



CORNELIUS
VERMUYDEN
SCHOOL

Specialising in Arts, Mathematics and Computing

ENROLLING NOW 2017



'Relationships between students and adults are positive and characterised by mutual respect.'

Ofsted - May 2015

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Visitor Entrance



Welcome to the Cornelius Vermuyden School Open Day

I hope that this visit gives you a useful insight into the way we work. I am delighted to have the opportunity of introducing you to Cornelius Vermuyden School. During this visit, we will try to give you an idea of what we value in our school and what we are proud of.

At Cornelius Vermuyden School, we aim to be a caring and orderly community, where individuals are able to learn, contribute and develop. In order to achieve these aims, we seek to provide a disciplined and purposeful environment, where the traditional values of mutual care, consideration and acceptance flourish.

As a learning community, we seek to provide an education that is exciting, challenging and prepares each child for life and learning beyond school, a broad based education in which achievement is celebrated and children succeed.

We provide an education that stretches students of all abilities and values each child as an individual in their own right. We believe that parents may entrust their children to Cornelius Vermuyden School, safe in the knowledge that they are being cared for by an able and conscientious staff - a staff committed to achieving the very best for those given to their care.

We are very proud of the achievements of our students and staff. Our new building is fantastic, fabulous, friendly with flexible spaces to support fast tracking for our most able students.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C P Skewes
Headteacher



What is important to us?

- Children are happy and secure - Ofsted states that we are outstanding in care, guidance and support
- Excellent academic standards where students reach their full potential
- Focus on the individual - we put children first
- Effective learning in a disciplined environment
- Attractive, purposeful environment
- Opportunities for children to excel - sport, arts, music, extra curricular
- All our children are unique and special

Why choose Cornelius Vermuyden School?

- High expectations and standards
- Excellent examination results 2017:
 - 100% Additional Maths
 - 100% GCSE Sport Science
 - 100% ICT
 - 100% Statistics
 - 100% PE
 - 100% Photography
 - 95% Art
 - 88% Triple Science
- Focus on teaching and learning
- Partnership with parents
- Excellent facilities
- Teacher training centre
- Smooth transition from Primary to Secondary

But don't just take our word for it

Ofsted 2015

'The school and its governing body are ambitious for its students and for the future quality of provision.'

'Students make good progress.'

'The highly determined Headteacher, ably supported by her leadership team has successfully created a culture in which students can thrive and excel'

'Strong teaching over time enables students to make good progress in many subjects'

'Students, many of whom arrive early to school each day, speak with pride about their school and the opportunities that are provided for them'

'This is a good school. Its rapid improvement in recent years is a credit to the leadership of the Headteacher and her senior team and to the hard work of the whole school community.'

'Students are polite, courteous and respectful to each other and to adults.'

A school for the future...



Faculties...



Arts and Technology

STAFF

Miss Cooper.....	Head of Faculty
Mrs Bleach.....	Resistant Materials Teacher
Mr Hibben.....	Assistant Headteacher
Mr Rodriguez Angel.....	Resistant Materials Teacher
Mrs Sergeant.....	Food Technology Teacher
Mr Standen.....	Art Teacher
Mrs Whitehair.....	Food Technology Teacher

Art and Design provides students with a wide range of creative, exciting and stimulating opportunities to explore their interests in ways that are both personally relevant and developmental in nature.

In Food Technology, the outstanding facilities and teaching will motivate students to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to cook and apply the principles of food science, nutrition and healthy eating. Students will learn about improving lives through a thorough knowledge of food, where it comes from and how it affects our bodies.

They will also explore a range of ingredients and processes from different culinary traditions (British and international) to inspire new ideas or modify existing recipes.

In Design and Technology, students will build and develop their skills focusing on key design principles of Researching, Designing, Making and Evaluating. Students will work with a range of materials including fabrics, plastics, metals and electrical sensor systems.





English and Media

STAFF

Mrs Peel.....	Subject Leader
Miss Carter.....	Lead Practitioner
Mr Cass.....	Assistant Headteacher
Miss Coles.....	English Teacher
Ms Douglas-Davis.....	English Teacher
Miss Edwards.....	Media Teacher
Mrs Halpin.....	Deputy Headteacher
Mr Keenan.....	Assistant Headteacher
Mr Knowland.....	
.....	2nd in Department & Literacy Coordinator
Miss Lokko.....	English Teacher
Miss Taylor.....	English Teacher

Here in the English Department at Cornelius Vermuyden School, we seek to inspire a lifelong love of reading, communicating and creative thinking.

At Key Stage 3, our termly schemes of work are centred around interesting and engaging themes. As students progress through the school, they will be taught the key skills needed to analyse the language and structure of nineteenth century fiction texts and 20th and 21st century non-fiction texts. They will also develop their creative writing skills and learn how to write in a range of styles to suit different purposes and audiences. In addition, students will be taught oracy skills in order to develop their ability to speak with fluency and confidence.

