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# About Eltham College Family of Schools

The Eltham College family of Schools comprises Eltham College Senior School, Eltham College Junior School and, since September 2023, Blackheath Prep School.





## Eltham College Senior & Junior Schools

Founded in 1842, Eltham College is a thriving, co-educational day school located in south-east London. Originally a boys' school that first accepted girls into its Sixth Form in the late 1970s, Eltham College is now fully co-educational and has nearly 1,100 students in total, including 240 pupils in the on-site Junior School. Eltham College occupies a green 70-acre site in the London Borough of Bromley.

Whilst holding strongly to its ethos of providing a balanced education for its students, the School places a deliberate emphasis on academic success and the School is now regularly found amongst the leading academic schools in the country in terms of results and value added, matching the performance of its main rivals such as Dulwich College, Alleyn's, Trinity School and Sevenoaks School. It also boasts many county and national players in a range of sports, as well as exceptionally talented musicians, actors, authors, scientists, economists, and artists.

Eltham College has a distinctive character, born out of its Christian heritage. It upholds its founding Christian principles, whilst accepting students of all faiths and none. The School has its own chapel and all students and staff from Year 6 upwards are expected to attend a weekly service led by the Chaplain, a member of the senior staff, or by students.

Alongside its emphasis on academic achievement, the School continues to focus on care for each and every pupil. Strong pastoral care, an energetic House system that promotes collegiality, and a relaxed and unpretentious atmosphere make Eltham College a happy and vibrant place for students and staff alike. Students also benefit from an impressively wide range of opportunities outside the classroom through an ambitious co-curricular programme across sport, music, drama and art, and community outreach and enrichment.

Eltham College enjoys superb facilities. In 2019, the Turberville Centre for Mathematics, Languages and Music departments was opened, along with a new Sixth Form Centre and a dedicated medical and wellbeing facility. Extensive and well-maintained sports facilities extend across the 70-acre site, including Astro and hard-court venues, and a large indoor sports centre and swimming pool. There is a drama theatre and a modern art gallery. The Science and Technology Centre is currently being extended to provide for an additional four laboratories and a science prep room.

The 2022 ISI Regulatory Compliance & Educational Quality Inspection rated Eltham as 'Excellent' in all areas and the full Report can be read here.



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## **Blackheath Prep**

Blackheath Prep is an independent prep school for just over 370 boys and girls aged 3 to 11. Founded in 1996, it occupies a beautiful five-acre site close to Blackheath village. Its original Georgian and Victorian buildings have been extended and adapted to include large playgrounds and extensive playing fields, tennis courts, cricket nets and a Forest School area. In April 2023 we were delighted to announce our merger with Eltham College to form a family of schools.

It is a remarkable school with outstanding facilities, a formidable track record in academic success and impressive achievements in Music, Sport, Drama and Art.

Children go on to a range of independent and maintained secondary schools, with a large proportion (at least 50% of the cohort over the last five years) being awarded academic scholarships at schools such as Eltham College Senior School, Alleyn's, Colfe's, Dulwich College, James Allen's Girls' School, Sevenoaks School and City of London Schools and/or places at top Grammar schools such as Newstead Wood and St Olave's. A large number of children are also awarded scholarships in Art, Drama, Music and Sport.

The vision of Blackheath Prep is to offer an education without boundaries, giving every child the freedom to shine and achieve their full potential, upholding academic excellence, sparking curiosity and a joyful love of learning, nurturing kindness and wellbeing, and creating a strong sense of community.

#### **The Senior Team**

The Family of Schools is led by Guy Sanderson, CEO of the Eltham College Family of School and Headmaster of Eltham College Senior School.

The senior Executive team is chaired by Guy Sanderson and also includes the following members: James Martin (Senior Deputy Head, Eltham College Senior School), Alex Matthews (Head, Blackheath Prep), Vikki Meier (Head, Eltham College Junior School) and Robin Wilkinson (Bursar).

## **Staff and Professional Development**

The three schools employ around 240 members of teaching staff (including teaching support roles) and approximately 110 support staff. All are highly committed to helping students achieve their full potential and form a lively Common Room with a good balance of age and experience.

#### **Professional Development**

There is a strong professional development programme which is encouraged and generously financed for teaching and non-teaching staff. This includes external courses, an internal CPD programme of lunchtime and twilight sessions, speakers being brought in to deliver in-school sessions and learning from peers and colleagues. The Headmaster is personally committed to staff development and spearheads the Devolved Leadership Programme, which is open to all academic and support staff. This enables ambitious and talented staff who are seeking either senior leadership experience or career development to undertake a whole-school project, with mentoring from a current senior leader.





## **Pay and Benefits**

## Eltham College offers very competitive salaries and a good range of non-pay benefits.

All staff are automatically enrolled in a defined-contribution pension scheme (subject to the terms of the scheme). All staff under the age of 70 are entitled to death in service benefit at three times their annual salary.

Lunch is provided free of charge during term time for all staff, in addition to free refreshments available in the Common Room.

All staff also have free membership of the Eric Liddell Sports Centre, giving family access to the swimming pool, fitness room and other facilities at designated times.

There are also electric vehicle and cycle to work schemes, interest free season ticket loans, free eye tests and flu vaccinations. An Employee Assistance Programme is also available for all staff, offering free, confidential, support on a range matters such as financial and legal support and counselling for home-life issues.

Children of staff can be educated at the School if they meet the entrance standards and, at the discretion of the Headmaster, may receive a tuition fee reduction for both Junior and Senior Schools.

## **Safeguarding**

Eltham College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. All applicants should read the School's Safeguarding Policy and Privacy Notice (available on the school website) and are required to declare any criminal convictions or cautions, or disciplinary proceedings related to young people.

Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. Further details are given on the application form.

## **Equal Opportunities**

Eltham College is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. Candidates will be assessed against relevant criteria only (i.e. skills, qualifications, abilities, experience).

## **The Application Process**

Candidates should read the job description for the role, and complete the application form via the TES website Eltham College - Tes Jobs

Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend an assessment day during which a range of skills, knowledge and experience will be tested. There will then be a final interview paper for the .

Safer recruitment checks will be made at all stages in the recruitment process.





## Contact information

For more information about the application process please contact a member of our HR Team by telephoning 020 8857 1455 or contacting them via email hr@eltham-college.org.uk

Further details about the School can be found by visiting our websites: www.eltham-college.org.uk & www.blackheathprep.co.uk



## How to find us

The School is easily accessible by road and public transport:

- **By Rail:** Mottingham station is a 10 minute walk from the School and is served by frequent fast trains from London Bridge, Cannon Street, Charing Cross and Waterloo East (15-20 minutes), and many stations in Kent and the South East. Grove Park station offers an alternative, and is a 25 minute walk from the School.
- By Road: Postcode for satnay: SE9 4QF. The location of the School gives easy access to the Kent countryside and the M25 (15 minutes away), and is easily accessible from across south east and south London.



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