



Lydiard Park Academy & Sixth Form

Potential into Performance

Prospectus



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Welcome

to Lydiard Park Academy & Sixth Form

"This is a good academy. Pupils are well taught and prepared well for later life."

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Lydiard Park Academy is a successful and popular academy serving the community of West Swindon and surrounds. We are an independent state funded academy and Sixth Form occupying an enviable site on the edge of Swindon, bordering Lydiard House and Park.

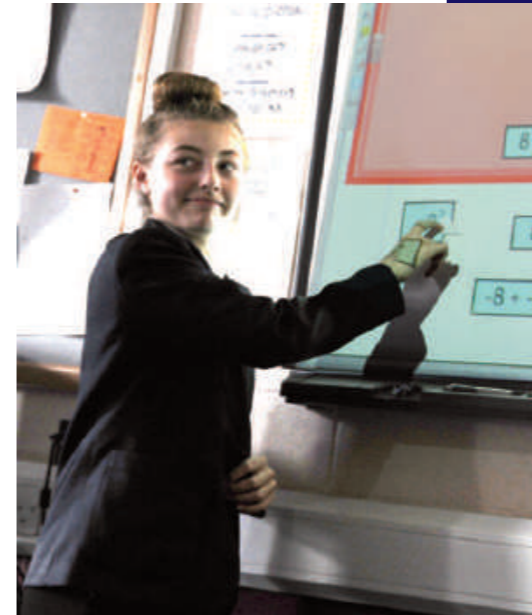
We are an academy with ambition - for the academy as a whole and for every individual that comes here. Our school motto "Potential into Performance" guides our efforts and we work hard to provide a safe and happy environment within which every pupil can grow to achieve personal, social and academic success. We believe that LPA can make a profound difference to the life chances of our pupils and that we can help nurture confident, active and socially responsible citizens. We are an inclusive school and go to great lengths to ensure that each child is fully supported to do as well as they can.

At Lydiard Park Academy we are fortunate to enjoy excellent facilities. We are even more fortunate to have an academy community that values and respects each individual, believes in supportive, respectful relationships and places a high emphasis on working hard to achieve your goal. The three way partnership between pupil, parent and teacher is central to this and I look forward to working with you during your child's time at LPA.

Gary Pearson, Operational Principal



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Here to Learn

"Teaching is good and well planned to deliver good opportunities for students to work hard and make progress. There is a positive climate for learning."

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At Lydiard Park Academy, the value we place on curiosity and passion for learning is evident in the exciting and engaging opportunities open to pupils. A balance of traditional, vocational and sports related subjects, tailored to individual need, prepares pupils for 21st Century further education or the work place.

Our vision involves providing as much choice to our pupils in order that they develop as confident, independent, reflective learners. Pupils are encouraged to develop a responsibility for their own learning from the very beginning.

During Key Stage 3 we focus on developing the essential skills needed for lifelong learning. Opportunities for literacy, numeracy and personal learning and thinking skills are planned across the curriculum, as well as in individual subjects.

From Year 9 pupils can choose a range of subjects, from traditional academic subjects to vocational courses relevant to the world of work. The advice and pathways we offer ensure courses are suited to the pupils' needs and aspirations. During these vital years, through assessment for learning, pupils and parents are kept well informed of progress and achievement and therefore know the next steps to take. In the Sixth Form pupils become subject specialists, developing advanced skills and in depth knowledge that will shape their future career pathway.



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An Inclusive School

Developing and supporting pupils to fulfil their potential and perform at their highest level is at the heart of Lydiard Park Academy. This occurs through high quality, engaging teaching, delivered by a professional and experienced teaching team. A combination of innovative and well established teaching methods and technology, are harnessed to personalise learning experiences. We balance our high expectations of all our pupils with the support of an experienced pastoral team.

We are proud of the excellent progress that our pupils make while they are with us. Whether it is through our innovative Gifted and Talented Academy and Sports Academy Programmes, our effective Curriculum Support Unit, or our Autistic Spectrum Centre we have high expectations of every child and support this ethos through rewards and celebrations.

Achievements are not only academic - whether it be through cheer-leading, rugby, dancing, acting, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme or 'Young Musician of the Year', there is opportunity for everyone to fulfil their potential.

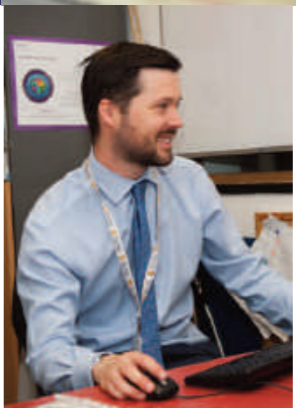
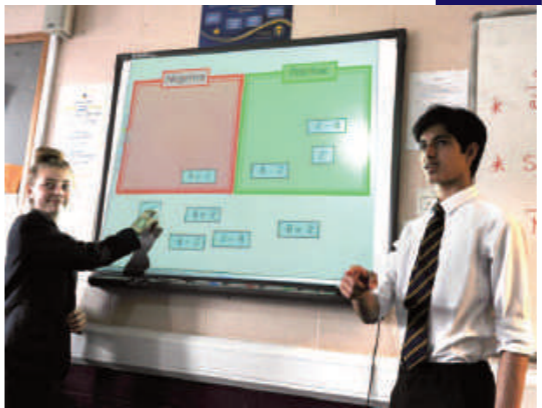
As an innovative and creative academy, we work in partnership with the global community. Our links with local organisations, businesses, further and higher education institutions and wider links, such as with a link school in Gambia, help raise the aspirations of our pupils and open their eyes to the wider world.

