



October 9th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of future Riverside students,

We understand it is a very challenging time to be choosing your son or daughter's secondary school, but hopefully we can put your mind at ease and help you make the best decision, with your child, for their future. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to have Open Evenings this year due to COVID-19; however, if you make contact with school using the email riverside@riverside.bardaglea.org.uk and leave a phone number we will endeavour to answer any remaining questions you may have about Riverside School. Firstly, let me explain some of the reasons I believe you will choose Riverside as your first preference for your child's secondary education.

Riverside School is one of the highest performing schools in the LBBD and much wider afield, in fact our GCSE student progress for the past three years is in the top 2% nationally – that's in the top 100 schools out of over 6300, please look at the DfE website to compare our performance with other schools: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/139791/riverside-school/secondary> For the second year running the school has been recognised as a London Mayor School for Success, the only secondary in the borough to ever achieve this status: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/education-and-youth/schools-success/mayors-schools-success-programme> Our track record strongly demonstrates that we ensure young people achieve great success in a wide range of academic subjects.

Put simply, at Riverside School all students strive to achieve their very best and as they are taught by some of the country's best teachers greatness truly happens. Riverside students not only excel in the classroom, but also in sports, the arts and music. The new Elite 16+ Basketball Academy and the proposal for a £5M Performing Arts Centre are an acknowledgement of this school's superb achievements in the wider curriculum.

We have a video on our website: <http://www.riversidecampus.com/secondary/> which will give you a true feel of the school, together with a whistle-stop tour of our amazing facilities. Many of the students you see in the video receiving their GCSE results in 2017 now study at some of the country's best universities, for example, Architecture at Oxford, Engineering at UCL or Medicine at Imperial College, London, emphasising the huge successes students go on to achieve in life.

Riverside is a school that sits strongly at the heart of its community as a beacon of success, and as sad as it is that we cannot show you our school in person, I look forward to a time in the near future when you can visit us and experience Riverside for yourselves.

I understand it is essential for some parents to visit the school. The parents of SEND students are welcome to contact Ms Del Rio, SENDCo, for a conversation and a possible tour if absolutely necessary: alda@riverside.bardaglea.org.uk

Please remember you must return all applications and documents by the closing date, 31 October 2020.

You apply on the following website: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

We would encourage you to choose Riverside School as your first choice to maximise the chance of being offered a place at the school for your child in September, so that they begin the next phase of their education in a one of the highest performing schools in the country; a school that not only ensures its students excel academically but also get the very best well-rounded education every young person deserves.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Roberts', written in a cursive style.

Mr. A. Roberts
Headteacher