



LONDON ACADEMY
OF EXCELLENCE

STRATFORD



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Welcome

On behalf of the students, staff and Governing Body, it gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the Head Master of the London Academy of Excellence.

The Academy was established in 2012 to provide opportunities for students seeking a high quality academic education and access to places at top universities. LAE has quickly established itself as the place to do just this. In just five short years, the Academy has rapidly gained a well-deserved local and national reputation as one of the UK's leading state sixth providers, consistently securing some of the best A-Level results in the country and sending more than 450 of our sixth formers to Russell Group universities.

At LAE we are firmly committed to developing the whole student. Beyond the confines of the classroom, sixth formers participate in a rich and varied co-curricular programme, including sport, music and the performing arts, which further enables each to explore their own interests, develop their character and maximise their own unique talents. Students have a strong sense of pride in belonging in the diverse, inclusive, highperforming and friendly LAE community and leave us after two years of study ready to make a positive contribution to the wider world as future leaders in their own fields.

The academy has strong links with a number of independent schools. Traditionally, these schools have been the most successful at securing places for their students at Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities. You won't find these invaluable links at any other school. Coupled with our strong links with the universities themselves and outstanding advice and guidance, our provision is truly unique and second to none. I would urge you to read on to find out more about this ground breaking school.

Scott Baker
Head Master



About LAE

London Academy of Excellence (LAE) is the academic sixth form for independent thinkers. We are committed to our sixth formers developing the knowledge, skills and interests that will give them broad and rich life choices in a complex and changing future.

School ethos

Students and staff alike come in each day with a desire and intent to stretch themselves and share their fascination for their subjects. This ethos is key to preparing our sixth formers for life at university, where they will follow their academic passions to an even higher level.

LAE seeks to impart or provide:

- ✓ a love of learning for its own sake
- ✓ an excellent A level education which gives each and every sixth former the very best chance of securing a place at a leading university
- ✓ the most up-to-date and well-researched guidance on university applications and careers
- ✓ an enthusiasm for the world beyond the classroom – in particular sport, music and the performing arts
- ✓ respect for difference in others and a recognition that the efforts and achievement of every individual in our community are valued equally.



The LAE experience

Our core values of Excellence, Kindness, Respect, Humility, Independence and Resilience underpin all that we do. We are proud to be an inclusive community that promotes **academic achievement, aspirational opportunities, enriching experiences** and **personal development**: this is 'the LAE experience.'

Academic achievement

Our students truly value working alongside likeminded peers who want to achieve and appreciate the productive and purposeful nature of life at LAE.

Aspirational opportunities

Our academic focus is driven by our students' aspirations to study at the country's top universities and fulfil their career ambitions.

Enriching experiences

We offer our students as many different life experiences as possible to help find out what is right for them.

Personal development

Our close relationship with our partner independent schools enables LAE students to benefit from experiences they would never have expected.

By providing the right support and guidance, coupled with the aspiration and determination to succeed, there really are no limits on what LAE pupils can achieve. The astonishing success of LAE demonstrates that with excellent teaching and expert advice on the university application process, complemented by a rich programme of work experience, outreach and extra-curricular activities, anything really is possible. The generous support of HSBC and LAE's partner schools enables LAE to provide a world class educational experience.



Academic achievement

Our students truly value working alongside like-minded peers who also want to achieve and appreciate the productive and purposeful nature of every minute of every day at LAE; you know that you get out of a school what you put in.

Our focus is your focus - to secure the exam results you need to move on to a top university or entry to the profession of your choice. To do that, both our students and teachers make full use of every working day.

Every week you will have 20 hours of academic learning time; five hours per subject per week, plus independent study time to work by yourself and with your peers, and to help you to manage your own time, in preparation for later life.

Results

Our most recent, record-breaking results saw even more students achieving the very best grades needed to gain places at the country's top universities. 99% of all grades were A*- C, a true reflection of the inclusive levels of attainment at LAE.

- ✓ **99% of all grades were A*- C**
- ✓ **88% of all grades were A*- B**
- ✓ **59% of all grades were A*/A**



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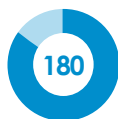
University progression

More than 450 LAE alumni are now studying at Russell Group universities. This year alone, 155 students, who accepted places at university, are going to study at a Russell Group university, including 15 at Oxford and Cambridge colleges.

