

Prospectus



A highly successful school delivering secondary education for all in the heart of Knutsford.



“Leaders and staff encourage the pursuit of excellence for all students.”

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Strong Community | Academic Excellence | World Class Opportunities

Welcome to Knutsford Academy

Our main priority is for every child to achieve their full potential regardless of their background or ability.

We offer secondary education to 1400 students in the heart of the historic town of Knutsford. I am immensely proud of our school. We have extraordinary students here and a dedicated and talented group of specialist staff, who work hard to deliver our vision of **academic excellence**, a **strong community**, and **world-class opportunities**.

Our expectations are high. We insist on exemplary conduct and encourage all students to do their very best in all they do, including being involved in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. The Academy has experienced significant growth in student numbers in recent years which sees it continually oversubscribed, this has been supported by ongoing success in its exam results. The Sixth Form has achieved a 100% pass rate at A Level, with 40% of grades at A or A*, and at GCSE our results are well above the national averages, making us one of the top performing state secondary schools in the local area.

I want all our students to leave us confident, kind, respectful and successful young people ready to take their place in society. I plan to build on the firm foundation we have, deliver an even more outstanding education, even stronger pastoral care and even more opportunities for our students.

Please contact us if you would like more information or to arrange a tour. We would be delighted to show you around.



Mrs Karen Key
Knutsford Academy
Headteacher



“Pupils have high aspirations for what they can achieve academically, personally and socially.”

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Strong Community

Knutsford Academy is a caring and respectful community where, in partnership with parents, individuals are supported in their learning and personal growth.

Supporting transition into Year 7

Our experienced team works closely with our primary schools, visiting Year 6 students and talking with their teachers, to ensure a smooth and welcoming transition into Year 7. Our transition events develop students' confidence and excitement about starting with us in September. This includes a visit in July to experience a typical day of lessons, understand daily routines and meet their form tutor.

Year 7 students also have exclusive use of our Westfield Drive Campus which is an ideal environment for helping students build respectful friendships, find their way around and easily adjust to our high expectations of learning and behaviour.

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

Everyone at Knutsford Academy wants each student to feel happy and safe at school and know who can help them if it is needed. We are proud of the extensive care and support which we offer. Each student will be in a form group of about 30 students with a dedicated form tutor who will create a supportive relationship with them and their family. They are also the first point of contact for parents over any concerns.

The tutor team is led by a skilled Head of Year with an Assistant Head of Year and Pastoral Support Officer. Additional specialist support is available from our trained Safeguarding and Mental Health & Wellbeing Team.

Personal Development

At Knutsford Academy, the development of each individual student's character and values is as important as the qualifications which they gain.

Our Personal Development curriculum is carefully sequenced and includes:



PSHCE

(Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship, Economic Education)
sessions are delivered weekly by form tutors including discussion, activities and the Votes for Schools programme.

SMSC

(Social, Moral, Social and Cultural Education)
is enhanced through subject curricula and pastoral assemblies as we prepare our students to be responsible, respectful and active citizens who make a positive contribution to our school community and society as a whole.

LORIC

(Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication).
These personal qualities are taught and embedded through high quality teaching and learning, effective pastoral work and enrichment opportunities.

Careers and the World of Work

is reflected in students' understanding of how their learning prepares them for further education or employment. Careers guidance and work experience are also available.



Academic Excellence

A broad and balanced curriculum allows individuals to thrive

We are confident in the academic excellence which our curriculum and teaching delivers. Our GCSE results are significantly higher than the national average and our curriculum is designed around three core principles. It is:

Ambitious

setting high expectations for all students

Broad

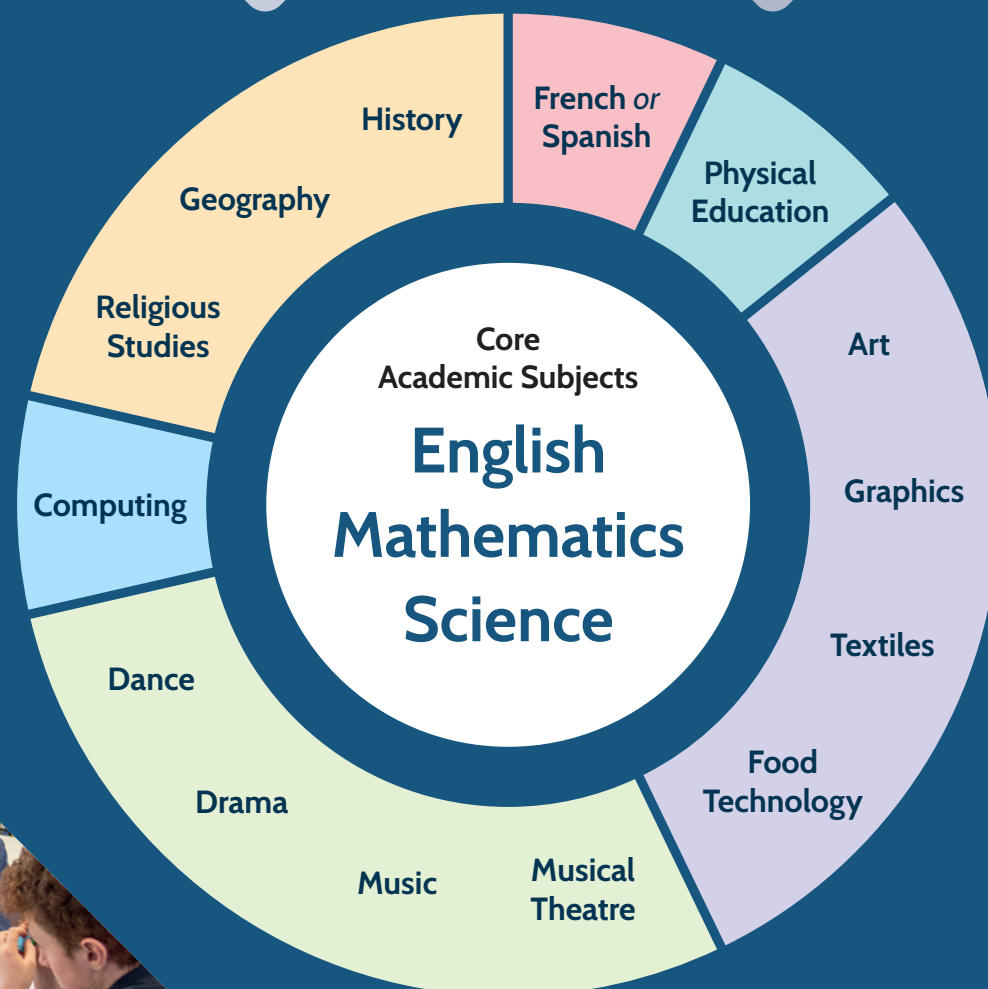
covering a wide range of subject knowledge to suitable depth

Connected

linking knowledge and skills in different tasks and situations

The Key Stage 3 curriculum combines a strong academic core of English, Mathematics and Science together with a wide range of subjects including humanities, languages and creative arts.

This extensive curriculum allows students to discover their interests and talents very quickly. Our curriculum is also designed so that they can pursue any of these subjects as they select options for GCSE study from Year 10 or as they join our highly successful Sixth Form in Year 12.



Specialist teaching leads to strong results

Our team of specialist teachers structure their lessons to engage and challenge all students. Teachers at the Academy ensure that students are able to remember what they learn, apply it in different tasks or situations and make connections between their subjects. They provide tailored feedback to secure their understanding, support their progress and develop their independence.

Student Support

The Academy's SENCO and team of Learning Support Assistants are committed to ensuring that students with particular learning needs are supported on a daily basis. The team works from The Hub and The Learning Support Centre, which are dedicated spaces where students can access a calm working area and bespoke intervention programmes.

