

ACHIEVEMENT, CARE & EXCELLENCE AT



SIXTH FORM

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Since opening in 2019, GWA Sixth Form has gone from strength to strength. With a 98% pass rate, GWA offers an ideal environment for post-16 learners to prepare for university or apprenticeships. Smaller class sizes, high aspirations for all, and strong teacher relationships ensure students are well-supported, and equipped with the skill to thrive as independent thinkers and adaptable life-long learners. GWA Sixth Form is proud of its consistently excellent A Level and Vocational results, with 60% of students achieving a grade A*-B, or vocational equivalent, and many going on to leading universities and to competitive apprenticeships with top employers.

GWA is proud to bring high-quality Sixth Form education to Swindon. With dedicated teaching staff, excellent resources, and a focus on Achievement, Care and Excellence, GWA offers the very best chance for students to succeed.



Mr Clarke
Principal



Mr Smith
Head of Sixth Form

PATHWAYS

The curriculum is structured into three main pathways to suit the range of learning requirements of our students.

ACADEMIC

Art & Design (Fine Art)
Art & Design (Photography)
Art & Design (Textile Design)
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
Dance
Design Technology (Product Design)
Drama
Economics

English Language
English Literature
French
Further Mathematics
Geography
History
Law
Mathematics
Media Studies
Music



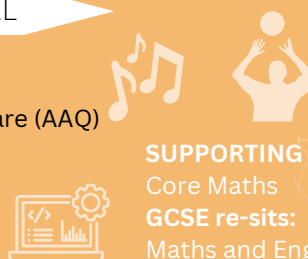
Philosophy & Religion
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

SUPPORTING QUALIFICATIONS:

EPQ
Core Maths
Work Experience

VOCATIONAL

- OCR CTEC Level 3 Business
 - WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma in Criminology
 - BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (AAQ)
 - BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts
 - BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate Sport
 - BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate Travel and Tourism
 - OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical in Digital Media
- (A combination of these subjects will operate based on demand)



SUPPORTING QUALIFICATIONS:

Core Maths
GCSE re-sits:
Maths and English
Work Experience

BTEC Level 2 Health & Social Care
iMedia
BTEC Level 2 Production Arts
BTEC Level 2 Sport
BTEC Level 2 Travel & Tourism

(A combination of these subjects will operate based on demand)



TRANSITIONAL

ACADEMIC PATHWAY

Traditional: **30**
Traditional Plus: **48**
Competitive: **55**

GCSE POINT SCORES

Each of our Pathways has entry requirements based on GCSE points.

GCSE Points are calculated by totalling the numeric grades from your **BEST EIGHT** GCSE grades.

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

25

TRANSITIONAL PATHWAY

20

CAREERS ADVICE

Our careers provision ensures that every student has access to high quality information, advice and guidance. At GWA, we want all students to strive to achieve at the highest level in their studies, and outside of the classroom. Students are given opportunities to interact with a wide variety of employers and educators, enabling them to make informed choices about their next steps. Our experienced form tutors and teaching staff support students through the UCAS application process or their applications for apprenticeship programmes and employment.

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- To achieve exceptional results
- Supportive learning environment
- Highly experienced & motivated staff
- Relentless focus on quality of teaching
- Progress & attainment monitored closely
- Supportive interventions
- Potential grades based on GCSE scores

C

- Small Sixth Form with a genuine focus on care
- Students supported in reaching their potential
- Personalisation: learning now & for the future
- Pastoral Team: Form Tutor, Head of Year, Head of Sixth Form, Pastoral Assistant

E

- A reputation for excellence in all areas
- State-of-the-art facilities & resources
- Established, broad curriculum
- Enrichment and leadership opportunities
- Excellent careers advice & guidance; support with university, apprenticeships & employment

FACILITIES

We are proud of our state-of-the-art facilities. We are an ICT rich school environment; the whole school receives excellent Wi-Fi network coverage, and all pupils will have access to their own laptop to support them in their studies, both in and out of school.

