

Welcome to Chessington

Chessington is a warm and friendly school where each student thoroughly enjoys their learning. Each and every student is known, valued and their individuality is nurtured; all the while being challenged to achieve their very best.

The belief that every child deserves the very best of opportunities, every day in every way, underpins everything we do at Chessington. We are proud that Ofsted have recognised us as good in every area of school life. This is the least our community deserves and we are now enjoying the journey moving together from good to great.

Chessington prepares young people for their next step in life and we believe that the “whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows”. Every child deserves every opportunity in life and we will not let any ambition be curtailed no matter how aspirational. We are able to do this by combining engaging learning opportunities with high expectations and traditional values. Chessington is a school that expects each lesson to ensure academic progress while lighting the fire of life-long learning for each of our students. Moreover, we expect all of this in a calm and purposeful learning environment in which respect is given and diversity celebrated. Traditional values of positive behaviour, good

manners and high standards of uniform blend to create a community that we are truly proud of.

We value our partnerships with parents. Working in the interests of your children we can ensure that together we guide and support them so that they develop into well rounded young people. In choosing Chessington you are choosing to work together with us over the years to deliver the very best for your child. These next years are so, so important and I feel privileged to work with the great team here at Chessington to ensure excellence every day for your child.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school.



Mr A Ali
Headteacher





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Our teachers really know and care for us. It feels like a family and I feel like everyone really cares about my future

Year 10 Girl

Every Child Valued

Our guiding pastoral support and excellent care begin before your child arrives. From primary school, we tailor their learning journey based on the knowledge we have of each and every student.

We appreciate that secondary school is incredibly exciting, however, it is sometimes a cause for apprehension for students moving from primary school. At Chessington we offer care, guidance and support that really is second to none. Our nurturing challenge philosophy ensures that every child feels that they get the individual attention and support they deserve to enable them to flourish, while always being appropriately challenged to achieve beyond their own expectations. As a smaller school your child will be known and cared for in a unique way that cannot be offered in a larger institution.

From primary school we have worked to ensure we know your child very well, our students have cherished this relationship and this continues all through transition in Year 7 right through beyond A Level. Our student support officers, tutors and heads of key stage are there for your child all day everyday to ensure they leave school happy each day. From

a misplaced set of keys to attendance calls, our team is here for you and your child and we will work personally with you to ensure nothing gets in the way of a great day's learning.

We value what our students give back. As our society continues to develop and change, we need young people who appreciate the qualities of those around them. We need young people who understand that their community is stronger because of its depth and diversity. We need young people who have the confidence to make their school, their community and the world a better place. This is what we expect of students at Chessington and we know that they will prosper when they do.

We will always allow your child's personality to flourish and we take pride in the celebration of their individual characters. For us, every child has the opportunity to be great at something; we give them the tools to discover and develop what it is that they are great at.





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**In lessons we are always
challenged to think hard and
question everything**

Year 11 Prefect

Everyday an opportunity

A child's school days should be some of the best of their lives; this is what we aim to give all of our students.

At Chessington that means getting the best they can out of each day not just in terms of learning progress but also in terms of enriching themselves to develop the whole person. As a parent of a Chessington student you and your child will receive a wide ranging enrichment and subject offer that does just that.

Our curriculum ensures swift and sustained progress for each student. We value the traditional subjects, celebrate the creative disciplines and embrace modern technology. Every child is different and so at Chessington your child is entitled to a varied curriculum that meets their needs. On top of a core traditional curriculum your child will experience a variety of diverse subject options from catering and computing to drama and design technology. We are committed to developing creativity and deep learning; our curriculum will ensure this for your child so that each day is an opportunity for them to progress in subjects they love or may come to love.

At Chessington every student has the same opportunity. Our personalised approach through mentoring, intervention and coaching will mean that your child has access to a range of adults to whom they can turn that will support them in their learning and more. We have an excellent SEN department with highly trained specialist staff who support our students with other need. If a child joins with a unique quality we celebrate this and make sure that our approach is adapted to enable them to feel confident in their learning and happy in the progress they make. Equally, we have teachers with in-depth and current subject knowledge that will stretch students to the very highest educational level in their subjects and in many of our academic enrichment opportunities.

We wholeheartedly believe that some of the best learning happens outside of the classroom. For us, the opportunities outside of the curriculum are as important in the development of the whole person. Our exciting enrichment and house programmes, particularly within our specialist areas of sports and the creative arts, make Chessington a school at which children can nurture all of their potential and ambition. Every day at Chessington presents a new opportunity for learning and growth, we look forward to seeing our new students take these opportunities.





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Students are absorbed in their learning and make good progress as a result”

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Every lesson 'lighting the fire of learning'

For all students a lesson should be an opportunity for tremendous personal growth and development. At Chessington we do not waste such opportunities and ensure that our children have great experiences in each lesson, each day.