Our Oxbridge-style tutorial system coupled with the very best university guidance means that our students can reach their potential and go on to study at the top universities in the UK. We have close links with top universities including KCL, Oxford and Cambridge, and we are the only sixth form in the UK that can draw on the expertise of six top independent partner schools. This is why we have such a strong track record for university progression.

Work Discovery and 'Pathways to...'

Our unique work discovery 'Pathways' are designed to provide LAE students with the extra skills and experience that will benefit their university applications. Every Friday, these tailored programmes offer the support our students need should they be considering careers in fields such as law, medicine, business and teaching.



students are taking up places at a Russell Group university this year.



30 alumni at Oxford and Cambridge

Harrison, who joined LAE from Cumberland Community School, achieved **A*AA** and is now studying **Economics** at **Warwick University**.



Enriching experiences

We offer our students as many different life experiences as possible to help find out what is right for them. We believe this is so important that it is built into our weekly timetable.

Sports for all

Every Tuesday afternoon every student and every member of staff participates in our wide-ranging games programme with more than 20 different sports to choose from every term including: **climbing, basketball, cricket, cycling, football, hockey, martial arts, table tennis, watersports and yoga.**

Clubs and Societies

Every Wednesday our students further explore their passions and broaden their subject knowledge by joining and leading various clubs and societies including: **debating, chess, drama, linguistics, music, political discussion**, and our annual **University Challenge** competition.

Our enrichment offer extends far beyond the classroom and in the past year has included: drama workshops at the Donmar Warehouse and National Theatre; exhibitions at the Wellcome Collection and Science Museum; debating at the Houses of Parliament.

In addition, many students complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award with us. The Awards provide a valuable framework for accrediting extra-curricular activities and skills.



100%
of students
and staff take
part in sports.



20 different
sports offered
every term.



5 olympic
venues incl.
tennis/hockey

A man with glasses and a woman with braids are sitting on a yellow chair in a library. They are both looking at a book held by the man. The woman is pointing at a page in the book. The background shows bookshelves filled with books.

Theodora, who joined LAE from Kingsford Community School, achieved **A*AB** and is now studying **Psychology** at the **University of Birmingham**.

Personal development

Our close relationship with our partner independent schools enables LAE students to benefit from experiences they would never have expected. In addition, our House system, tutoring, outreach and volunteering opportunities are character-building and will help you build a rich and varied CV too.

House system

Each House at LAE is linked to one of, and named after, our partner schools. These houses visit their associated schools to get to know their sixth form 'buddies'. This has proved to be a great learning experience with pupils at both establishments discovering what they have in common and how they can learn from each other. Our partner schools: **Brighton College, Caterham School, Eton College, Forest School, Highgate School** and **University College School**.

Enrichment through outreach

By building positive relationships with the local community, our students will be well prepared to become confident, dynamic and responsible adults.

On Friday afternoons students end the week by offering support to the local community; this may be mentoring students at their former school or volunteering at local charities.

Adrianna, who joined LAE from Kingsford Community School, achieved **ABC** and is now studying **International Relations** at **Exeter University**.



Our curriculum

At LAE, we offer only the A level subjects favoured by the top universities in the UK and worldwide. These are called 'facilitating subjects' and are the subjects most commonly required or preferred by universities to get on to a range of degree courses. Good results in these subjects will secure entry to the most competitive courses at the best universities.

All students enrol onto an agreed learning programme of four A levels in year 12. The A level subjects we offer are:

Biology

Chemistry

Economics

English Literature

French

Geography

Government and Politics

History

Mathematics

Further Mathematics

Philosophy, Religion & Ethics (PRE)

Physics

Psychology

Spanish

Additional information about the A level subjects we offer including exam boards, syllabuses, recommended reading and advice on how to prepare can be found on our website: www.lae.ac.uk.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

We also offer the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), a self-directed project designed to develop your research, referencing and critical analysis skills. The EPQ is a great way to explore and expand your subject knowledge and is equivalent to an additional AS level qualification.

