

# Ernest Bevin College and Sixth Form Centre

A Specialist Sports, Mathematics & Computing College

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## Why work at Ernest Bevin College?

Ernest Bevin College is a six form entry boys' school, maintained by Wandsworth Education Authority. The current roll is 1,300 pupils, including approximately 350 in the co-educational Sixth Form. One third of the annual intake is selected by means of a general ability test. The College continues with its original specialisms in Sports, Maths & Computing. The College is a STEM Assured College – one of only four schools in the country to achieve this. As a result, the College will aim to become a STEM hub which will open up a vast number of opportunities for our pupils and staff. The College was judged 'Outstanding' in our last Ofsted.

**Leadership:** The College is led by the Principal, one Vice Principal, four Assistant Principals, three Senior Teachers and one Director of Finance and Administration. The College operates a Faculty system whereby each Faculty is led by a member of the Leadership Team. Each Faculty supports and monitors pupil progress rigorously through our Quality Assurance Cycle. The Head of Year leads a team of tutors who are responsible for the wellbeing of their year. The ethos of the College is one of high expectations of behaviour and learning in conjunction with a warm, friendly and positive environment. The College has a track record of succession planning and staff have many opportunities for internal promotion.

**Colleagues:** The College has a highly stable and committed staff who have high expectations of themselves and their pupils and who work very hard to meet individual needs. We like to look after our staff by providing support and training and a good environment in which to work. The facilities in subject areas are of a high standard and every classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard or Smart TV. The majority of staff are provided with a tablet PC. New members of staff are supported through a comprehensive mentoring programme with a dedicated mentor. Staff have many opportunities for social activities: there is a free yoga class once a week and access to our wide range of sporting, keep fit and swimming facilities all free of charge. There is also free tea and coffee throughout the day, a half termly staff quiz and a huge number of social events during the year.

**Environment:** The College buildings are of a very high standard, providing excellent facilities in all curriculum areas. We have recently refurbished our Science Laboratories and Food Technology Room which reflect our desire for continuous improvements in our learning environment. The College opened its new £7 million Sixth Form Centre and Sports Complex in recent years which has provided us with new Sixth Form accommodation, including a lecture theatre and common room.

**Success:** We are extremely proud of the achievements of our pupils. In 2017: 63% of the Year 11 achieved both English and Maths at Grade 4+ and 33% achieved the Ebacc at Grade 4+. These figures are above the national average for boys. Our Sixth Form has grown steadily over the last six years both in terms of the number of students and their achievements. This year 78% of our Year 11 have returned to our Sixth Form. Each year over 100 students go to university out of a cohort of approximately 150.

**Sport:** The College has a proven record of sporting success at local, regional and international level. The sports facilities are of the highest standard and include a sports hall, a 25m swimming pool, a dojo (for judo) and a fitness suite. We work with Greenhouse with four dedicated sports coaches training our pupils to compete at national and international levels in the sports of judo, table tennis, volleyball and rugby. We have just opened a Cricket Academy in partnership with Twenty20 Community Cricket which will enable students to benefit from professional cricket coaching and a full programme of competitive matches alongside their studies. We are the only school in London to open a new Combined Cadet Force unit (CCF) in recent years and the Royal Marines will be working with some of our pupils.

## Design Technology Department

The department is made up of an eclectic mix of teachers from different design backgrounds, such as architecture, furniture design and engineering. We are a friendly team, working in collaboration with each other, and with the Science department, as we combine to form the Science and Technology faculty.

The Design Technology department at the college has seven teachers and one full-time Technician and one part-time Technician. All pupils study Design Technology at KS3, whereby we employ a carousel system. This gives all pupils the opportunity to experience the different subject areas currently offered as option choices at KS4. At KS4 we offer Edexcel GCSE Product Design, NCFE Craft Studies, NCFE Engineering, and BTEC Hospitality and Catering. At KS5 we offer AQA GCE Product Design, Edexcel GCE Product Design with Graphics, Edexcel BTEC Engineering and Edexcel BTEC Product Design. The department has seen a period of growth over the last few years, with new courses being introduced at both KS4 and KS5.

We believe in providing students with a pathway into higher education through provision of study from KS3 to KS5. As a department it is our view that the curriculum area best reflects the commercial design environment, and therefore all staff are utilising CAD/CAM where appropriate. We currently have two Gravograph Laser cutters, two CAMM 2 routers, two CAMM 1 plotters, along with one Boxford CNC Lathe. The department's food technology room has recently undergone refurbishment providing facilities of the highest standard.

There is a commitment within the school to continue further development within the subject in the future. Rooms are well equipped with standard workshop facilities and all have either IWB's or projectors and are all equipped with a suite of PC's.

Through the effective delivery of teaching and learning, planning, and classroom management, students are encouraged to develop a creative and independent approach to their learning. In recent years, this has seen a considerable rise in our results across all key stages, in line with overall whole school performance. Specifically, with setting taking place at KS4, top band groups are now consistently achieving over 94% A-C for GCSE Product Design. BTEC Engineering at KS4 has achieved to date a 100% pass rate. The overall Key Stage 4 department A\*-C average has been consistently around 85% for the past three years and most recently the highest performing Design and Technology department within The London Borough of Wandsworth.

We have enjoyed similar successes at KS5, with 14 students from the subject area enrolling onto University courses such as Architecture, Automotive Design and Aeronautical Engineering last year. Enrichment activities are provided for with visits to the Design museum, the V&A museum, the annual Product Design lecture at the University.

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