

LAB16

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Our Values

We care -

about our pupils and their families through our human scale approach to education, our staff and their well-being and the world around us, driven by our high ideals and strong moral values.

We have boundless ambition -

to achieve excellence for all and create confident young adults with high levels of resilience and integrity.

We work together -

as one team because we are greater than the sum of our parts. We foster an enterprising culture through global collaboration with partners in business and education.

We keep getting better -

using our 'can-do' attitude and research informed approach to continuous improvement and innovation.

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Welcome

to Leigh Academy Blackheath

It is with an immense sense of pride that I welcome you to Leigh Academy Blackheath's sixth form: LAB16. We are a vibrant, diverse and ambitious learning community located in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, London.

Leigh Academy Blackheath is a highly successful and popular International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, authorised to deliver the MY programme and a candidate school for the Diploma and Careers related Programmes. IB World Schools share a common philosophy- a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education- that we believe is important.

Our students are ambitious, respectful scholars who show integrity and resilience, no matter the challenge they face or the high standard they set themselves. LAB16 offers them a unique educational experience which prepares them both academically and personally for the next stages of learning and life. Within a supportive and caring community, our students flourish and grow: maximising the opportunities available to them to develop into strong and determined global citizens with intercultural understanding and respect.

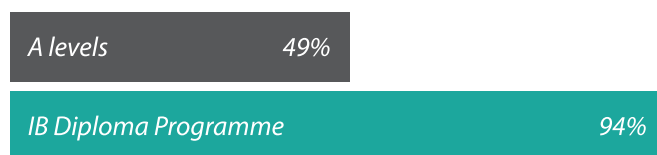
We invite you to explore the information within our prospectus (or, alternatively, via our website), about the IB and learning at LAB. You are also welcome to join us at our open event in the autumn term, where applicants can meet members of the academic and pastoral teams.



Emma Smith
Principal

Figure 1: How well do you think each of these exam systems develop the following qualities in students at present?

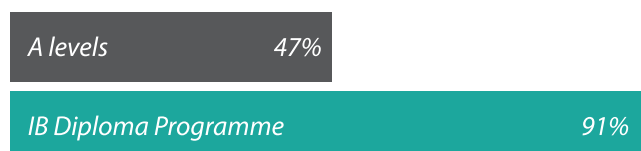
Encouraging independent inquiry



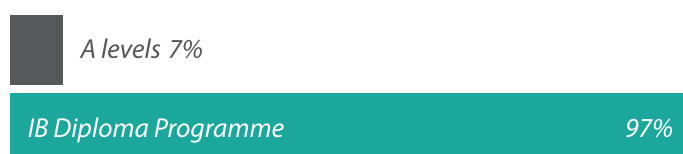
Nurturing an open mind



Developing self-management skills



Encouraging a global outlook



Source: Figure based on University Admissions Officer Report 2017, ACS International Schools.

IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end, the organisation works with schools, governments and international establishments to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

LAB Vision

We believe that every learner is entitled to an enriching, varied and personalised education: delivered through a broad and balanced curriculum that provides challenge, irrespective of need, starting point or background. Our commitment to maximising the potential of every child by teaching them the skills they need to be successful, alongside nurturing a desire to be a lifelong learner, will prepare them for whichever career path they choose to follow. At Leigh Academy Blackheath, we inspire our learners to go beyond what they are taught and seek what they do not yet know.

Our strong learning community shares the value of collaboration; every member of our academy family works together to achieve success. Our belief in 'human scale' education, delivered through a schools within schools model, means every one of our students is known and valued. Strong pastoral care is at the heart of our academy and we place great importance on building strong partnerships with parents and carers.

Digital technology is the future. No matter what career our students pursue they will need to perform, succeed and lead with digital confidence and expertise. LAB delivers a curriculum and approach to teaching and learning which ensures our students develop into powerful digital citizens on both a national and a global scale.

Our inclusive community has ambition and drive. We embrace challenge and collaboration. At Leigh Academy Blackheath, we are a family and together we cultivate a culture of belonging.





LAB Values

The LAB values: Respect, Integrity, Scholarship, Ambition and Resilience, form the solid foundation on which our community culture is built, and each one links directly to the attributes of the IB Learner Profile.

Our commitment to the development of lifelong learners, and the preparation of our young people for future employment or further study, means we place equal emphasis on the development of these personal attributes as we do academic success.

As a member of LAB16, our students are provided with a broad and varied range of learning and extra-curricular opportunities, where they can explore, acquire and develop these values and attributes as they grow.



