



# Schools Direct Course Information

## West Coventry Academy

West Coventry Academy is a co-educational, fully comprehensive school that welcomes and nurtures children from all backgrounds and abilities. It has been created on the site of former girls' school, Tile Hill Wood, and from September 2016 has welcomed boys as well as girls. This is an exciting time for us - a new beginning. We are proud to build on the best traditions of single-sex education, whilst capitalising on the benefits of a co-educative approach for all other areas of school life. This provides the best possible opportunities for our students to make excellent progress.

We have a strong pastoral system which underpins everything we do and we believe strongly that a happy child is one who will flourish and achieve. This is also why we have a comprehensive extra-curricular program and a huge number of opportunities for students to fully immerse themselves into school life.

Here at West Coventry Academy students thrive in a positive working atmosphere, a climate of mutual respect and an engaging and exciting environment.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated, dynamic and enthusiastic teaching and support team. Together we strive to ensure that the values, experiences and education we provide enable all our students to fully embrace our motto "Enjoy, Achieve, Aspire".

We pride ourselves on the caring atmosphere of the School and the positive relationships we make with both students and parents ensuring that all are successful and achieve their true potential.

We want all our students to "Enjoy, Achieve, Aspire" and this underpins our work in all areas. We have high expectations of our students and encourage and support them to have high aspirations for themselves. But we also want them to enjoy their time with us and so the range of courses, activities and experiences on offer reflect the wide diversity of interests and needs the students have.

Each year group has a Year Manager and a Progress Leader, who play a leading role in the care, guidance and support of each student and are the key point of contact for parents.

We have fixed a Progress leader in Year 7 who specialises in transition from primary school and in helping students to settle. We take great care to make the transition from primary to secondary school as smooth as possible. We invite students and parents to spend the morning with us before they make the choice of secondary school. This is in addition to the day Year 6 students spend



with us in July before starting in September. We visit every student in their primary school and talk to their Year 6 teacher. We also invite all new Year 7 parents to bring their child to School on their first day in September and spend the morning with us.

The School has good ICT resources. There are a number of computer suites around the site including some apple macs. They are all networked so that students working on any computer are able to access the work from any area.

All students are given e-mail access. The School is also wireless networked so that students and staff working on laptops are able to access the internet and the School's Virtual Learning Environment. All staff have laptops.

The School Library is managed by a professional Librarian. It contains a wide range of books and computers. The Library is open to students before school, during break, lunch time and after school.

There are extensive sports facilities including a swimming pool, fitness suite, sports hall, gym and many playing fields.

Students at WCA benefit from an extensive programme of learning beyond the classroom. We operate a pioneering extended learning environment and support this with a full range of educational visits. Sports Leaders, the "Duke of Edinburgh Award" and STEM Club are just a selection of opportunities open to all students as they move through the School.

Our young musicians, actresses and technicians have opportunities to take part in an annual production and there are many concerts, dance performances and art exhibitions to keep our creative students busy throughout the year. Lunchtime and afterschool clubs enable students to pursue their interests and meet new friends.