



# School Prospectus

WOOD GREEN ACADEMY | EXCELLENCE AS STANDARD



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# Our Mission

**“We want for all of our students to leave Wood Green Academy as confident, successful and well-rounded young people who can access their next steps in further or higher education, apprenticeships or employment, whilst experiencing happy, healthy and fulfilling lives”.**

At Wood Green Academy, we are very proud of our achievements and have been a high performing school for many years.

Through personalised learning, tracking and aspirational targets, we endeavour to enable every single student to achieve their potential.

We are renowned for the outstanding behaviour of our students and for how well-mannered and respectful they are. We believe this is due to a combination of the enjoyment our students experience as members of the Wood Green Academy family, the firm discipline and the support which underpin their progress.

Parents and carers are a vital ingredient in our recipe for success: we strive for excellent home-school communication and involvement. We have found that the most successful students are ones that take ownership of their learning, get involved fully in Academy life and whose parents take an active role in their education.

**“Teachers have a right to teach and students have a right to learn”.** This is key to our ethos at Wood Green Academy.



Mr J Topham  
Headteacher

Wood Green Academy’s reputation and achievements mean that we are always oversubscribed. Parents and carers recognise that an education at Wood Green Academy will equip a student in the best possible way for their future in the world of work or higher education.



# Our Family



**Wood Green Academy is at the heart of the local community. We see ourselves as the centre of an extended family unit. We take our responsibility towards our students, their families and the local community very seriously.**

First and foremost, we know that we will provide a first-class education for our students. Equally important is the care that we provide.

Parent and student surveys clearly show that safety, enjoyment, and support are delivered in abundance by Wood Green Academy. Our excellent levels of attendance and the exceptional attitude of students towards their learning are further evidence of this: students enjoy being part of the family of Wood Green Academy. Not only do we embrace the local community in our efforts, but we strive to contribute further afield with our fundraising, charity work and trips abroad.

We encourage our students to be first-rate citizens and to see themselves, and Wood Green Academy, as members of the national and global community.

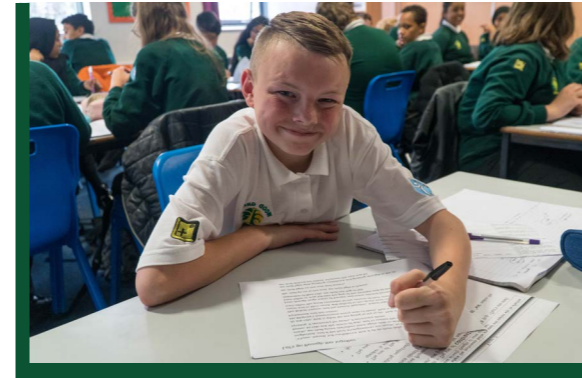
**We want our students to ask questions, read widely and research deeply...**



# Our Curriculum



**We want our students to listen, reason and debate whilst showing consideration to others...**



**Here at Wood Green Academy, we believe that the quality of our curriculum is fundamental to the achievement and enjoyment of our students.**

Every individual student's needs are paramount to us. At our "foundation" stage, students follow a broad range of subjects and a comprehensive enrichment programme. There is no barrier at our "specialist" stage when it comes to choosing options: we are truly inclusive. Our programme includes academic and vocational courses offering everything from science to sport, maths to media.

We believe that it is not only what goes on in the classroom but outside, that helps shape our students.

For students to be truly successful and happy, they need to develop an "I Can, I Will" attitude. As an Academy, we have invested in teaching strategies, leadership roles and wider opportunities to support the students to develop seven key attributes. These are: resilience, risk-taking, reflectiveness, curiosity, flexibility of mind, drive and initiative. In Years 7 and 8, students record where they have demonstrated these attributes in and out of school, and can earn their bronze, silver and gold awards.

As Ofsted noted, as an Academy, we believe that education goes beyond the academic needs of subjects.

**"We strive for pupils to leave the Academy as confident, successful and well-rounded young people".**

# Our Enrichment



**Enrichment is an all-encompassing part of the whole curriculum.**

Our offer goes beyond the academic and complement the whole school curriculum. Students in Year 7 and Year 8 participate in a variety of activities which develop them as well-rounded and culturally aware young people. There is a focus on further developing “**I Can, I Will**” characteristics during these sessions. These activities complement our students’ curriculum offer and are led by specialist coaches, many of whom are returning alumni. This programme was praised by Ofsted.

