



# Teaching in Redbridge **worth learning about**



a better place to work

**R**edbridge buzzes with life and vigour. Situated on the borders of London and Essex, it benefits from an attractive and varied environment, providing both rural and urban surroundings. The borough is 7 miles from the City and 4 miles from Docklands. Stratford mainline station and the Olympic site are 5 minutes journey by train.

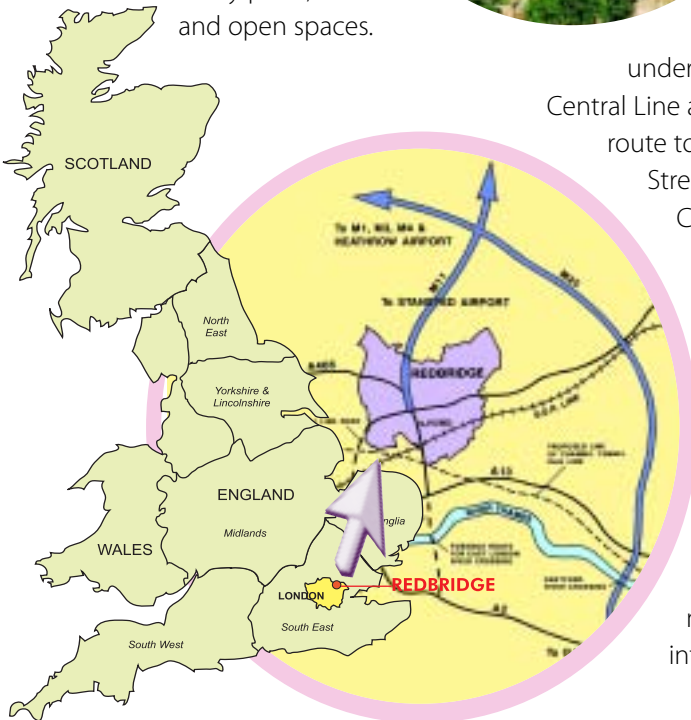
Redbridge is an outer London Borough bordering the North and East London Boroughs of Havering, Barking and Dagenham, Newham and Waltham Forest. With a population of 246,000 there is a mix of high density areas of high deprivation with areas of affluence.

Redbridge is a popular residential borough with over 1,200 acres of forest within its boundaries and many parks, walks and open spaces.



The Borough has the great advantage of easy access to Central London and the West End, with 10 underground stations on the Central Line and 4 on the overland route to Stratford and Liverpool Street. The journey into Central London takes around 25 minutes.

The rest of southeast England - the countryside and coastline of Essex, East Anglia and Kent - is also on our doorstep. The nearby M11 and M25 motorways put many popular places of interest within easy reach.



# Demography and Diversity



The number of children and young people aged 0-19 years in the Borough is currently 62,805 and the number of children and young people aged 5-19 is currently 47,057. Over the next five years the number of primary age children is expected to increase by about 2,000 and the number of secondary age pupils is expected to increase by over 800.

The number of children and their age has an impact on the volume and type of services we provide. The additional demand for services has resulted in a long term building and development programme, including the scheduling of 2 new primary schools to open in 2007.

The population is ethnically diverse; Redbridge is the ninth most diverse borough in the country. Overall 63% of the population is White, 25% Asian or Asian British and 8% Black or Black British, with a growing population of people from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The level of diversity among children and young people of school age, however, is

greater, with the percentage classified as White being 41% and Asian 38%.

Almost half the pupils in primary or secondary schools speak English as an additional language and many are multilingual. Developed language support programmes promote high achievements in both Key Stage assessments and GCSE.



**24% of our residents are aged under 18.**



# Redbridge Primary Schools

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Primary schools are generally large and many are increasing in size. The opening of 2 new primary schools in 2007 will bring the total number to 52. There are 24,124 pupils in primary schools. The Borough has 7 infant schools, 6 junior schools and 37 primary schools. 9 are denominational (Catholic, Anglican and Jewish). All infant and primary schools have nursery classes.

Standards in primary schools are high. Attainment at Key Stage 1 is at the national average and at Key Stage 2 is well above the national average.

Children with special needs are educated in mainstream schools or through specialist provision to support physical, behaviour, sensory and language needs. There are four special schools and three pupil referral units as well as outreach services working in schools.

The Redbridge primary sector offers good teaching opportunities for both qualified and newly qualified teachers.



The induction programme is well established and the Teachers' Centre provides a base for professional development activities and networks.

Strong partnership activities help focus advice and support upon developments such as; Early Years and Foundation Stage development, ethnic achievement and language support, health & fitness, IT training and other subjects/themes.





# Redbridge Secondary Schools

Redbridge has a rich variety of secondary schools and **all** schools have sixth forms. There are specialist schools for science, technology, languages, business and enterprise, sports, media, performing arts and music.



Following the opening of a new secondary school in September 2001, the Borough now has 17 secondary schools - 9 community comprehensive schools, 2 community grammar schools, 4 denominational comprehensive schools and 2 foundation comprehensive schools.



There are 3 Catholic co-educational schools, one Catholic girls' school and one Jewish faith school.

Attainment at Key Stage 3 is well above the national averages in English, Mathematics and Science.

There is a strong commitment to initial and continuing professional development. Schools draw upon professional teams to support a range of educational issues and curriculum development, including Drama, Music, Health Issues, Sports, Vocational/Business links and specific subject support.



The high standard of GCSE results puts Redbridge regularly in the **top 3** Local Authorities nationally.

# We want to Welcome you to Redbridge



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