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Welcome



We are a successful school dedicated to ensuring every child can Be Extraordinary.

We take particular pride in being the heart of a wonderful community that supports students through this most critical time in their education.

Since its inception in 1936 Kingswinford Academy has been a centre of education excellence and, since joining the progressive and innovative Windsor Academy Trust in 2016, the school has moved from strength to strength. We have always been determined to offer an exceptional educational experience for young people and, with the Trust's deep support, we can take that commitment even further.

At Kingswinford we believe that, whilst academic achievement is critically important, education is about the whole child. Consequently, we consider the education of the character, happiness and safety of children to be at least as important as their academic progress.

We invite all of our students to ASPIRE to Be Extraordinary; we design experiences to build their character

virtues that ensure our students are respectful; responsible; resilient; creative; compassionate; and courageous. Our students are taught learner skills so that they are organised; can become unstuck; self-quiz; give and receive feedback; are collaborative; and can communicate clearly. By building these ASPIRE virtues and skills we know our students will Be Extraordinary both in school and throughout their lives.

On their journey through school I am certain that, at Kingswinford Academy, your child will form lifelong friendships, be happy and have fun. I see this in their faces every day.



Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

Why Kingswinford?



An exceptional place to learn

Our school is at the heart of the community and provides a safe and welcoming environment for all students that enables them to learn, grow and develop.



Strong and increasing achievement

Students make good progress and our school is ranked among the best schools in Dudley for achievement. Performance in GCSE and other measures has increased for the past three years.



A huge range of extracurricular activities

All students have the chance to take part in a huge range of extracurricular and enrichment activities that enable students to learn and develop a wide range of skills and their personal potential.



Rated Good by Ofsted

With inspectors noting our 'relentless drive to improve student outcomes' and how students are 'proud of their school and the opportunities they have'.

Recommended by Parents and Students



What do parents and students think of our school?
See for yourself below!

“I really enjoy being here. The teachers are great and I get a good education”

— Year 7 Student

“Being at Kingswinford has helped me to grow as a person and develop my confidence, and find out who I really am.”

— Year 10 Student

“If any parents are looking for what’s best for their child in terms of a quality education that will lead to a great future, Kingswinford Academy is the place to choose.”

— Joyce, Year 7 and 9 Parent

“Kingswinford is a brilliant school. The students are well mannered, the school is always there if you need help or support and all the staff are welcoming, polite and helpful”

— Wendy, Year 8 Parent

Helping Students Be Extraordinary

We help students be truly extraordinary. At our school, this means ensuring students become both extraordinary learners and extraordinary people.

We focus on much more than just academic success. Our goal is to unlock students' academic and personal potential, and we achieve this through brilliant teaching, outstanding extracurricular opportunities, and a challenging and supportive learning environment that raises aspirations.

We expect students to make exceptional progress and our unique ASPIRE framework drives our culture of high aspirations. This develops our students' character virtues and learner skills to become the best learners and best people they can be in every lesson, every day.



We are dedicated to supporting every individual and are renowned for our wonderful sense of community. This helps students settle quickly, provides outstanding support and enables students to thrive.

Our brilliant teaching and learning is powered up by digital technology to provide students with the essential skills they need in a rapidly changing and digital world. Our teachers create inspiring learning experiences through the use of technology and iPads for Learning - a partnership with parents which provides students with an iPad to use in school and at home as part of their learning.

Learning at our school goes way beyond the classroom. Students have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of extracurricular activities and incredible opportunities. This includes residential trips across the UK and Europe, competing in sport and performing in live shows, to name just a few.



Our Students ASPIRE

Our ASPIRE framework develops both the academic and personal potential of our students.



Learning Beyond the Classroom

Learning extends beyond the classroom with a wide range of extracurricular activities, trips, sports and performing arts.

A Caring Community

Students at Kingswinford feel safe, happy and valued. Our caring community ensures that children settle into life quickly at our school, make friends and enjoy themselves.

We understand that joining secondary school is a big step for children and parents. That's why we offer a comprehensive transition programme to help students get off to the best possible start. Our transition events allow parents and students to meet our senior leadership and pastoral teams, learn about life at our school and get essential information. In addition, at our transition day and summer school, students take part in taster lessons and make new friends.