Enrichment comes in various forms including extracurricular activities. Our extracurricular programme is vast with over a hundred sporting and non-sporting activities available. We are regularly complimented on the enormous range of extracurricular activities we offer.

**We want our students to have a go, to do something different and try something new...**



# Our Staff



**We want our students to put in exceptional effort and act upon advice to improve further...**



**We are extremely proud of our team of staff. We know that a school could not operate without the vital role played by our teachers and support staff. We value all our staff and they are totally dedicated to providing the best environment possible for our students.**

Our staff are devoted, hardworking and genuinely care for our students. This was celebrated by Ofsted in February 2020 who commented that, **“Relationships between staff and students are strong”**.

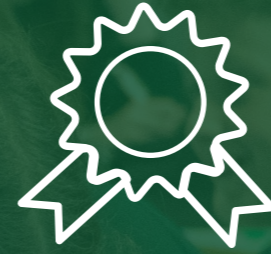
Our teaching staff are subject specialists who hold degrees in their subject areas. All teachers also participate in weekly professional development sessions to ensure that their subject knowledge is kept fresh, and that they are abreast of all the latest research in terms of the best ways to teach, and the best ways to support students to learn.

Our reputation is second to none amongst educationalists, because we know that the development of staff is essential to providing the very best curriculum. Teachers at Wood Green Academy are continually updating their own professional knowledge to benefit our students. We have staff training every week to ensure that the education we provide is always challenging, engaging and a combination of proven best practice with up to date innovation.

Such is our reputation, we are involved in a huge number of schemes for sharing our best practice and expertise with other schools, colleges, universities, and educationalists who want to know the secrets of our success. The expertise of the Wood Green Academy staff also plays a crucial role in training the next generation of great teachers not only at Wood Green Academy but in the region through our work as the Lead School for Initial Teacher Training.



# Our Specialisms



**As a Specialist Sports College, Wood Green Academy has a national reputation.**

We are former winners of the Daily Telegraph’s Specialist Sports College of the Year Award and as a Youth Sport Trust Ambassador School, we lead on national initiatives relating to sport. Wood Green Academy sees sport as its driving force and a unifying principle, encouraging team spirit, individual effort, competition, and academic success.

We concur with Public Health England that, **“a positive association exists between academic attainment and physical activity levels of pupils”**.

Wood Green Academy has an additional specialism which is testament to our wide ranging excellence in many fields. Our Maths and Computing Specialism has enabled us to invest in a range of technologies across the curriculum. This has resulted in higher levels of student engagement, more creative and innovative teaching and greater levels of enjoyment for our students. We are also able to support schools and societies within our community as well as providing enhancement and enrichment activities for parents and students.

These approaches have enabled the Maths and Computing Specialism to contribute to some of the Academy’s outstanding achievements.



**We want our students to make the right choices and take responsibility for themselves and others...**

# Our Sixth Form



Our 'believe, achieve and succeed' attitude helps pupils throughout their journey towards attaining their ambitions...



NEW  
SIXTH FORM  
FACILITIES

We are justifiably proud of our Sixth Form. Students choose to return to us or join us because of the unrivalled care and quality of education they know they will receive in their Post-16 studies at Wood Green Academy Sixth Form Centre.

It is important to us that every sixth former, whether a returning or new student, is known, valued and supported. Our students come to us knowing they will receive the very best standards of teaching and expertise in the subjects they have chosen to take them forward into the future.

We offer a diverse curriculum with a wide range of subjects that allows students to combine our A level pathway with our Level 3 Vocational pathway. We are very proud of the part we play in helping students go on to University and Higher Apprenticeships and to prepare them with the skills needed for their future careers.

In order to do this, we have a wide range of enrichment and extracurricular activities to suit everyone, from supporting lower Academy classes, by being a reading or Maths mentor to being part of the Ambassador Programme and leading whole Academy charity events. There is also work experience and access to University summer schools and taster days, so that students are fully prepared for their future vocation in life.

Believe  
Achieve  
Succeed





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