



ROBERT CLACK SCHOOL

Science School - A High Performing Specialist School

Tradition, vision and excellence

Robert Clack School is a very popular, substantially over-subscribed high performing school. It is a mixed comprehensive school for 11-19 year olds of around 1,700 students including a thriving and successful sixth of over 300.

At Robert Clack we aspire to excellence in all that we do. We provide a caring community that respects and values the individual. We aim to encourage in our pupils consideration for others in an environment that enables each and every pupil to fulfil their potential.

Our vision at Robert Clack is to provide outstanding education for our students so that they can make a valued contribution as citizens of the world. We do this by:

- Promoting a culture of achievement.
- Developing a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose.
- Preparing students for adult life.
- Providing a well-ordered and stimulating environment.
- Developing the individual on the basis of mutual respect and equal opportunity.
- Developing a partnership between all members of the school community.
- Maintaining and extend the school's excellent reputation in the local and wider community.
- Encouraging participation and excellence in every aspect of school life.

Robert Clack School offers a broad and balanced curriculum which places the needs of each pupil at the heart of what it does.

"The overall effectiveness of Robert Clack School is outstanding. It was a pleasure to spend time with seasoned and committed teachers. This is a special school." OfSTED

We are a mainstay of the government's '100 most improved schools list.' The school has also won the Government's prestigious 'School Achievement Award' for excellent academic performance over a sustained period of time. Continued excellence has brought significant investment to the school with state of the art science, technology, sports, ICT and learning centre facilities being built recently.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Choosing the right school is crucial for every child and family. At Robert Clack we are dedicated to ensuring success for all of our pupils and all of our school community. I believe that we are a happy and successful school because we respect and care for each other in an atmosphere which prides itself on achievement. Our unique focus on praise and achievement allows our pupils to thrive and develop the confidence and self belief needed for success.

We have much to be proud of at Robert Clack: excellent academic results, a very well qualified and highly motivated teaching and non-teaching staff and pupils who have brought the school outstanding recognition.

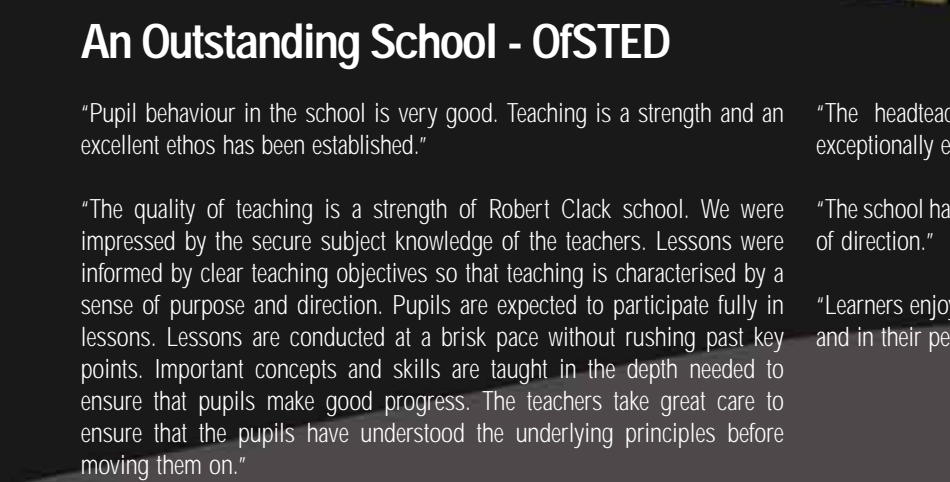
We are a real community with supportive parents and a highly effective Governing body. We are in short a thriving, united and vibrant school.

I look forward to welcoming you to the membership of the Robert Clack community.



P.J. Grant

P.J. Grant, M. A. Headteacher.



An Outstanding School - OfSTED

"Pupil behaviour in the school is very good. Teaching is a strength and an excellent ethos has been established."

"The quality of teaching is a strength of Robert Clack school. We were impressed by the secure subject knowledge of the teachers. Lessons were informed by clear teaching objectives so that teaching is characterised by a sense of purpose and direction. Pupils are expected to participate fully in lessons. Lessons are conducted at a brisk pace without rushing past key points. Important concepts and skills are taught in the depth needed to ensure that pupils make good progress. The teachers take great care to ensure that the pupils have understood the underlying principles before moving them on."

"The headteacher provides outstanding professional leadership. He is exceptionally energetic and tenacious."

"The school has an unmistakable positive ethos which provides a united sense of direction."

"Learners enjoy their work and make very good progress - both academically and in their personal development."



Robert Clack School provides a challenging intellectual environment that combines the best of the traditional with the most innovative of the modern in education

Excellence in Sport

Robert Clack is a healthy school and is committed to ensuring that all of its pupils lead a healthy lifestyle: from eating a balanced diet to active participation in sport. Robert Clack has healthy school status. In 2006 the PE department was officially judged by Ofsted to be outstanding.

Sport plays a key role in the daily life of Robert Clack School, from early morning PE lessons to lunchtime and after school activities. The commitment of its staff and the numerous professional coaches it employs has brought huge sporting success. Many of our pupils go on to represent their counties and regions and a significant number have reached national prominence. Our teams are well known for their competitiveness and their sporting spirit. It is common for our young people to be on tour in mainland Europe and beyond in places such as South Africa and North America. Foremost among Robert Clack's recent sporting success has been its development into one of the best rugby schools in the region winning the Essex Cup again in 2007. It has also reached national finals in netball and judo. Robert Clack's considerable sporting success has gained national recognition.