At Kingswinford, everybody cares. Respect underpins all of our relationships. We strive for students to develop a culture of respect and responsibility for themselves, others, and the community. Through our house system, we create a sense of community within the school.

Our dedicated staff develop a deep understanding of each student's needs, desires and challenges to tailor the guidance and support we offer. A Head of House leads each house with the support of Form Tutors and a member of the Senior Team.



Our house system encourages friendly competition. Inter-house competitions take place throughout the year alongside charity work, talent contests and a range of other opportunities for students to take pride in themselves and their community.

Our special educational needs team offers more direct support where needed, ensuring that every child's needs are met. Their tremendous skill and expertise mean that our SEND students' progress and happiness in school is incredible.

Life at Kingswinford is more than just academic achievement; it is about developing self and character. Children develop during their time at our school and leave as young adults. This is achieved through a determination to support, safeguard and nurture the whole child.

In doing so, we believe we further enhance a student's ability to be successful in every way. Our programme of support and guidance is focused on developing respect, responsibility and character in everything that we do.



Helping Students Settle

Our transition programme helps students settle quickly into secondary school life and get off to the best possible start.



Extraordinary Student Support

Our large pastoral team support the needs of all students throughout their time at our school.

“Parents and carers are happy with the school and speak highly of the care it provides for young people.” - Ofsted, 2019

Inspiring Teaching and Learning

We aim to engage, enthuse and inspire in every lesson, every day. We are committed to providing the highest quality learning experience that enables students to thrive and make strong progress in every lesson.

Our brilliant, committed teachers inspire students and encourage creativity and curiosity. Smart Starts provide thought-provoking activities to start the day, and our Extra Mile Challenge stretches students and encourages them to aim high. Students are encouraged to review previous learning regularly, and our personalised feedback approach increases progression and develops independent learners.

Our Threshold curriculum is full of diversity and challenge that generates a love of learning. The curriculum builds on learning from primary school and focuses on mastering key skills in each subject, with emphasis placed on dedicated review and reflection time.

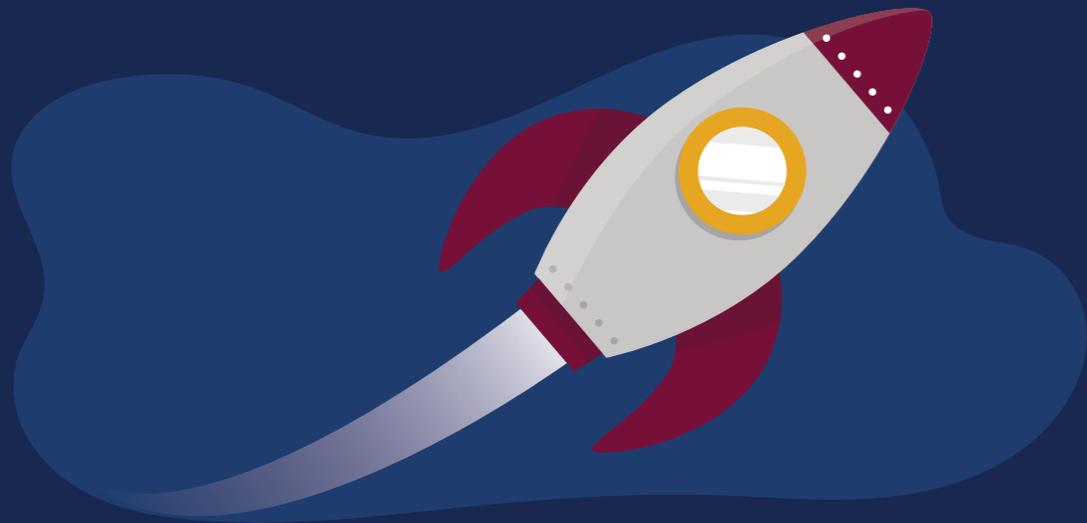


Our curriculum is powered up by digital technology to provide a 21st-century learning experience that maximises progress and provides students with the essential digital skills they need for their future. This includes:

- A digitally rich environment with computer suites, interactive whiteboards and digital tools
- iPads for Learning, a transformational initiative that provides students in years 7 to 9 with an iPad to use in school and at home
- G-Suite for Education and Apple Classroom

Alongside this, students develop their initiative, independence and resilience to become the best learners and best people they can be.

