

What is the London Academy of Excellence Tottenham?

The place for Academic rigour, LAE Tottenham is a 16-19 free school which opened in September 2017 in state of the art premises next to White Hart Lane stadium, offering 15 of the most academically rigorous A Level subjects.

The principal education sponsor Highgate School, provides significant educational support, including seconded teaching staff. The business sponsor, Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, provides funding and employment links. LAE Tottenham also benefits from eight other independent school partners – Alleyn's, Chigwell, Haberdashers' Aske's Boys', Harrow, John Lyon, Mill Hill, North London Collegiate and St Dunstan's - all of whom provide expertise in supporting academically motivated students in 6th form.

London Academy of Excellence Tottenham is based on the phenomenally successful model of LAE Stratford, opened in September 2012.

What is the social and educational need?

The Northumberland Park ward of Tottenham, where the school is situated is amongst the 2% most deprived wards in the country. Local authority data shows that only 1% of students from the east of Haringey achieve a place at a Russell Group university, compared with 18% in the more affluent west of the borough. Over 70% of students from the east of Haringey currently leave the borough for their 6th form education.

What is on offer?

LAE Tottenham offers an academic curriculum focusing on facilitating and other 'hard' A Level courses as defined by leading universities. Our A Level curriculum includes Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, English Literature, French, Further Maths, Geography, History, Maths, Physics, Politics, Psychology and Spanish. Students also take part in weekly clubs and societies, sport and community projects as part of their co-curricular programme.

Who are our students?

60% of our students come from the lowest two social groups, being described as living in "struggling estates" or "difficult circumstances" using the ACORN tool for socio-economic analysis. 51% have been eligible for free school meals during secondary school, compared with the national average of 28% for all schools and just 4.5% for selective schools.

The admissions criteria for the school prioritise students from our five Tottenham feeder schools – Duke's Academy, Gladesmore, Heartlands, Park View, Woodside High. Students at these schools are guaranteed an offer of a place at LAE Tottenham, subject to meeting our entry criteria.

What are the outcomes?

The first cohort of 97 students achieved outstanding academic outcomes, their attainment placing the school in the top 4% of state 6th forms nationally. 70% of grades were A*-B and 31% A*-A. 55% of students went on to a Russell Group university, compared with just 1% in Tottenham in 2016-17. Destinations included Oxford, Imperial, Warwick, Bristol, UCL, KCL, Nottingham and Manchester.

There are now nearly 400 students on roll across Year 12 and Year 13.

