



It's a privilege to introduce myself as Principal and welcome you to Great Western Academy. I've had the honour of being part of this school since it first opened in 2018, witnessing our remarkable journey from a single year group to a thriving community of over 1,000 students.

We're incredibly proud of our students' progress and the brilliant education we provide. This is reflected in five years of strong A-level results, fantastic GCSE progress, and a "Good" rating from Ofsted in 2023. Our pupils have gone on to a huge variety of destinations, including top universities and competitive apprenticeships, instilling in them a humble confidence that allows them to thrive beyond our school.

At GWA, we believe a great education is about far more than just exam results. Our vision is built on the core principles of **Achievement**, **Care**, and **Excellence** (ACE). We work daily to create a positive, supportive environment that empowers students to aim high and reach their goals. This is why we go beyond the standard curriculum with initiatives like our Enterprise Skills programme, Successful Lives curriculum, dedicated daily reading time, and a wide range of enrichment activities. We hope this prospectus gives you a glimpse into how we teach, nurture, and develop our students to become active, engaged citizens, ready to make a positive difference in the world.



David Clarke - Principal

VISION & ETHOS

Great Western Academy is an exceptional school that radically improves our learners' career chances. We want every learner to do well enough to go on to university or pursue a fruitful career via an apprenticeship or other training route, with most doing so by staying on into GWA's Sixth Form.

Students are at the heart of everything we do; they enjoy learning, and our fantastic staff enjoy helping them to realise their dreams, whatever their starting point and long term ambitions.



TUTOR GROUPS

Students are placed into mixed tutor groups of approximately 25-30 students. Their tutor is their key point of contact for them and their parents, and is responsible for monitoring their academic and pastoral welfare.

UNIFORM

Years 7-11 wear our smart uniform, which picks up the school colours. All students wear a grey blazer with the school logo and school tie (in their House colours). Students wear black trousers or a school skirt. School branded items are kept to a minimum to keep costs low for parents, and support is available if needed.



ACADEMY DAY

8.00-8.30am	Breakfast Club (Optional)
8.30-8.50am	Registration / Form Time / Assembly
8.50-9.40am	Lesson 1
9.40-10.30am	Lesson 2
10.30-10.50am	Break
10.50-11.40am	Lesson 3
11.40-12.30pm	Lesson 4
12.30-1.10pm	Lunch
1.10-1.30pm	Reading Time
1.30-2.20pm	Lesson 5
2.20-3.10pm	Lesson 6
3.10-4.15pm	Enrichment Time (Tue & Wed)



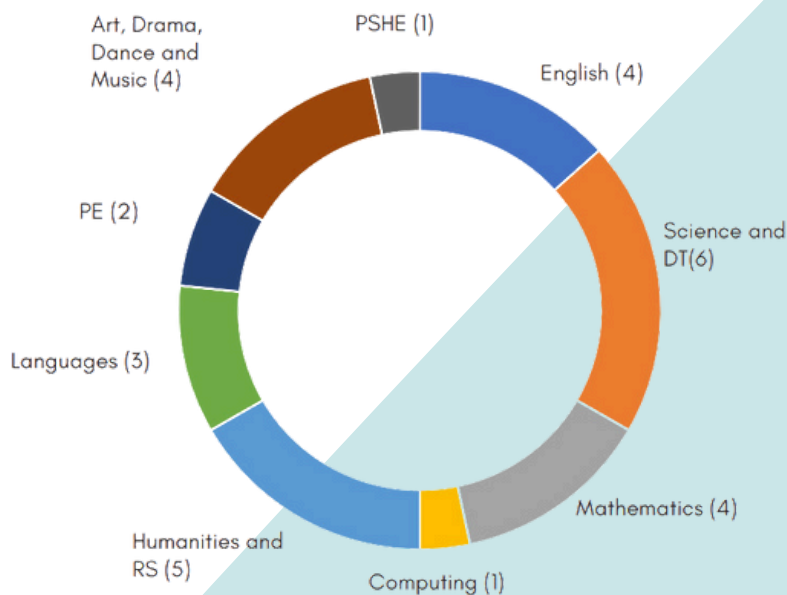
CATERING

Lunch time is an important opportunity to develop social skills and create a sense of community sharing together. All students up to Year 11 are required to stay on site throughout the school day, and provision is made for students to buy food during lunch and breaks. We offer a cashless system where parents can top up student accounts through ParentPay.





KEY STAGE 3



The number in brackets indicates how many lessons, per week, are on a pupil's timetable

ACADEMY FACILITIES

Our state-of-the-art facilities provide an incredible learning environment to inspire and support outstanding achievement in all areas of school life. The building won Educational Building of the Year in 2019.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

All students, whatever their needs, have access to a broad, balanced curriculum and are included in every aspect of school life. The abilities and personal strengths of all students are recognised.



TO VIEW OUR VIDEO PROSPECTUS



**SCAN
ME!**



KEY STAGE 4

All students will take GCSE courses in English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Science. They have the opportunity to take at least four further subjects, with options including:

Art
Business Studies
Computer Science
Creative iMedia
Dance
Drama
Design Technology
French
Geography
History
Hospitality & Catering
Music
PE
Philosophy & Ethics
Spanish



All students take three or four subjects in Year 12 and at least three subjects in Year 13. We offer a wide range of popular A-Level courses and the Extended Project Qualification. We have added vocational courses to our previous offer of A-Levels to help provide opportunities for all students to stay at GWA for Year 12 and 13.

Further information about our Post-16 offer is available on our website.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The academy uses extensive IT facilities and e-learning materials to support high quality learning. Students have access to their own laptop via a parental contribution to allow them to benefit from the most up-to-date learning resources, and to develop independent learning approaches. Every classroom has audio-visual facilities.

Students are able to access their work from home via a school portal - which also provides parents with key information.