All the classrooms have a modern, bright feeling and are well equipped to deliver an exceptional educational experience, including fully-equipped science laboratories and practical spaces for arts and technology.

The Sixth Form have their own Common Room areas on the top floor of the school. This comprises two dual purpose (study and social) common room spaces, a Café area and a stunning balcony that looks out towards Gloucestershire. Food is served to the Sixth Form in their Café area by our caterers, and there are facilities for them to make their own.

Sixth Form have access to the sport, music and other wider facilities to use in agreed sessions during their study time.

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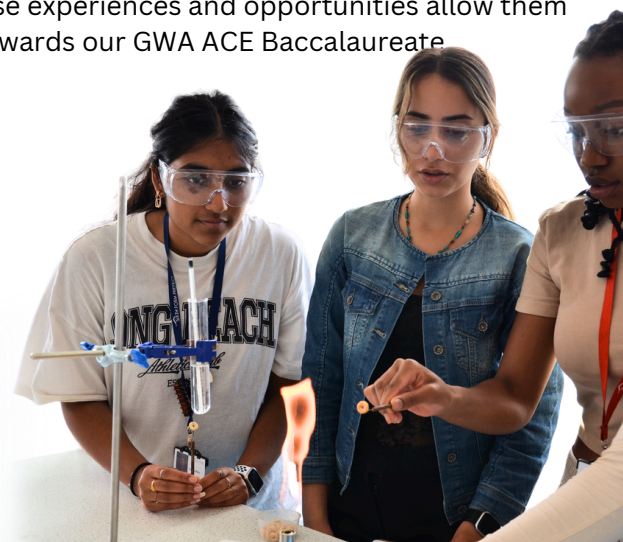
PASTORAL CARE

Every Sixth form student is a member of a tutor group. Their form tutor plays an important role in supporting them through their Sixth Form journey and is the key point of contact for the student and their parents. In addition to whole group sessions and the Sixth Form tutorial programme, the tutor will meet with each student on a 1:1 basis a minimum of twice per term to monitor the student's academic and pastoral welfare and ensure they have all the support they need. The Sixth Form pastoral team is made up of the Head of Sixth Form, Heads of Year and a dedicated Sixth Form Pastoral Assistant. The House system facilitates a wide range of friendly competition in sport, the arts and academic activities, encouraging teamwork and leadership across the year groups. Some activities are led by Sixth Formers.

ENRICHMENT

All Sixth Formers are given the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities through our Enrichment Programme. The range of activities includes Duke of Edinburgh, sport, arts, academic pursuits, alternative qualifications, extended project (EPQ), social enterprise, community service and outdoor education. Students are encouraged to support and lead these activities, and also work with the Sixth Form team to develop a programme of their own, including forming their own societies based on personal interests.

Sixth Form students also take part in our ACE-HUB activities, providing them with opportunities to support students lower down the school and to engage with academic mentoring, careers support and study skills. These experiences and opportunities allow them to work towards our GWA ACE Baccalaureate.



NEW



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We are proud to offer our new Football Excellence Academy programme in partnership with Swindon Supermarine Football Club. The Football Excellence pathway provides an exciting opportunity for boys and girls to follow their dreams, combining the prospect of playing football with an opportunity to gain a first-class education.

Students will train three times a week and will be involved in a comprehensive match programme, alongside their education. Students do not need to be studying sport and can choose from our full range of academic and vocational courses.

Whilst studying with the Football Academy, students will have the opportunity to gain additional qualifications such as:

- FA Level 1 Coaching Certificate
- FA Level 2 Coaching Certificate (via selection)
- Pitch side first aid
- Minimum of one week work experience

Applications for the Football Excellence Academy are made via our main Sixth Form Application. For more information on the Academy programme please contact: sixthform@gwacademy.co.uk, or info@swindonsupermarinefootballacademy.co.uk.



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