

# REDDEN COURT SCHOOL

A Specialist Mathematics & Computing College

*Committed to Success*



## **INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

### **The School**

Redden Court is an 11 - 16, mixed, comprehensive school in the London Borough of Havering. It is a four-form entry school with a designated capacity of 625 pupils. The school became a Specialist Mathematics and Computing college on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2006. Redden Court is a warm and friendly school which prides itself on excellent working relationships in every respect. The staff team are lively and enthusiastic about the school and they provide strong mutual support. Professional development is taken seriously and is widely regarded as a positive strength. The school had its most recent OFSTED inspection in January 2009.

### **Location**

The school is situated in Harold Wood, which is enclosed by the M25 motorway, the A12 and the A127. Despite its predominantly residential setting it is placed near to the edge of the Green Belt and the Essex countryside is not very far away. The school is five minutes drive from junction 28 of the M25.

### **Catchment**

Approximately half of the pupils who attend Redden Court School live in Harold Hill, a nearby council estate, and travel by public transport. Local feeder primary schools, in the Harold Wood area, send an increasing number of pupils and this is partly due to the school's strong primary liaison programme which has developed in recent years. Most recently, the school recruited 2 forms of entry from the three primary schools in closest proximity to the school. The school is in competition with Havering's other 17 secondary schools, 4 of which are Foundation schools.

### **Staffing and Accommodation**

Originally built in the 1930s, the main school buildings have been upgraded over the years and a major building programme in the late 1980s increased the school's accommodation substantially. Some of the older buildings are approaching the end of their useful life and the school has ambitious plans for their replacement and redevelopment in general. A major building project is underway at present and completion is expected by the end of 2010.

The number of staff in the school is increasing as the schools intake increases.

### **Curriculum**

The school follows a broad, balanced curriculum which is in line with National Curriculum requirements.

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### **Pastoral Care**

Redden Court has, for many years, had a reputation as a caring school and this is often commented upon by both parents and visitors. The school puts a great deal of emphasis on its pastoral care and there is an extremely committed team of Pastoral Heads.

In order to support pupils through any discipline problems, there is a clear and consistent policy which embraces the need for both flexibility and firmness. To provide a counter for this, there is established practice that pupils should be rewarded and encouraged whenever possible. There is a merit system which enables pupils to swap their accumulated merits for badges during the year. Pupils receive certificates and awards on a regular basis and the school celebrates achievement at all levels.

### **Investor in People**

In 1995 Redden Court became one of the first schools in the East London area to gain Investors in People status and subsequent to this the school was nominated as a finalist for the Investors in People Blue Ribbon Award. Although not the eventual winner, the school was runner-up. Re-assessment for continued status took place in 2007 and was awarded in that same year.

### **ICT Facilities**

Technology has long been a strength at Redden Court School, particularly Information Communication Technology in which the school has become a front runner in the Borough. A new ICT area was developed in September 2003 to coincide with the creation of a 60 station curriculum network with full broadband access.

### **Marketing and Publicity**

The school has worked hard to develop its profile within the local community. Pupils from local primary feeders use the school on a regular basis, both for sporting and learning opportunities. The school facilities are available for OSSHL activities and for outside lettings during weekends and evenings, including the Adult Education College on two evenings each week.

Redden Court has enjoyed wide coverage in local newspapers for its many sporting achievements, fund raising efforts and particularly for its local history initiatives and the Royal visit by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

### **Parents' Association**

A long established and very active Parents' Association exists which raises money for the school and organises a variety of social functions. They are known as "The Friends of Redden Court".

### **Smoking**

The Governors of the school have determined that the whole site should be a "no smoking" area. There are no facilities available for staff to smoke whilst they are on premises.

Further information is available on our web site [www.reddencourt.org](http://www.reddencourt.org) but if you can't find what you need, please don't hesitate to contact us. Naturally, potential applicants are always welcome to visit the school.