We don't just focus on academic development. Through our ASPIRE framework, students develop their academic and personal potential. Students develop their initiative, independence and resilience and learn the learner skills and character virtues to become the best learners and best people they can be.



Powered by Digital Technology

Our curriculum provides students with the essential digital skills they need for their future.



High Aspirations

We have a culture of high aspirations and stretch and challenge students to maximise their progress.

Extraordinary Opportunities

Our students have access to extraordinary opportunities that extend learning beyond the classroom and support their development.

The WAT Pledge is our promise to students of 12 experiences/ accomplishments that they will achieve before leaving school. This includes cultural, educational and personal development experiences that stretch and challenge students to unlock their potential.

Within our houses, students participate in inter-house competitions and participate in a wide range of activities such as charity work. In addition, our extensive extracurricular programme enables students to develop new skills and follow their passions, and there is the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports, including football, rugby, netball, hockey, trampolining, gymnastics and badminton (to name a few!).



For students interested in performing, our music shows, dance showcases and whole school productions provide the perfect stage to showcase their talents.

Students can all visit the theatre and take part in residential trips in the UK and across Europe. For those with a more adventurous style, we run a Duke of Edinburgh programme and have a regular school ski trip - students have even been to Borneo with the school!

Even more extraordinary opportunities are provided as part of the Windsor Academy Trust family, where we work closely with other schools to offer a range of activities, leadership opportunities and trips that students can participate in.



Our Promise to Students

The WAT Pledge guarantees students will achieve 12 experiences/accomplishments before they leave school.



Residential Trips

Students have the opportunity to travel and take part in residential trips in the UK and across Europe.

Preparing Students for their Next Step

In addition to helping students succeed, we ensure they are prepared for their next step, whether progressing to sixth form or college, doing an apprenticeship, or starting their career.



Our careers curriculum raises aspirations and provides students with the tools to explore their options and gain information about careers. Students hear from a range of speakers throughout the year and participate in various activities such as careers and enterprise challenges and work experience.

How to Apply to Join our School

Admissions to our school are handled by Dudley Council.

You will be contacted directly by the council to apply for a place in Year 7 and can apply online or by completing a paper application form. The council will then contact you in March to inform you which school your child has been allocated to.

The timeline on the right shows the key stages of the application process.



Apply Online



Admissions Timeline

1 September 2021



Applications Open

Apply online or by completing a paper application form.

20 to 22 September 2021, 9am to 11am



Visit Our Open Mornings

Visit us during the school day to see what life at our school is like.

23 September 2021, 5pm to 8pm



Visit Our Open Evening

Gain a real experience of our school and find out if Kingswinford Academy is right for your child.

31 October 2021



Applications Close

Make sure you get your application in before this date!

1 March 2022



Offers Sent to Parents

The Council will contact you to let you know which school your child has been allocated to.

Visit Our School

There's no better way to experience Kingswinford Academy and to find out if it is the right school for your child than by visiting us.

Visit Our Open Evening and Open Mornings

Our open evening and open mornings provide the ideal opportunity to visit our school. This year, they take place at the following times:

- **Open Mornings - 20 to 22 September, 9am to 11am**
- **Open Evening - 23 September, 5pm to 8pm**

Find out more at kingswinfordacademy.org.uk/open-events

Arrange a Visit

If you can't make one of our open events you can arrange a school visit. To arrange your visit, simply scan the QR code below.



