



Ark Walworth Academy



*"I feel this school
gives you everything"*

**Walworth student to
an Ofsted Inspector**



Welcome from the Principal

I'm proud to welcome you to Walworth Academy, where we seek to provide academic excellence and superb pastoral care for all in our school community. To that end, you'll find the team here at Walworth are dedicated to securing the best possible progress for students, while placing our children at the heart of all decisions, and recognising their success.

The Walworth community is a thriving and exciting one in the heart of London, providing unique opportunities for our students which we aim to explore inside and outside the classroom. We are proud of the diversity of opportunity such a rich community provides us with, both in terms of academic pathways and enrichment opportunities, and we seek to maximise this for all within the Walworth Academy family of learners.

In taking up a place here at Walworth Academy, our school offers you:

- A school community who know and care for your child as an individual
- A high-quality learning experience, securing strong progress across the key stages
- A curriculum tailored to ensuring the best outcomes for your child
- Excellent home-school communication, enabling you to support your child's education
- A daily experience based on the highest expectations of attendance, punctuality, behaviour and effort



Jessica West

*Principal
Walworth Academy*

At Walworth, our goal is to ensure our students go on to be successful adults, enabled to take up their place in the world, and confident in facing the challenges and opportunities that may bring. We look forward to welcoming the next generation of children who are excited and motivated by that prospect.

Commitment Family ethos and core values:

Our family ethos and core values are central to our students' and Ark Walworth Academy's success.

The best families care for their members and in return expect whole-hearted contributions and participation from each member. This is what family means to us.

COMMITMENT

ASPIRATION

RESILIENCE

EXCELLENCE

SELF-MANAGEMENT

The pastoral and academic life of the academy ensures that every student's academic and emotional needs are met quickly and effectively. Our structure facilitates strong working relationships with parents from Year 7 to 13.

Aspiration Our aims:

Our Goal is to provide an outstanding education for your child, so that every child can choose to go to university.

We recognise the potential in our students and our expectations are exceedingly high – **no excuses**.

This means:

- That every child achieves the highest grades and rates of progress
- Students' learning and experience provide depth before breadth
- Strong achievement in English and maths provide the platform for every student's lifelong learning
- Students develop into confident, articulate and well-rounded citizens
- Our academy is a safe and harmonious environment with excellent behaviour and offering a stimulating and exciting learning experience.

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Resilience

Achievement and curriculum

The academy approach is “depth before breadth”: top grades require a deep and secure knowledge.

Our students are expected to exceed national expectations; our curriculum secures high rates of progress and strong outcomes.

Our students have exceptional opportunities and participate in numerous university workshops, visits, particularly with King’s College London, Oxford and Cambridge Universities. They are well prepared for university and the world of work-related experiences throughout their time with us, working with JP Morgan, PWC and many other international corporations.

Our High Achievers are tutored by PhD graduates. Similarly, students who need extra support to develop basic literacy and numeracy skills are well supported through small group teaching and personalised curriculum.



“Pupils thrive in this aspirational, challenging and caring ethos”

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Excellence

Pastoral care

Ark Walworth Academy is a unique learning community; strong relationships and excellent teaching are at the core of what we do.

Within our disciplined community, we:

- Expect all students and staff to aim for excellence
- Celebrate and reward effort and achievement

Praise is a crucial element of our ethos. In addition to rewarding students for 100% attendance and punctuality, we give praise for work of high quality, for improving on past achievements, for consistent hard work, and for service to the community.

Our ‘no excuses’ attitude insists on excellent behaviour and attitude to learning.



“The quality of the school’s pastoral care of pupils is exceptional”

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Self-Management Partnership with families

The partnership between home and school is critical to our students' success. We seek a strong and aligned partnership with our families because we recognise the value of collaboration in realising our shared aspirations for your child.

We will:

- Work tirelessly for your child
- Keep you regularly informed about your child's progress and welfare
- Tell you what your child will learn and how
- Listen, and use your feedback to further improve our practice

We need our families to ensure their child will meet all our expectations, to:

- Achieve 100% attendance and punctuality
- Be fully equipped every day and arrive ready to learn
- Display excellent behaviour and determination to achieve their best
- Respect and value other people, irrespective of difference
- Show respect for the learning of others
- Work collaboratively with other students
- Listen and talk to resolve conflict



Enrichment

We believe that great learning goes far beyond the classroom. Our extended school programme offers a wide range of activities; our students visit top universities, take part in residential and work with business and enterprise to build well-rounded character.

We provide a wide range of activities. These include football, basketball, indoor rowing, cricket, debating, drama, music and many more.

Being part of the Ark Network of schools brings fantastic opportunities. Each year our students take to the state in front of 2,000 people at the Ark Music Gala at the Barbican, compete in the Ark schools debating and demonstrate their sporting talents against students from across the UK.

