

Hello,

Welcome to Gaynes school. I apologise that I am not able to meet with you face to face as I normally would do but I am sure that you understand that due to these exceptional circumstances that we are not able to do so.

Our open evenings are busy days and we are building our numbers and getting Gaynes back to where it deserves to be amongst the local community.

The results at GCSE in 2019 put us on the top three secondary schools in the borough of Havering and this is why increasing numbers of parents want to send their children here.

So how would I describe Gaynes School to you...

1. We are a school that is based on strong, traditional family values
2. We expect the children to be engaged in their education and to want to do well
3. It a nurturing and caring environment where every child is seen as an individual
4. Classes are taught by specialists who have a true passion for the subject that they teach
5. Gaynes is a unique community where kindness and support is recognised and encouraged

We have one simple rule at Gaynes, be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing.

We expect parents to uphold our values and be supportive of our behaviour systems.

Our environment is calm, friendly and purposeful. We have an ethos of a high level of self-discipline.

All children must be in full uniform and all times and yes, we do like the small things, top button done up, shirts tucked in and blazers worn at all times.

Children must be proud of the Gaynes uniform and of attending our school.

Gaynes has commitment, pride and dedication from all the members of staff that value working in such an exceptional school.

The School offers a wide range of very high quality academic and vocational courses and all students have the opportunity to undertake realistic scientific and business related projects. Full use is made of the very latest technology and state-of-the-art computing facilities are a feature of teaching in all subjects and are a major feature in the School.

We are proud to say that during the lockdown period all children continued their education on a daily basis following their normal school timetable with teachers being able to answer questions through Google Classrooms. Of this, I am immensely proud of my staff and students.

If your child needs our support and guidance, we will ensure that this is provided. We wish to make sure that these young people continue to be motivated and inspired in their education and at every stage, we want to ensure that their parents are fully involved.

You have high expectations and aspirations for your child; you want them to have a future, and to help them prepare for the future we will be part of that process.

Life is changing for all of us. The current economic market places even further value on education. If you are lucky enough to get a place here, we promise you that under our best endeavours we will make sure that your child thrives in our environment and the doors to opportunity will be open to them.

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