Part of the Windsor Academy Trust Family



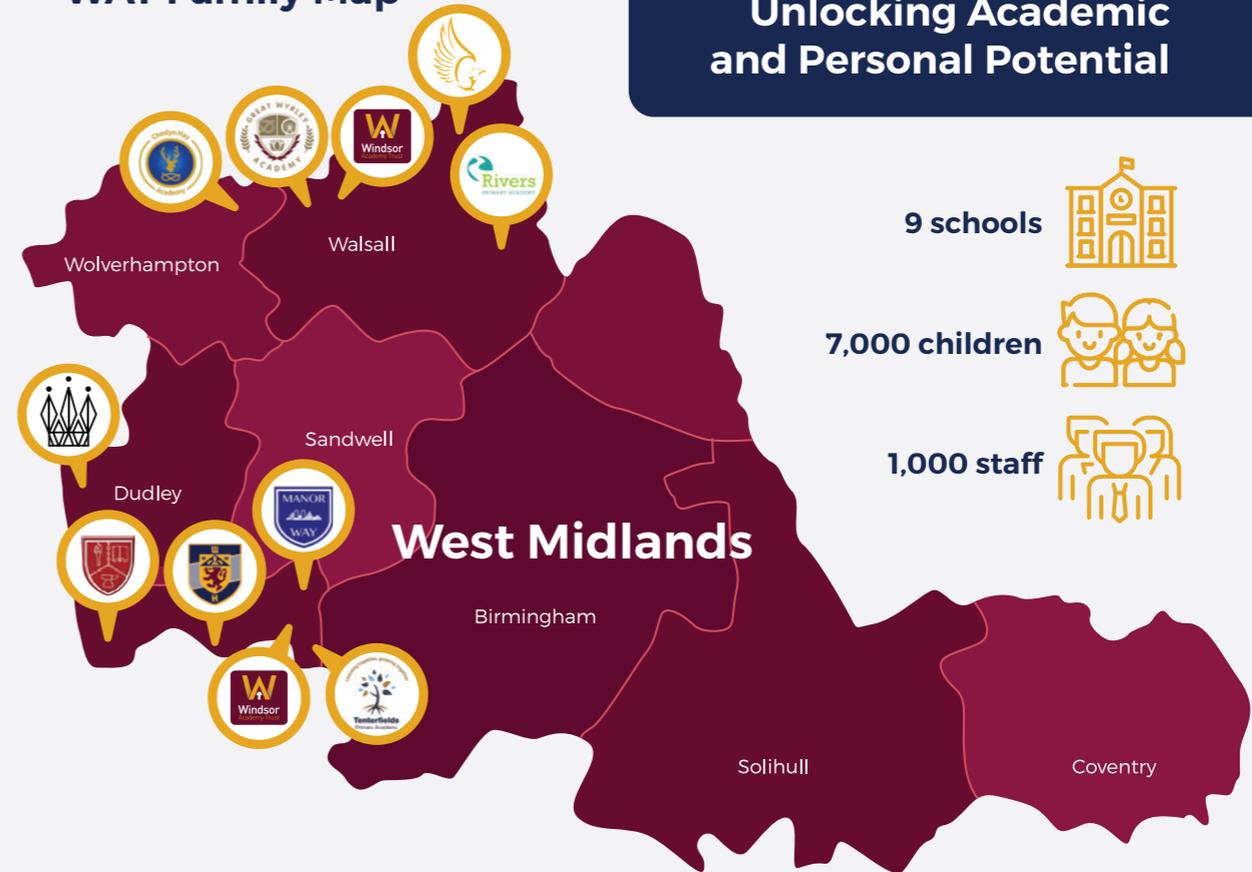
We are incredibly proud to be part of the Windsor Academy Trust family.



Our family comprises a collection of nine like-minded schools that work together to share best practice and improve the quality of education across its family of schools. We have a shared moral purpose of unlocking academic and personal potential and are committed to achieving the highest quality learning experience and the best possible outcomes for all students.

We joined the WAT family in 2016, and our school has continuously improved during this time with significant increases in exam results and student attainment, and investment in facilities.

WAT Family Map



Unlocking Academic and Personal Potential

9 schools



7,000 children



1,000 staff



-  Goldsmith Primary Academy
-  Rivers Primary Academy
-  Windsor High School and Sixth Form
-  Colley Lane Primary Academy
-  Tenterfields Primary Academy
-  Manor Way Primary Academy
-  Kingswinford Academy
-  Great Wyrley Academy
-  Cheslyn Hay Academy
-  Windsor Academy Trust





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