of post-16 providers. We are exceptionally proud of our Sixth Form offer and encourage all our students to consider staying on, where the supportive relationships they have formed with members of staff and peers, will continue to develop.

Our links with successful businesses also extend into the Sixth Form, contributing to the richness of our offer and securing students' achievement, providing them with unique access to the world of work and further raising their aspirations.

*"Students achievement in the Sixth Form is outstanding. The good results have been sustained and are improving year on year."*

*Ofsted, November 2010*



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