The 6th Form

Robert Clack's large, vibrant and successful Sixth Form is an indispensable and integral part of the school. Students can study A/S or A Levels or take vocational qualifications or combine these. Apart from their studies the sixth formers act as excellent role models to the younger years and make a valuable contribution to the school and the wider community.

"Next year I will be going to university. I'm really grateful for all the encouragement and support the Sixth Form tutors have given me. Without their help I would never have had the confidence to apply."

"I love the fact that at Robert Clack Sixth Form I can study a mixture of 'A' levels and vocational courses. The wide curriculum on offer means I can follow those courses that are best for me."



The school has also benefited from considerable investment in its sporting facilities with, in January 2005, a multi million pound sports complex on the upper school site being opened by Sir Clive Woodward. This state of the art facility, used by both our students and the wider community is made up of:

- A large sports hall
- Dance studio
- Fitness suite
- Conference suite
- All-weather floodlit area

"When I read about the whole history of the school I'm reminded of what we achieved with the England Rugby Team. But our achievements are very small compared to how greatly the school has improved." Sir Clive Woodward, 2005

A commitment to future excellence

Robert Clack School is immensely proud of its excellent reputation in providing the highest quality education for its local pupils. Despite its considerable achievements to date, Robert Clack School is committed to continually seek ways to improve and develop its facilities and challenge our pupils.

When the time comes for your child to leave Robert Clack School, we are very confident that he or she will do so on the back of impressive qualifications and with the confidence and values to ensure that they lead a successful and rewarding life.

"The headteacher articulates a clear and ambitious vision for the school based on fostering learners talents and achieving high academic and personal standards. The vision is shared by the governors and staff at all levels and is understood and supported by parents and learners who express great pride in the school's achievements" OfSTED





Year 7

Robert Clack is a split site school which enables us to offer pupils joining us from primary schools a warm and welcoming environment on the Green Lane site which serves pupils in years 7 to 9. Parents always comment favourably on the educational advantages that this arrangement offers, allowing for a smooth transition period between key stages. The Gosfield Road site is where the older students are based, including the sixth form.

New entrants in Year 7 are supported by an extensive induction process so as to ensure their start in Robert Clack is happy and successful.

"So far I have only been here for 4 weeks and I think it is great. All the activities and the trips they have planned for us are fabulous. My favourite subjects are Science and PE. Science because you do different experiments and PE because I am a sporty girl. Robert Clack is the right place for me."

"My mum and dad are really thrilled with the progress I have made. I am very grateful to them for getting me into Robert Clack."

"Learner's spiritual, moral and social development is very good. Their characters and personalities develop well in school and their confidence and determination are often very striking. Nevertheless, they remain sensitive and aware and many are becoming politically astute." OFSTED

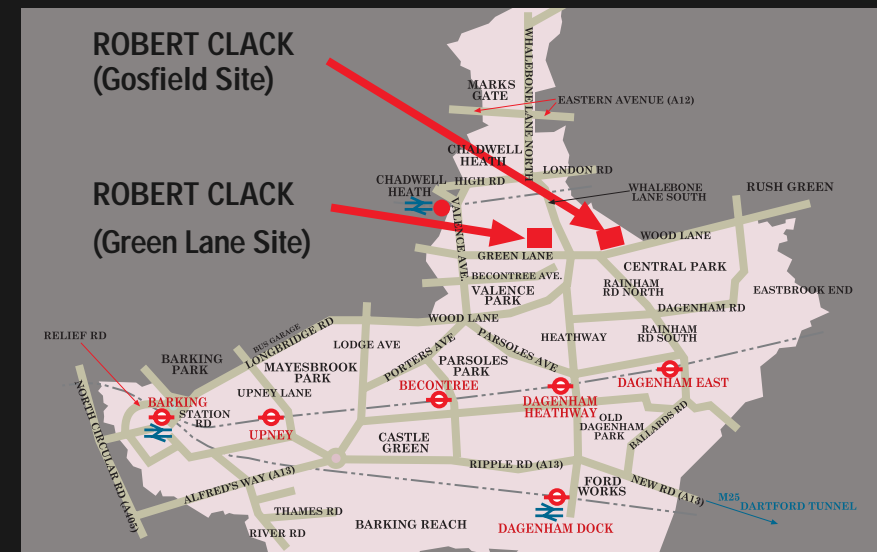
Excellence in Science

Robert Clack School is a leading centre of excellence in Science and Enterprise. In May 2007, the school was officially designated a High Performing Specialist School placing it in an elite group of schools nationally. Although all pupils at Robert Clack receive a broad and balanced curriculum which fully reflects their own particular needs, the school has developed an enviable reputation as an outstanding school of science with excellent science staff delivering triple science and a variety of A Level and post 16 science courses.

As a result, Robert Clack has been able to invest further in providing state of the art science facilities to its pupils. In October 2006, a new science block was opened on the upper school site. Among the facilities are 6 fully equipped labs. Each lab includes a projector, automatic screen and sound, a visualiser, air conditioning, 4 PC's and all essential lab equipment and ample storage. There is also a big display plasma screen in the entrance lobby allowing the display of pupil work, notices, news stories and photographs.

As a leading Science College, the school has established links with many organisations such as Cambridge University and Pfizer the largest and most successful pharmaceutical company in the world. Along with other curriculum trips, the school has established science trips to a variety of places as far away as Indonesia.

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