Humanities

STAFF

Mrs Manning.....	Head of Faculty
Mrs Cotgrove.....	Geography Teacher
Mr Cox.....	History Teacher
Mr Evans.....	History Teacher
Miss Goodwin.....	Subject Leader for Geography
Miss Hall.....	Geography Teacher
Mr Meddings.....	History Teacher
Mr Purkiss.....	History Teacher
Mr Sweeny.....	Geography Teacher
Miss Whitworth.....	History Teacher



We aim to deliver the widest possible range of learning experiences to our students using our new state of the art facilities. Many trips are organised throughout the year including Southend-on-Sea and a history trip to the WW1 Battlefields. We aim to get the very best out of every student, according to their individual potential, using the very best facilities.

ICT

STAFF

Mr S. Chittock	ICT Teacher
Mr T. Conway.....	ICT Teacher



We aim to deliver independent learners who can use ICT in any situation effectively and creatively. ICT is the fastest moving subject. It is part of every other subject but is vitally important on its own. Developments in ICT continually change the way we live and work. Through effective teaching, our students gain the knowledge to utilise their expertise in our everyday world. The school is introducing ICT Computer Programming as a GCSE option for the first time this year.

Learning Support

STAFF

Mrs K. Hibben.....	Director of Inclusion
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Mathematics

STAFF

Mr Williams.....	Subject Leader
Mr Becker.....	Maths Teacher
Mr Emoni.....	Lead Practitioner
Miss Lower.....	Maths Teacher
Miss Moir.....	Maths Teacher
Mrs Pecanac.....	Maths Teacher
Mrs Silva.....	Maths Teacher
Mrs Sivell.....	Maths Teacher

At Cornelius Vermuyden School, we aim to create lessons that are engaging to all students and cater for all abilities. Above all, lessons should motivate students to learn new concepts and encourage them to develop their functional skills. Upper school students study GCSE Maths and GCSE Statistics. Students in Year 9 begin the GCSE Syllabus enabling some students to enter the exam early.

Modern Foreign Languages

STAFF

Mr Walding.....	Subject Leader
Ms Marsden.....	Language Teacher
Miss Nolan.....	Language Teacher

All students will study French. As well as learning the basics, students will be able to express their understanding and opinions on a number of themes including identity and culture, local, national, international and global areas of interest, and current and future study and employment





Music

STAFF

Mr P. CoatesHead of Faculty

Music lessons at Cornelius Vermuyden School are a practical learning experience, using a range of instruments including Glockenspiels, Keyboards, African Drums, Steel Pans and Jumbie Jams. Students in Years 7 & 8 have a 1 hour music lesson every week. This rises to 6 hours a fortnight in Year 9 and 5 hours a fortnight in Years 10 & 11 for those following the Edexcel GCSE Music Syllabus.

Individual instrumental and vocal tuition at Cornelius is provided by a team of visiting teachers from Essex Music Services. GCSE music students in Years 10 & 11 receive individual lessons free of charge as part of their course.



Drama

STAFF

- Miss Hare.....Subject Leader (Maternity leave)
- Mrs Stead.....Drama Teacher
- Mr Wilson.....Drama Teacher

The Drama Department offers a vibrant and challenging programme of study for all; no wonder it is popular with our students. Students at Cornelius Vermuyden School interested in the Arts benefit hugely from the impressive purpose built spaces and dedicated staff members on hand to help every child achieve their potential. As well as learning in our fully equipped Drama Studio, students have also recently performed at The Towngate Theatre (Basildon), and The Palace Theatre (Southend), staging everything from West-End style Musicals to Murder Mystery Dinner Shows and Shakespearian tragedies!

We take part in the Shakespeare School's Festival (SSF) every year, giving the students the opportunity to take part in prestigious SSF cast workshops, and have their performances critiqued by industry professionals. We invite professional actors, directors and designers into school to run skills workshops for our students, who also benefit from going to see live theatre productions, both locally and in London's West End.

Our annual School Production is always massively popular and yet another opportunity for our students to learn from industry professionals and perform to a live audience. Drama is a popular subject at Cornelius Vermuyden School and not just amongst budding actors. Students also have the opportunity to study stage make up, costume and lighting design, and stage management in addition to performing.

Physical Education

STAFF

Miss Keeble.....	Subject Leader
Mr Durrance	PE Teacher
Mr Ellis.....	PE Teacher
Mr Hockey.....	Deputy Headteacher
Mr Lill.....	PE Teacher
Miss Swain.....	PE Teacher
Miss Thomas.....	Assistant Subject Leader

We have a large range of fantastic facilities in the PE Department of our new school. We have a large sports hall with climbing wall, 5 tennis courts, 4 badminton courts, 3 netball courts, a volleyball court and a basketball court. In Year 7, students will have both indoor and outdoor lessons covering a wide variety of sports. Our aim is to promote sport for all and a healthy active lifestyle through lesson time, our comprehensive fixtures programme and through enrichment.

