



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

### Welcome to The Forest Academy

Dear Parents/carers,

We are delighted that you have been offered a place for your child to join The Forest Academy in September 2025 and look forward to working closely with you.

One of our team will call you over the coming few weeks to support the transition to secondary school and answer any of your questions you may have; do feel free to contact us directly via [admin@theforestacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@theforestacademy.co.uk) or on 0208 500 4266.

**Accepting your place:** please log in to Redbridge e-Admissions to accept your place. There is a link in the email sent to you this morning.

**Open Mornings:** some parents may not have been able to attend our Open Evening in September or subsequent Open Mornings, so we have scheduled four additional open mornings on 13th, 19th, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28th March at 9am-10am – see a flyer at the bottom of this letter. There is also a welcome video tour of our school [available here](#).

**Primary Transition:** we focus carefully on primary transition, as we know a successful move to secondary school sets the students up well for their whole secondary education. Our most recent student feedback was that 97% of students in Year 7 were happy and enjoyed school, something we are really proud of.

- **Transition day** – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025, where all students joining TFA will come to visit for the day, meet the pastoral team and tutors, and participate in taster lessons
- **Summer School** – a free week-long transition summer school, from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025
- **Summer Fair** – we are hosting our first summer fair for the community this year on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June and we would love to see you there!

**TFA OFSTED 2023:** we are delighted to share our Ofsted report which was 'Good' in all areas in January 2023:

- *"Pupils feel safe and are happy. Pupils learn in a calm environment and their attendance is high. Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school."*
- *"Staff have a positive working relationship with pupils, which reflects the school's culture of respect."*
- *"Pupils are polite and considerate of others."*
- *"Leaders have designed an ambitious and well-ordered curriculum for all pupils... Teachers have strong subject knowledge and are specialists in their subjects."*
- *"Leaders and governors have high expectations for all pupils."*

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You can read the report here (including translated into community languages): [CLICK HERE](#)

**School Vision:** we are a diverse, inclusive, community-centered school, deeply committed to supporting all of our students throughout their education.

**We want our students to be:**

- Successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve their full potential.
- Confident individuals who are able to lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
- Responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society

There is a lot of information on our website, but the key things all our families should be aware of are:

- **The Forest Academy is one of the top 25 fastest improving schools in London**
- **Students make rapid academic progress, exceeding national expectations**
- **Our attendance puts us in the top 15% of schools nationally**
- **Broad curriculum** – our students study the whole range of national curriculum subjects from Y7-9 before specialising when choosing options for KS4. You can read more about our curriculum [here](#).
- **Excellent teaching** – as a school we focus on making sure all of our staff are brilliant teachers and are able to do their jobs to a high standard. This means that all lessons are calm and purposeful, and the school is a positive, safe and happy place to learn.
- **100% progression** – we are committed to ensuring that all of our students go on to high quality destinations when they leave education, whether that is university, further study or apprenticeships and employment. To find out more about our careers programme, you [can read here](#).
- **Clubs and extra-curricular** – we have a huge range of clubs across TFA, and the timetable is attached for your perusal. All students are welcome to our **free breakfast** club every day. Our students have a broad range of trips and visitors, to ensure they understand the world outside school and can make informed decisions about their futures. You can read more about [our extra curricular provision here](#). Our sports teams play in regular fixtures against local schools.



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- **Outstanding Sixth form** – TFA students are guaranteed progression in to the 'Outstanding' Beal Sixth form – which has two campuses, one at TFA and one at Beal High School. We provide three pathways to success, through our 3 year pathway, BTEC pathway and A-level provision. Read more [here](#).
- **Brilliant student support** – we recognise that across their time at school, students may face a number of challenges. We provide individualised support, whether through 'information, advice and guidance' sessions, mentoring, counselling and bespoke support programmes. We are proud recipients of the Carnegie Mental Health at School Silver award and hope to secure Gold status this year. Students who join us with English as an additional language have additional tailored support.

Our TFA newsletter is sent to parents/carers every Friday and translated into community languages - read recent versions here: [Newsletter – The Forest Academy](#).

Welcome to our school community - we look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming years.

Kind regards,

Mr W. Mackintosh  
Executive Principal

Our website <https://www.theforestacademy.org/news/> is a source of all the information you could need about the school, and is regularly updated with news and events:

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## 24 TFA Gets a Makeover!

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Over half term we were busy getting up our new wall art stickers. This is [...]



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## Year 8 in 7-side Tournament

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## Tree Planting

14/01/2025



## Christmas Care Home Visit

23/12/2024



## University of East London

23/12/2024





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