

## **Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys**

### **Year 7 Information Evening: “Learning at the Langton”**

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#### **What we are and how we work**

Simon Langton is an academic school, whose main role is to take young people from all backgrounds who have been found to be intellectually able and make the most of their potential as learners. Our own distinctive ethos adds to this basic aim a strength in making our students independent, questioning thinkers, able to take positions of responsibility in society. We are proud of the way most of them mature with us, so that it is not uncommon to receive letters of commendation from those who have met our students in activities and functions outside and beyond the school. We have a proud tradition in sporting, scientific, artistic, musical and dramatic performance, but these are always firmly linked to the students’ progress in thoughtful learning about personal challenges and limits, roles and responsibilities.

We make no apologies at the school for the emphasis on learning and achievement which is at the core of what we do. Students are stretched from day one, and homework in all years throws out a challenge to them. But this is a learning institution for the teachers and support staff too. We constantly review the way we teach through lesson observations and focus on good practice in the classroom and the importance of addressing boys’ educational needs more precisely. Student lesson evaluations enable us to also monitor the student’s perspective.

We already achieve much at this school in terms of examinations success, but we want to do better still. All students are encouraged to take pride in their work, and the vast majority do. Where learning or behaviour is not what we expect, however, the school now has a very clear way of dealing with the problem without confrontation. Through our insistence on the completion of good quality work to firm deadlines, students are very clear that, as far as making the most of their learning potential is concerned, the school is very serious indeed!

We hope that, as your son moves up the school, he will mature and develop into a young man who gets real enjoyment out of learning and who is able to leave Simon Langton as someone who is confident enough to go on learning later in life and to carry with him something of the stimulating atmosphere of a school that strives for excellence.

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