



Washwood Heath  
Academy



# Welcome

Washwood Heath Academy is built on an ethos of aspiration, quality, care and commitment, with a clear focus on mutual respect. We empower our young people and their families to take responsibility for their own learning and progress, whilst developing their self-awareness, confidence and respect for others.

We have a secure learning culture which provides a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum alongside a thriving extra-curricular programme. All of our students are enabled to grow in their spiritual, moral, social, physical, artistic and intellectual development, in a positive and safe environment.

Working in partnership with our parents, employers and the local community, we continually strive to develop the best outcomes for our young people.

I hope the prospectus gives you a flavour of our academy and I warmly encourage you to come and visit us to learn more about it. The future of Washwood Heath Academy looks very exciting and we very much hope your son or daughter will be a part of it.

**Bev Mabey, Executive Headteacher**



# Outstanding learners & leaders



One of the key aims of the Academy is to help students develop the important skills that make them “outstanding learners” – essential not only for their studies but in later life. From learning to care for and respect others, to thinking creatively, these essential qualities are built into every lesson and linked to the school rewards system to enrich the provision our students receive.



“The opportunity to be a student leader in Year 7 - I think that is fantastic” PARENT

Twice each week we run an “iRead” session, where students take turns to read sections of a book aloud within a small group of a similar reading ability. This has been hugely successful in improving literacy across the curriculum and helping students gain confidence and enjoyment in reading.

Students have many opportunities to take on leadership roles during their time at the Academy, helping them develop new skills to thrive in our community and in their future study and careers. There is a broad range of options on offer, ranging from Peer Mentors and iRead Leaders through to School Council members, Prefects and Library Assistants.

“I like reading with other students of different year groups” IFRA, YEAR 8



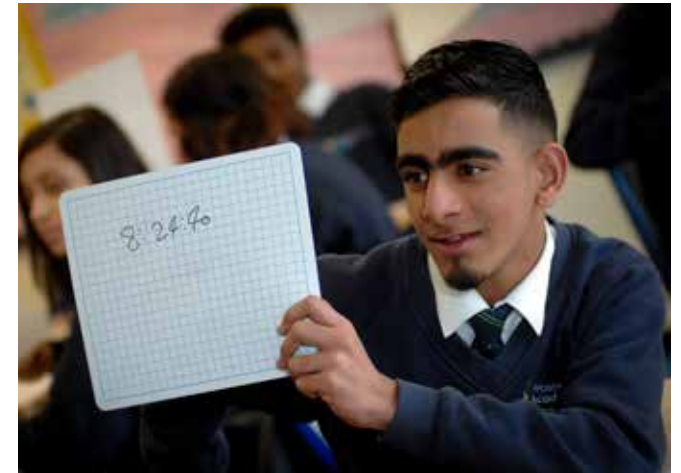
# Achievement & success

“Progress in English and mathematics is above average for all groups of students” OFSTED



At Washwood Heath Academy, we believe every student can achieve success. We are proud to have a strong team of passionate and enthusiastic teachers who seek innovative ways to inspire and share their subject knowledge with our students, helping them to achieve the very best results that they can.

Students have the opportunity to work with technology across the curriculum, from our large computer suites to individual iPads in lessons, aiding research, communication and evaluation. Our daily Skills School offers additional English language support to students who need it, giving them a strong foundation upon which to excel across all of their subjects.



“The teachers help us so much in planning for exams”

ZARA, YEAR 11

We continually reward students who demonstrate excellent attitudes to their learning and who strive to be excellent role models and good citizens for the future.

“Teachers have high expectations  
of behaviour and achievement”

OFSTED





“The curriculum is a strong feature  
of the school.” OFSTED



# Opportunity & choice



We offer a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum to cater for the diverse needs and ambitions of our students. From Year 9 onwards students follow a Personalised Learning Pathway, combining a range of core and optional courses. From the traditional subjects of the European Baccalaureate to vocational subjects such as technology, sport and construction, students work with their tutors and parents to design a pathway suited to their individual strengths, enabling them to be successful.