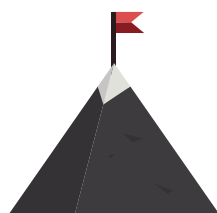
Respect - Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Balanced



Integrity - Principled, Balanced, Thinkers, Reflective



Scholarship - Inquirers, Thinkers, Knowledgeable, Communicators



Ambition - Inquirers, Risk Takers, Thinkers



Resilience - Reflective, Risk-Takers, Thinkers





Digital Learning

At Leigh Academy Blackheath, learning is not confined to a traditional classroom environment. We cultivate a climate for learning where all learners can effectively create, communicate, collaborate and use critical thinking and problem solving at anytime and anywhere. We place equal importance in the development of effective learning skills and positive attitudes as we do in the acquisition of subject specific knowledge and skill mastery. Our aim is to ensure all our learners realise their full potential during their time in full time education.

At LAB we:

- Promote safe online practice through our effective awareness and digital citizenship programme;
- Create virtual and traditional classrooms for all curriculum subjects;
- Blend together traditional pedagogy and digital learning approaches to create 21st Century learning environments;
- Teach thematically where appropriate to create strong connections across and between curriculum subjects, contextualising content and validating purpose;
- Develop critical thinking and problem solving skills through real life project based learning activities;
- Engage with specialists, industry partners and education practitioners on digital projects, shared learning opportunities and research;
- Use digital technology to increase efficiencies, improve effective time management and increase productivity through a better collaboration framework and communication structure.



Pastoral Care

As part of our schools within schools model, all members of the LAB community belong to one of our three academy colleges - Sancho, Fawcett and Airy. Each has its own designated learning space on campus, as well as a team of leadership, pastoral and academic staff who work with their students.

There is also a team of specialist P16 staff who support LAB16 students by providing bespoke pastoral care, careers guidance and support with university and college applications. Our P16 tutors deliver a structured personal development programme which covers a wide range of themes relevant to students' age, experience and need.

The academy also has a team of counsellors who can provide specialist support for students as needed.








How to find us...




The location of Leigh Academy Blackheath has excellent public transport links, which makes it very accessible.

Leigh Academy Blackheath
Old Dover Road
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London Bridge

-  27 minutes
-  31 minutes
-  38 minutes



North Greenwich

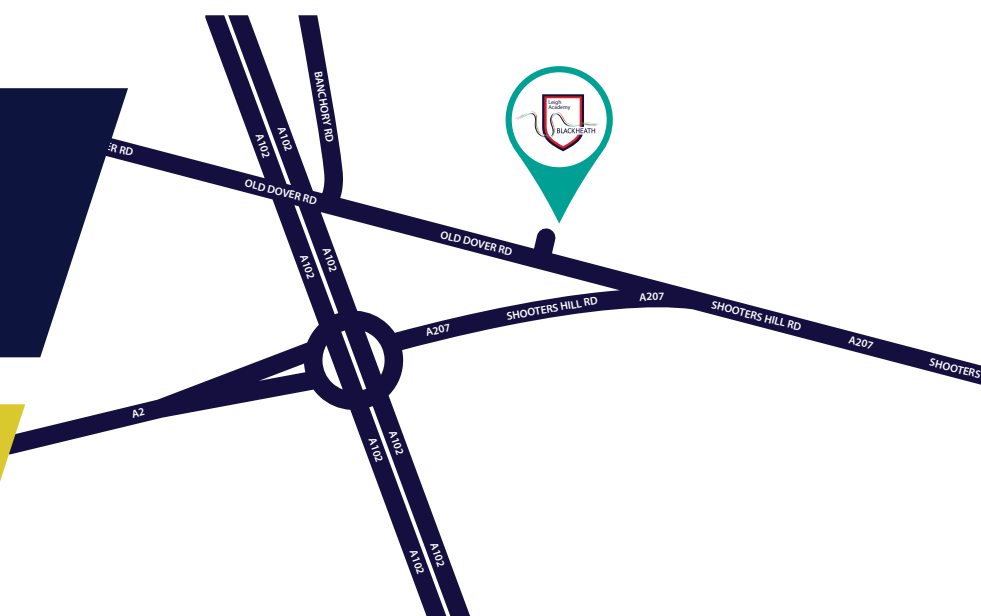
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-  19 minutes

Bexleyheath

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-  15 minutes
-  32 minutes

Dartford

-  26 minutes
-  15 minutes



Further Information

Please visit our academy website:

[Leigh Academy Blackheath](#)

Find out about the IB:

[IBDP](#)

[IBCP](#)

Application Process

Find out about the application process for LAB16:

[Admission Arrangements](#)



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