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# LONDON BOYS' SCHOOLS NETWORK

Championing boys' education in the capital

William Ellis is proud to be part of the London Boys' Schools Network; a collective of Headteachers and schools who advocate for boys' education. We share expertise in creating positive environments for educating boys and young men. There are no formal links between our schools, with each one having its own unique character. What we have in common is a commitment to empowering boys in London through our high-quality and rounded education. All of our schools also have mixed 6<sup>th</sup> Form provision.

## Why choose a London boys' school for your son?

Boys' schools often surprise people. Those that visit tell us they are calmer than you'd expect and the interactions between students are kinder than anticipated. Boys thrive academically and form lasting friendships within our schools. Our boys develop essential skills like empathy, leadership, and communication. As headteachers of London comprehensive boys' schools, we intentionally provide an aspirational, dynamic education for boys.

Please watch our video if you are considering the type of educational setting for your son. There are many similarities between a mixed school and a school for boys, but there are some key differences that are specific to schools for boys. Click [here](#) to watch the video and then book a visit to explore the opportunities for your son in one of our modern, forward-thinking schools.

Finally, we have a couple of tips if you're deciding between a mixed school and an all-boys' school for your son. When visiting each look out for:

- Warm, robust relationships between the adults and boys in the school
- Boys' examination outcomes in mixed schools. Girls outperform boys nationally and in mixed schools this can boost the combined results, often hiding a large gender gap between boys and girls. Ask to see the boys' results to make a fair comparison with boys only schools

Here's why we think your son would flourish in an all-boys' setting.

- **Curriculum Focused on Boys:** Our schools design everything with your son in mind, from curriculum to facilities, leading to strong literacy skills and excellent academic achievement.
- **No Gender Stereotyping:** We challenge stereotypes, allowing your son to explore all roles and interests freely, particularly the arts. This supports their mental health and academic growth.
- **Confidence Without Comparison:** Your son will be free to mature at his own pace in our schools, fostering confidence without the stress of negative gender comparisons found in many mixed schools.
- **Productive Learning Environments:** Our classrooms will encourage your son to be himself and take risks without the fear of failing in front of girls, promoting dynamic and free learning.
- **Greater Opportunities:** Boys' schools provide more chances to engage in the arts and leadership roles, helping students like your son become more developmentally rounded without undue influence from girls.
- **Engaged Citizens:** We address issues like toxic masculinity and the risks associated with being a teenage boy openly, cultivating positive masculinity and strong, respectful friendships among boys.
- **Preparation for Post-16 Mixed Education:** Our single-gender environment prepares your son for life in a mixed sixth form, where they can contribute equally and confidently in a mature setting alongside girls.