# Enrichment & enjoyment

“I love it here, it’s like my second home” RUKHSAR, YEAR 11



Alongside their academic achievements, our aim is for students to leave Washwood Heath Academy as well-rounded, confident individuals who are ready to take their next steps in life. To facilitate this we offer a broad range of enrichment activities to cater for all interests – from music and sport to gardening and charity work.

Cricket is one of our biggest successes and we have been very proud winners of multiple trophies across Birmingham and Warwickshire over recent years. Our wide variety of music groups frequently perform at venues and events across Birmingham, with our steel pan band “Just Steel” being a local favourite.





“The opportunities for clubs and after school activities is excellent”

PARENT

# Responsibility & support

“Students feel very safe”  
OFSTED

“He’s more than my mentor, he’s an inspiration”

ASAD, YEAR 8



We expect the highest standards of behaviour at the Academy, creating an environment where every one of our students can feel safe and happy.

We have a strong Peer Mentoring programme in place, partnering volunteers from the higher year groups with younger students who need extra support, which has proved very successful.

Each student belongs to a small tutor group within one of our five Houses, which has a friendly family ethos and a dedicated tutor to offer daily support. The Houses also have their own Guidance Manager, a specialist member of staff who is on hand every day to assist and guide pupils and provide a strong communication link between school and home.



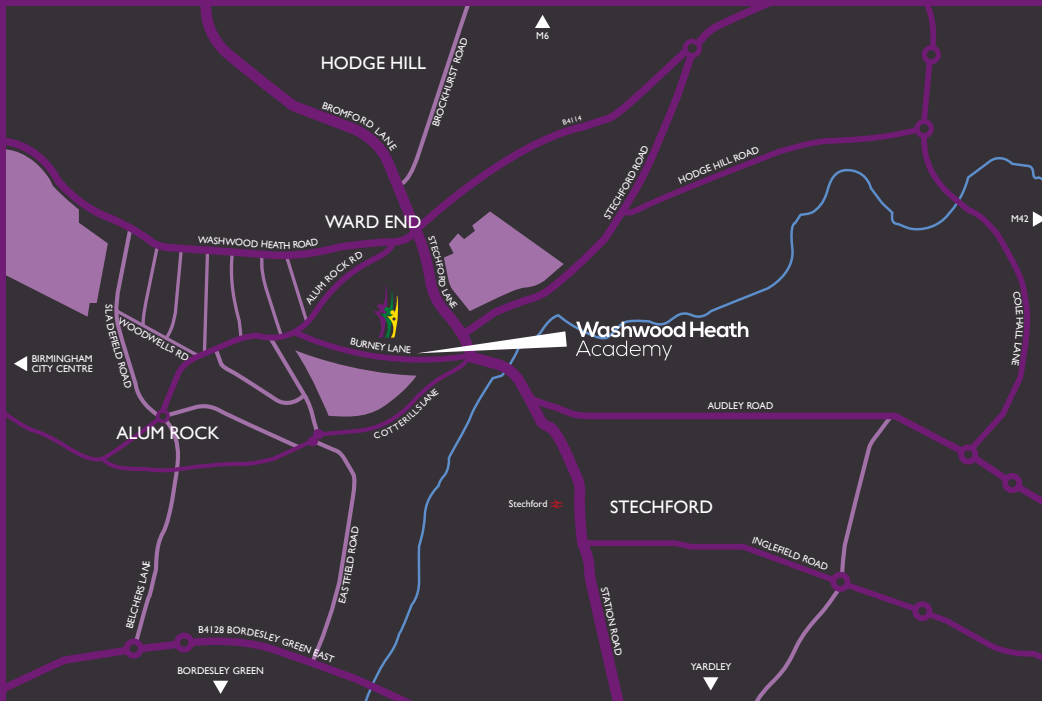


“There is always a teacher I can talk to  
when I need them” SANAH, YEAR 10



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