A young man and woman, Salma, are sitting at a white desk in a classroom. The man on the left is wearing a grey suit jacket, a white shirt, and a blue and yellow striped tie. He is looking down at a tablet computer. The woman on the right is wearing a black hijab and a black top. She is looking at a calculator on the desk. There are other calculators on the desk. In the background, there is a whiteboard with some faint writing on it.

Salma, who joined LAE from Kingsford Community School, achieved **A*A*B** and is now studying **Midwifery** at **Kings College London**.

How to apply?

Do you want to join *The Sunday Times* Sixth Form College of the Year? If so, here is a step-by-step guide that will take you from application to enrolment.

1. Attend an Open Event - November 2017

This is your opportunity to visit LAE, tour our facilities, meet our student and staff and hear from the Head Master, Scott Baker, about his vision for LAE and why it could be the right choice for you.

Book your place at one of our open events online now.

2. Apply online - Jan 2018

Applications close at the end of January. All applications must be supported by a reference from a Head of Year or Form Tutor.

Apply online now at: www.lae.ac.uk.

3. Attend an Interview Day - February 2018

Once applications have closed, we invite selected applicants to attend an Interview Day. Due to the volume of applications we receive (approx. 10 applicants per place), it is important we are able to ensure LAE would be the best fit for those who have applied, as well as to offer advice on subject choices.

4. Accept your offer and enrol - March/August 2018

Having submitted an application and attended an interview, successful applicants will receive a conditional offer to study at LAE. You must then come to our Enrolment Day - when you receive your GCSE results in August - to complete your enrolment.



Entry requirements

The LAE curriculum is academically rigorous and challenging. Accordingly, places will be offered to applicants who are assessed as being most likely to meet our minimum entry requirements and who will benefit from the opportunities offered at LAE. To meet our minimum entry requirements, all applicants must demonstrate that they are likely to:

- ✓ achieve at least five A*/A GCSE grades (grades 7-9 in English and mathematics)
- ✓ achieve a grade 6 or above in both GCSE English and mathematics
- ✓ achieve at least an A grade (grade 7-9 in English and mathematics) in the GCSE subjects they wish to continue to study at A level in Year 12 **
- ✓ meet specific course requirements published on the LAE website each academic year ***

** it is possible to study economics, history, geography, psychology or PRE in Year 12 if the subject was not studied at GCSE;

*** in some cases, a minimum grade in a relevant supporting GCSE subject may be preferred for an offer-holder to be enrolled for the study of a particular subject at A level.

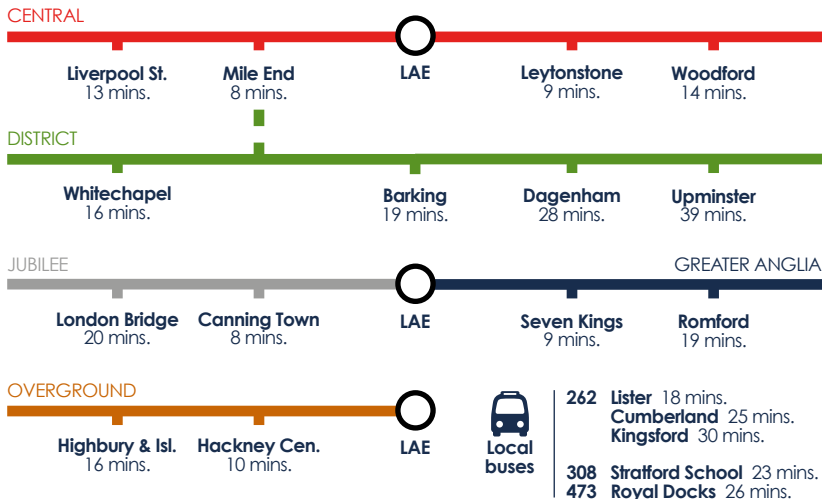
Where to find us?

Located in the heart of Stratford, East London, our convenient location - a minute walk from Stratford Station - means LAE is:

- ✓ easy to get to on foot, by bus, Underground, Overground and mainline trains
- ✓ minutes from the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park facilities used by our students during Games every week

Transport links

Many of our current students have an easy commute to LAE from Newham and neighbouring boroughs including Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest and Essex.



 **2800**
applications
for Sept '17

 **200+**
different
feeder schools

 **26 different**
London boroughs
and beyond

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