



**CITY OF LONDON  
FREEMEN'S SCHOOL**

ASHTEAD PARK SURREY

# UPPER SCHOOL YEARS 9, 10 & 11

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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Visitors to our School frequently comment on the friendly, purposeful atmosphere that they sense throughout their visit. The Upper School is passionate about co-education and encourages all pupils, whatever their skills and interests, to participate fully in school life. Boys and girls co-exist and flourish as they have done since the School's foundation. The Upper School is about the development of the pupil, both academic and personal. We hope you will want to trust us with this vital stage of your child's life and education.

**Mrs Evelyn Guest**  
**Head of Upper School**

## WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE FREEMEN'S UPPER SCHOOL?

### **An Excellent Results Record**

With a consistent pass rate of 100% and over 80% of all grades being top grades (A\* and A), the School's GCSE results continue to place it amongst the best co-educational schools in the country.

### **A Wealth of Opportunities**

Drama, music and sport are all strongly encouraged. Sporting excellence plays a vital role in the life of the School and pupils represent Freeman's with determination and skill. There are over 30 different clubs and activities to choose from and the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Young Enterprise attract large followings each year. The School play, music concerts and recitals provide some of each year's highlights and our musicians regularly demonstrate their talents locally and in the City. It is also possible to explore the world through school trips to places such as Quebec, South Africa, China and Iceland.

### **A Helping Hand**

All pupils are grouped in forms depending on their house, and each Year 9 form comprises new and existing pupils. Their form tutor is in the same house, and is responsible, with other teaching staff, for the delivery of PSHE and Citizenship, and for the day to

day welfare and progress of their tutees. Pupils are given advice when making GCSE choices and as they move into the Sixth Form. Monitoring of personal and academic development is a priority and independent learning skills are encouraged. We aim to develop a strong working partnership involving pupils, home and School.

### **A Welcoming Environment**

From the magnificent setting to the outstanding facilities, the School provides an ideal place to study. The Upper School – modern and purpose built – affords our students their own base and identity. The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming, so that everyone quickly comes to feel at home and part of the School community.

### **Excellent Progression**

Upper School pupils make full use of our outstanding facilities and are taught by enthusiastic and highly skilled staff ensuring an environment providing encouragement, rather than pressure, for our pupils to do their best. In Years 10 and 11 pupils are encouraged to study for ten GCSE subjects. We have an excellent record of academic success in our results and with very few exceptions, all of our Upper School pupils move on to our Sixth Form.



## WHICH SUBJECTS DO YOU OFFER?

In Year 9, pupils are provided with a broad curriculum (linked to National Curriculum guidelines) to make informed decisions about GCSE options in Years 10 and 11:

- Art and Design
  - Design and Technology\*
  - English
  - Food Technology\*
  - Geography
  - History
  - Information Technology\*
  - Mathematics
  - Modern Foreign Language one (French, German or Spanish)
  - Modern Foreign Language two (as MFL one or Latin)
  - Music\*
  - Physical Education and Games
  - Religious Education
  - Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- \* each subject taught for half the year

In Years 10 and 11, pupils' study involves coursework and assessments and culminates in GCSE or IGCSE examinations. The core examinable subjects – English\*, English Literature\*, Mathematics, the Sciences and a Modern Foreign Language – continue to be studied with the three sciences (Biology\*, Chemistry\*, Physics\*) being taught and examined separately. In addition, pupils choose three options from the following:

- Art and Design
  - Design and Technology: Resistant Materials
  - Drama
  - Electronics
  - Food Technology
  - Geography\*
  - History
  - Information and Communications Technology
  - Latin
  - Modern Foreign Language two (French, German or Spanish)
  - Music
  - Religious Studies
  - Sociology
  - P.E., Games and Religious Education continue to be offered but are not examined
- \* IGCSE

## WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING FROM ME?

Although we are looking for evidence that students can meet the high academic standards of the School, we also value students who are willing to participate and contribute within both the Upper

School and the wider School community.

In terms of academic standards, we are looking for a minimum of 60% at Common Entrance.

## WHAT DO YOUR STUDENTS THINK OF YOU?

*"Freemen's supports their students, whatever they try and achieve"*

*"The lessons are fun with a range of topics covered in different ways"*

*"There is a friendly atmosphere and new pupils fit right in"*

*"I have made many life long friends"*

*"School trips are amazing and very educational"*

*"We have lots of interesting speakers come in to talk to us"*

*"I really enjoy all the sports at Freeman's – there are so many to choose from"*

*"I found it really easy to choose GCSEs because I was given lots of information and advice"*

*"I love how I am treated as an adult in the Upper School"*

*"Freemen's has great facilities and great teachers, and there is always something enjoyable happening"*

## WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

- **Contact Us:** For a prospectus, further information or a registration form contact the **Admissions Office** on **01372 822423**, email **admissions@clfs.surrey.sch.uk** or visit our website at **www.clfs.surrey.sch.uk**
- **Visit Us:** School tours can be arranged through the Admissions Office
- **Register With Us:** Register Early – there is always a high demand for places





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