

Great Western Academy was built to serve the new community in Tadpole Garden Village and opened in 2018 in brand new, state-of-the-art facilities. The Sixth Form opened in 2019 and continues to welcome students from across North Swindon as well as those who have attended year 7 to 11 at GWA. It's been a privilege to lead the school from its beginning to the 1050 students now on roll.

We believe we provide an exceptional education, instilling in students a humble confidence that will see them thrive beyond the school. Four years of strong A-level results and destinations back this up, including four successful Oxbridge applicants and a huge variety of other university and apprenticeship success. Our first two years of GCSE results show fantastic progress for students, whatever their starting points. Ofsted judged the school as 'Good' in January 2023.

Education is about far more than exam results and Ofsted judgements. Our vision centres on three core principles: Achievement, Care and Excellence (ACE) and learners are at the heart of everything we do. We work daily to create a positive environment that allows students to aim high and to reach their goals. We go beyond the 'standard' curriculum to do this; our focus on Enterprise Skills, on our Successful Lives programme, our daily reading time, and enrichment activities for all are a few things which set us apart, along with students each having a laptop to support their learning.

We hope our prospectus gives you the chance to explore all of the above and more, and shows how we teach, nurture and develop our students to thrive as active citizens of the 21st century, full of initiative and ready to make a difference in the world.



Graham Davis - 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.

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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.





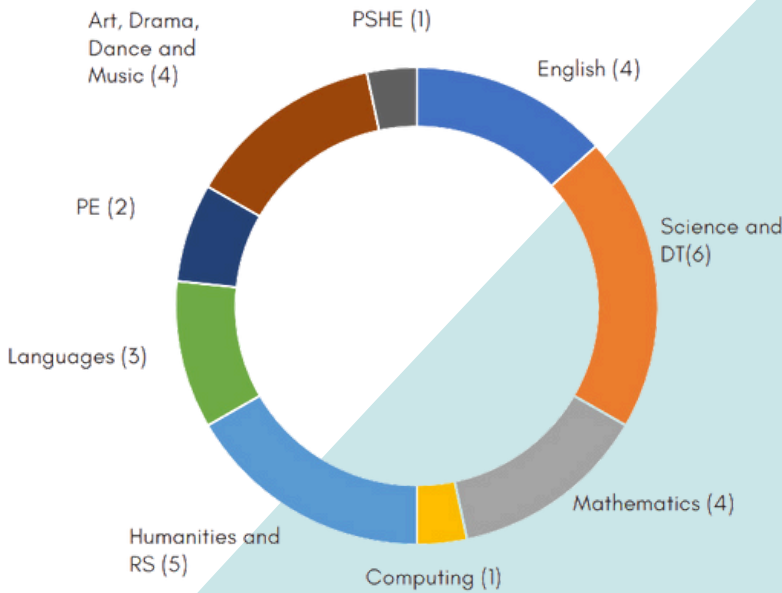
KEY STAGE 4

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**



KEY STAGE 3



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



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.

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.



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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.