Child Development and Psychology

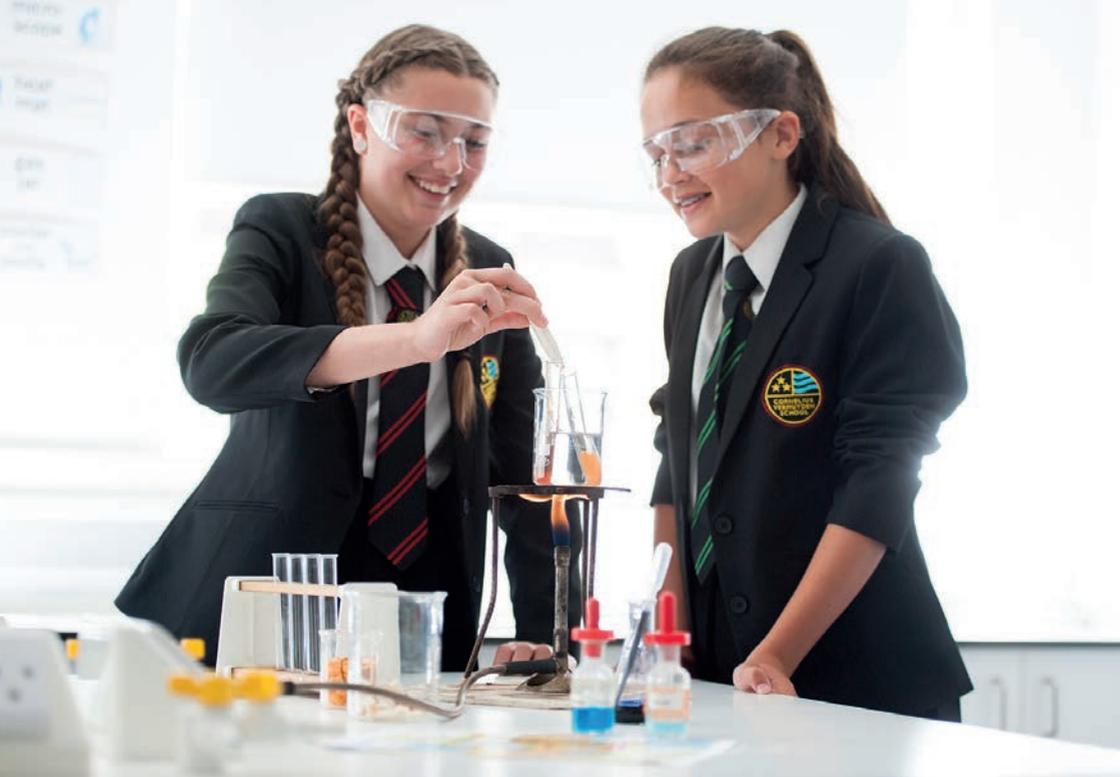
STAFF

Mrs D. Broomfield	Subject Teacher
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Upper School. Child Development offers a good platform to prepare for college to go on to study Child Development or Health and Social Care at A-level.

Psychology studies the way that you and other humans (and sometimes other species) think, communicate, remember and behave, and how they interact with each other, how they develop and mature, how they are alike and how they are different. It offers a good insight into human behaviour and involves looking at interesting case studies to support the topics.





Science

STAFF

Mr O'Shaughnessy.....	Subject Leader
Mrs Edmondson.....	Science Teacher
Dr Fitch.....	Science Teacher
Mr Head.....	Science Teacher
Mrs Hunter	Key Stage Co-ordinator for Science
Mr Lill	Science Teacher
Miss Ounzain.....	Lead Practitioner
Miss Quigley	Science Teacher
Miss Robertson.....	Science Teacher
Mrs Sandell.....	Science Teacher

Here at Cornelius Vermuyden School, we are committed to providing the best science education by delivering challenging and engaging lessons. We have a fantastic suite of 5 fully equipped science rooms including a 'SuperLab', Forum and

Hypothesis room in our new school, encouraging our students to be more interactive and independent learners. These provide a safe and effective learning environment to enable students to achieve their full potential.

In Year 7, our students look at the basics of science including Cells, Particles, Energy and Forces. Year 8 studies build upon the models looked at in Year 7 and apply them to new areas of Science.

In Years 9-11, students will study Core/Additional GCSE Science or Triple Science. Extra-curricular clubs are held for students from any year group who require extra explanation to further their understanding of the subject or have additional interests in the sciences.



Dance

STAFF

Miss Edwards.....Dance Teacher

Dance is a powerful and expressive subject, which encourages students to develop their creative, physical, emotional and intellectual capacity, whatever their previous experience in the subject. The course recognises the role of dance in young people's lives and students will study a range of dance styles. They can choose any style to perform and choreograph in, providing it meets the assessment criteria. The study of the anthology of professional works will develop their ability to critically appraise dances of different styles and cultural influences and provides a springboard for engaging practical exploration of Dance.

100% Additional Maths
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93% French
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Percentage of students gaining A* - C in the above subjects

DATES TO REMEMBER:

School Tours: Monday 9th October to Friday 13th October at 8.30 a.m.

Application Closing Date: 31st October 2017

National Offer Date: 1st March 2018

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

We hope that you enjoyed your visit!