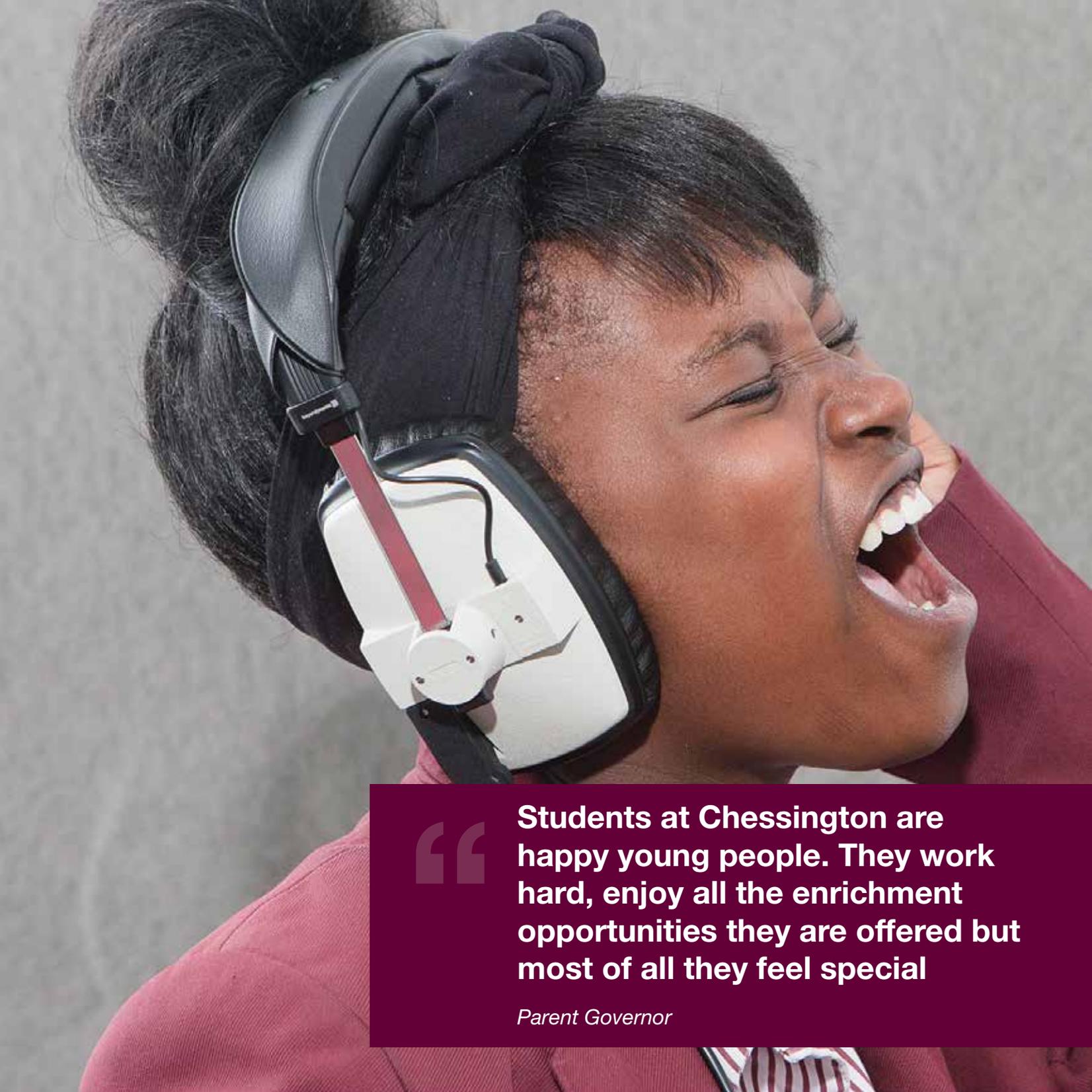
Learning is our purpose. We aim to develop a life-long love of learning and believe enjoyment is fundamental to ensuring every student achieves their best every lesson. Each lesson includes opportunities for students to be active learners, to quietly work and to discuss the key topic at hand. We believe in this variety and know that children need time to think and to reflect, as well as time to engage in deep questioning and interactive learning. In each lesson we develop our core achievement values of ambition, endeavour and resilience. Everything at Chessington revolves around excellence in the classroom and this is a principle we are proud of.

Our modern learning environment affords our students the greatest of opportunities each day. Cutting edge facilities enable our students to engage with the most up to date developments in learning technology. We actively embrace online learning, app based investigation and digital resource

creation. As teachers and as a school we too have a thirst for lifelong learning and such technologies give us the chance to develop our approaches and develop new methods for teaching and learning. Our 21st Century environment and beautiful atrium ensure we can have an agile approach to learning for groups of 3 to 300. Such facilities give students and teachers the resources they need to be creative and to learn in a variety of ways that suit their need.

Our teachers are committed to lighting the fire of learning in each child and each is an expert in their field. We ensure that we recruit high calibre teachers who go the extra mile and are relentless in their drive to ensure great achievement for all children. Students at Chessington value the relationships they develop with their teachers highly. Our teachers and support staff know that children's learning is the most important thing and so do everything they can, every day to ensure this.





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Students at Chessington are happy young people. They work hard, enjoy all the enrichment opportunities they are offered but most of all they feel special

Parent Governor