"The most able pupils are aspirational and ambitious for their future"

Ofsted



Sixth Form

“Students’ progress was consistently above average across the range of academic and vocational qualifications”

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Our aim is to enable our students to make active decisions about how to take up their place in the world. This means they must be equipped with confidence, independence, and a thirst for learning in addition to an excellent academic portfolio. Whether they head into the world of work, or to top flight academic institutions, we seek to provide opportunities for students to develop skills, enabling them to become well-rounded, open minded, articulate and highly employable.

We are extremely aspirational for all our students and have been delighted to see them achieve results recently that put them in the top 25% of schools and colleges nationally for the progress they have made during sixth form. We provide our students with a high-quality learning experience in a formal and academic environment.

We are proud to have seen many of our leavers’ progress to degree courses at excellent universities such as Oxford, King’s College London and similar top tier institutions, as well as onto higher apprenticeships with prestigious employers such as Balfour Beatty. 100% of our students who wanted to attend university secured places and the proportion of our students progressing to Russell Group universities consistently exceeds national figures.

Our core expectation of students is that they are willing to embrace the hard work required to reach excellence in both their studies and extra-curricular activities. High levels of attendance, impeccable punctuality and a professional dress code are at the core of our successful sixth form. We know that the excellent habits developed in our formal academic setting support strong examination performance and build the right habits to be successful in the world of work.



How to apply:

Application to Ark Walworth Academy Sixth Form is by an online application form. For full details on how to apply and to register your interest in attending our open evening please visit the Sixth Form section of our website at www.walworthacademy.org/sixth-form

Chair of Governors

Dear Families,

Walworth Academy is a good school. As Ofsted recently reported “You put the well-being, learning and progress of pupils at the heart of everything you do. You have developed the school as a family, confident of its place in the local community but never complacent and always striving to do better. These school values are clearly communicated to pupils.” The school has a respected place in our community. We have splendid new buildings with first class facilities. Most importantly, Walworth Academy is a place where young people can forge new ambitions and fulfil their potential. Our high expectations for every student are matched by the support we provide to help them achieve their goals.

I’m delighted to join Ms West in welcoming you to Walworth Academy.

Anthony Williams

Chair of Governors



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Walworth Academy is proud to be part of the Ark family – a network of over 30 high-achieving schools across Birmingham, Hastings, London and Portsmouth. Each of us has our own unique character and ethos but we all share the same mission – to ensure that every child, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to go to a good university or into career of their choice.

A strong focus on teaching and learning has seen Ark get some of the best results in the country – at primary, GCSE and A level – but we are about more than just exam results. We want our people to develop far beyond the classroom which is why we offer a whole host of exciting extra-curricular activities. Highlights include network-wide sports events, performing for packed crowds at our annual Music Gala and

Shakespeare Schools Festival, taking part in work experience with some of the UK’s biggest companies and summer school at top universities.

We are also extremely proud to be working across the globe – including partnering with a not-for-profit school network in Uganda and opening our very first Ark school in India. We take what works well in our UK schools and adapt it to the local context.



Admissions

Walworth Academy is a non-selective school with no religious affiliations and serves children of all abilities. Applications for admission should be made online on Southwark Council's Common Application form (CAF).

Where there are more applications than places available our current admissions policy is as follows. Priority is given to students with statements of special educational needs. The remaining places are then offered in the following order of priority:

- Children who are in public care.
- Children of a staff member who fills a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage as approved by Ark School. (This priority is limited to no more than one place in each form of entry in any year).
- Children who have a sibling who already attends the school and who will be continue to do so the date of admission (for this purpose "sibling" means is a whole, half or step-brother or step-sister or an adopted child resident at the same address).
- Children of staff in the school may also receive priority where the parents has been employed in the academy for two or more years at the time of the application for admission is made (that is the year before admission). Priority is limited to no more than one place for each form of entry in any year.
- Children who live closest to the school using a straight line distance from main entrance of the academy to the main entrance to the child's home.

The school keeps a waiting list to fill any casual vacancies occurring if students leave during the academic year or withdraw from a place that has been offered.

Appeals

Parents/Carers/Legal Guardians who are not offered a place for their child are entitled to appeal to an independent committee under the provisions of the School Standards and Framework Act. Parents/Carers/Legal Guardians wishing to appeal should complete an appeals form, available from the school office or from the Ark Admissions Team, Ark Schools, 65 Kingsway, London WC2B 6TD.

For further information on this, please see our website www.walworthacademy.org or contact the Admissions Co-ordinator at the academy.

In-Year Admissions

For admissions outside the normal round for Year 7 and 12, please contact the admissions Co-ordinator at the Academy, or go to www.walworthacademy.org/admissions-policy



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