Rewarding Students

Praise Points are awarded to students for their achievements, conduct inside and outside of the classroom and attendance. We are proud of this positive ethos at our school and highlight student achievements with *Stars of the Week* presentations. Our local business partners sponsor end of term prizes for each year group.



World Class Opportunities

There is a fantastic range of world class opportunities available to students at Knutsford Academy which complement the academic excellence of our curriculum. We encourage all students to embrace these new experiences if they can as they are a great way to develop new talents or relationships, represent the school and really feel part of the school community.

Year 7 Enrichment Opportunities



Sport

There are Year 7 netball, football, rounders, rugby and athletics teams which compete regularly in local fixtures and these teams continue through the school.

Clubs

Lunchtime and after-school clubs cater for a huge range of interests within an exciting and caring environment. Examples of Year 7 clubs include Art and Drama Clubs, Masterchef and STEM activities.



Leadership

During Year 7, there are many opportunities for students to volunteer at school events, join the school council or organise events like fundraising for charity.

Music for Life

Individual musical instrument lessons are available on request.



Performing Arts

We have a proud history of excellence in the Performing Arts and several students have performed in West End productions after leaving the school. Year 7 students are welcome to be involved in annual performances of superb shows, concerts and festivals which showcase the incredible range of drama, dance and musical talent from all year groups.



A World of Opportunity Awaits beyond Year 7!



Duke of Edinburgh

Knutsford Academy is one of the largest providers of the Duke of Edinburgh award in the North West, offering expeditions to students in Years 9-13. Participating students also volunteer many hours of their time to charities and our local community.

International Trips

We offer a range of academic trips overseas each year which offer students the chance to extend their learning within different cultures and contexts.

These include language exchange trips, ski trips, overseas sports tours and older students can take part in Camps International Expeditions.



Football Academy

We offer a unique football programme for 16-18 year olds, combining advanced football coaching, international scholarship opportunities and excellent sixth form study options.

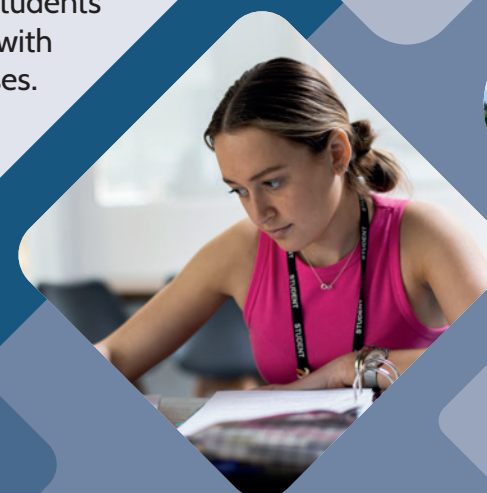


University and Business Partnerships

We are a Target One Sixth Form for Oxford University, and have close ties with Cambridge and Manchester universities.

Work Experience

There are a range of work experience and apprenticeship opportunities for students in partnership with local businesses.



A School for Now and for the Future

Sixth Form

Our successful Sixth Form has a proud legacy of academic excellence and progression to either University or Degree Apprenticeships. We offer an extensive range of subjects taught by a team of experienced and specialist teachers in classes which average 12 students. A fantastic refurbishment of the student common room and study facilities has also been completed.

Cheshire Studio School

Our Cheshire Studio School combines the study of core subjects like Mathematics and English with a greater focus on vocational courses and preparing students for work. It is also the home of our unique Football Academy. Students can join Cheshire Studio School in Year 10 or Year 12.

Admissions

If you wish to apply for a place in Year 7 at Knutsford Academy, please do so through your own local authority. For more information visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions.

Our Admissions Policy can be found on our website.

Our reputation for excellence means that Knutsford Academy is a popular school and we welcome applications for students who live out of the catchment area, including Northwich and South Manchester.



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Knutsford Academy is part of The Learning Partnership; a multi-academy trust with schools across east Cheshire and north Staffordshire