"The academy prides itself on an inclusive approach that is securing equal opportunities for all to achieve and enjoy academy life"

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"The proportions of students making or exceeding expected progress is significantly higher than that seen nationally"

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Achieving Success

The work that takes place in the classroom is the cornerstone of the academy's success and our staff are well qualified, enthusiastic, skilled, dedicated and consistent. Our involvement in teacher training and teacher professional development ensures that we stay on our toes when it comes to providing outstanding learning opportunities.

Our pupils are enthusiastic, motivated and ambitious to succeed, and maintain very high standards of behaviour and engagement in their studies. They are encouraged to become increasingly independent learners as they progress through the academy and are well supported by intervention programmes and individual mentoring.

Add in the support of parents, good attendance, and a committed and experienced teaching staff then our pupils are sure to do well, whatever their starting point. This is reflected in the high progress levels that our pupils obtain.



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"Lydiard Park Academy has proven to be one of the top 90 in England showing the greatest sustained improvement. I would encourage you to share your achievements with other schools so they can learn from your strengths and experience"

Minister of State for Schools



A Great Place to Learn

We are an SSAT Ambassador academy which allows us to spread our outstanding practice with other schools and academies. We are entrusted with training the next generation of teachers, and are also a Youth Sports Trust Gold Partner School. These designations have supported our drive for excellence in all that we do.

Our facilities are excellent; in addition to having a clean, modern and stimulating learning environment, we have recently benefited from a new sixth form suite of facilities. Our sports facilities are second to none in the area, we have extensive ICT provision and our buildings and grounds are maintained to a high level. All of this helps provide a safe and stimulating environment for young people to learn and enjoy their academy experience and make the most of their unique talents.

At break times pupils can relax and socialise in our modern dining atrium or other recreational areas and the school environment is greatly enhanced by art work and displays of pupils' academic work and personal achievements.





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Beyond the Classroom

"The most able students are effectively challenged, particularly through the extensive programme of special activities provided by the school."

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There are many opportunities for pupils to take part in extra curricular activities at LPA. A large number of clubs and activities take place after formal lessons during our Session 6 programme. Staff are committed to providing different opportunities to enrich the lives of our pupils. Subject based clubs, such as those in Art, Drama, Music, Science, Sport and Technology enhance the curriculum and many trips and visits support classroom learning.

In recent years groups from Lydiard Park Academy have visited the following countries; USA, Iceland, Spain, France, Italy and Belgium. Pupils are encouraged to enter competitions whether that is through our House system or as representative of an academy team. The Academy has a strong community focus and works with a number of local groups to help improve the local environment and LPA pupils participate in a number of local social events. Our academy council and house system helps develop leadership skills and provide opportunities for pupils' views to be heard. A core aim of the House system is promoting awareness of their chosen charity. Pupils are keen to educate others about their nominated charity whilst raising money and having a great deal of fun too!

There are Music concerts, a Young Musician of the Year competition, Battle of the Bands and a number of Drama productions each year which help pupils develop their performance skills and their self-confidence. The PE. department run many academy teams and the academy has a formidable reputation for the success of our teams in local competitions.



Potential in Performance



Sixth Form

The Sixth Form is a relatively new but very successful part of the school community. The majority of our pupils choose to continue their education in the Sixth Form, where they are joined by a number of pupils from other schools. The pathway for a high proportion of Sixth Form pupils is then to progress to higher education, including entry to the very best universities.

We offer a wide range of subjects at A-level. Pupils are supported by dedicated tutors and a skilled leadership team. Facilities are excellent; there is a common room with refreshment area, dedicated teaching rooms and two large study/ICT areas solely for sixth form use. Pupils have supervised sessions for independent study to ensure they make the most of their time in the sixth form. All pupils have the opportunity to get involved in community work and enrichment projects (such as the Extended Project Qualification and the Duke of Edinburgh Award) help prepare them for further study. There is an active pupil committee which organises regular social events. We are very proud of the many ways in which our Sixth Formers contribute to the school community through the positive examples they set for younger pupils.



"Our aim is to provide a sixth form that is outstanding in all respects, providing two years of excellent teaching combined with superb academic and personal care, guidance and support"

The Park Academies Trust Board



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The Park Academies Trust was set up as a parent organisation for Lydiard Park Academy in 2016. This gives a formal structure by which we can spread the good practice developed at the academy to other local schools.

Our aim is a simple one - to improve the educational experience for as many Swindon pupils as we can, giving them the means by which to turn their potential into performance. Since November 2016 we have been supporting Abbey Park School (formerly Isambard Community School) in North Swindon and now have shared Sixth Form arrangements whereby pupils from both schools can access the post-16 opportunities available here. Over the next few years we hope to work with more schools, whilst always being watchful that standards at LPA continue to rise



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