



## Anglo European School

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### A Welcome from the Headteacher

We welcome your application to our distinctive and very successful school. The purpose of this letter is to highlight what makes the Anglo European School so unique and distinctive.

You are joining a school that believes strongly in team work, distributed and supportive leadership. We place a high value on collegiality and a corporate spirit – this is the Anglo Family! You would be joining a school which is committed to achieving the highest academic success through its distinct internationalist curriculum and where students are recognised, and valued, as independent, open-minded and confident young people who are able to communicate effectively in a variety of languages, knowing that they have something worthwhile to say.

Situated in the village of Ingatestone, our state comprehensive is committed to achieving the highest academic standards within a caring and cosmopolitan environment. The school is open to all its local children and to others, across a wider region, who value its internationalist curriculum. It was the first state school in Britain to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma and the first such school to become a Specialist Language College. It has a strong international ethos and diversity is its greatest strength. We welcome students and staff from diverse backgrounds who recognise their common humanity, celebrate difference and understand that others with their differences, may be right! The school benefits from an active partnership with parents in achieving its aims.

**Excelencia:** to achieve academic excellence through a broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum enriched by a strong international dimension.

**Interkulturell:** to develop in students a respect for their own culture and the culture of others whilst celebrating the rich diversity of languages, values and traditions.

**L’Avenir:** to provide students with the linguistic, creative and social skills to move confidently beyond the boundaries of their own communities as they prepare for the next stage in their lives.

The International Dimension is present in every subject area. When students first arrive at the school they complete a cross-curricular induction programme in many subjects; this provides a practical insight into the special internationalist nature of the school and allows them to draw on their own experiences, home languages and heritage and share each other’s.

Our school is recognised as a centre of excellence for language learning. All students study two languages in Year 7 from French, German or Spanish, unless studying Mandarin as part of the prestigious Mandarin Excellence Programme. We offer 8 languages in all: French, Spanish, German, Italian, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic and English is taught as an additional language. In the Sixth Form all students study a language other than English in some form.

A remarkable feature of the school is our extensive Study Visits Programme. All Year 7 pupils take part in a cross curricular study visit to Ebbingham in France. The other year groups are able to choose from over numerous home to home exchanges together with specialised study visits at Sixth Form level. On these visits, pupils follow a carefully prepared cross-curricular work package, which is integrated into the school-based curriculum. Most exchanges are of two weeks' duration, although in Year 10 pupils have the opportunity to participate in the extended study visits of up to eight weeks. They follow the curriculum of our partner schools and work independently for their GCSE subjects. Typically, 700 students participate each year and 500 partners visit the school.

The quality and success of Sixth Form provision was particularly praised in our most recent OFSTED report where it was recognised as 'Outstanding' and the school accepts new students from other schools at Sixth Form level. There has been a long and successful tradition of A levels and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The IB offers students a balanced curriculum through its choice of six subjects from various academic disciplines and its CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service) programme. The Diploma is highly regarded by UK universities and recognised both by universities and employers world-wide. A level and vocational students have the flexibility of taking single certificate qualifications from the IB programme in addition to A level subjects, thus adding breadth to their curriculum. This provides an exceptionally rich variety of courses. The CAS component of the Diploma is taken by all students, as is the requirement to study a language other than English.

We are extremely proud of this successful, distinctive, diverse school. If you apply and are successful, you would become a highly valued member of our international Anglo Family.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J M Gee  
Headteacher