

Head of Governance

A photograph of three students in a classroom, all focused on their work. The student in the foreground is a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark sweater over a collared shirt and a striped tie, writing intently in a notebook. Behind him, a female student with dark hair tied back is also writing. To the left, another student is partially visible, looking down at their work. The background shows a classroom setting with a whiteboard and some wall decorations. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter.

Unlocking Academic and Personal Potential

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Welcome

Dear applicant

Thank you for expressing your interest in the post of Head of Governance

Windsor Academy Trust (WAT) is an inspiring and exciting place to work. We are a leading multi-academy trust with 12, soon to be 15, excellent primary and secondary schools across the West Midlands. We are a team of 1,100 passionate, dedicated and innovative staff who every day make a difference for 7,500 children through our unwavering focus on unlocking our children's academic and personal potential.

We want our young people to become all and more than they ever thought they could be and we are inspired by the transformative role our talented staff team plays in shaping our children's lives and futures.

We have an exciting strategy that builds on our hugely successful first decade and powers us into the next. Our 'five big moves' drive academy transformation boosted by digitally enriched learning, building staff talent, transforming communities, ensuring we are sustainable and an environmental force for good and reach beyond our own schools to shape and influence the school trust system. Windsor Academy Trust is a strong trust highly regarded regionally and nationally. We are proud to be the 'environmental trust of the year'.

We are exceptionally proud of Windsor Academy Trust's reputation as a great employer and being a case study in a book on multi-academy trusts written by Sir David Carter, the previous national schools commissioner, in a chapter titled: 'why should anyone work for you'. We are also very proud of the track record we have for staff professional development across the region and

have recently been announced as an Associate College for the National Institute of Teaching.

There is an excellent culture of collaboration and unity of purpose across the family. This is something we cherish and nurture and is a strong feature of our day to day work and a constant focus for us all. We support all of our staff to help them grow and develop their knowledge and skills, alongside offering a wide range of benefits and an outstanding working environment. There is a substantial professional learning offer for both teaching and professional services staff.

As we advance to the next stage of our family's growth and development we are seeking to appoint a Head of Governance who will oversee all aspects of governance effectiveness and associated compliance within WAT, ensuring governance structures and practices adhere to good practice and meet all statutory and regulatory requirements.

This is an exciting opportunity for a talented individual who aspires to lead governance in a system leading school trust.

If you believe you have the passion, expertise, and vision to join us on this journey, I invite you to be part of our story, our legacy, and our future. Together, let's shape the future.



Yours sincerely

Dawn Haywood
Chief Executive Officer

What makes WAT WAT?

The Windsor Academy Trust family

Windsor Academy Trust (WAT) is a family of schools committed to unlocking students' academic and personal potential.

We put children at the centre of everything we do, delivering excellent education to 7,500 students aged two to 18 driven by 1,100 committed, inspiring and talented staff.

Established in 2011 with Windsor High School and Sixth Form, our family has grown to twelve successful schools. We currently have seven primary and five secondary schools in the West Midlands, all located within one hour of each other. Our family reach will be expanding with three more schools due to join us soon and further plans for growth.



12
SCHOOLS



7,500
CHILDREN



1,100
STAFF



Why we exist:

A shared moral purpose

We exist for one shared moral purpose to unlock academic and personal potential.

We want our students to aspire and to become all and more than they ever thought they could be. Students who know who they are and the sort of person they want to be; students who have discovered their passions; students who have high hopes and dreams for their futures and a clear sense of purpose; students who want to make a difference in their communities and in the world and therefore students who understand the importance and value of education as a powerful driver for the greater good.

The WAT Aspire Mountain, developed for our students, depicts a student at the summit of the Aspire Mountain where their academic and personal potential has been unlocked.

WAT equips students with the compass, empowering them to navigate their way to their summit. The four points of the compass are:

knowledge, skills, values and attitudes. WAT puts the compass in the student's one hand and the world in the other.

What we do

We develop high-performing schools that raise aspirations, inspire learning, build character and cultural capital, power social mobility and enable all students to thrive and make a difference in their communities and the world.

How we do things: WAT Values

Everything we do is underpinned by five values:

- **Pride in Excellence:** We have high expectations and work hard.
- **Respect:** We behave with integrity and honesty and foster equality.
- **Responsibility:** We all take personal and collective responsibility.
- **Collaboration:** We purposefully collaborate for the benefit of all.
- **Bold/innovative:** We are future thinking and shape the future.



How we succeed: WAT Approach

Alongside our values we have five components of the WAT Approach to accomplishing success that are embedded in our Powering into the Second Decade Strategy.

- **Alignment through collaboration** - The 'WAT Way' sets out our codified approaches. These codified approaches are developed collaboratively and are grounded in research and informed by impactful practice
- **Inspire and develop people** - We inspire and develop people and continuously strive for excellence
- **Grounded in research** - We are consumers and generators of research and our approaches are informed by research
- **Keep things simple and communicate clearly** - We ensure our message is understood and over communicated
- **Civic and system leadership** - We collaborate, support others and make a real difference in our communities and to the education system expectations and work hard

WAT Strategy: Our 'Five Big Moves'

We have identified five big moves we will make through our Powering into the Second Decade Strategy.



01 /

Big Move One

Develop **high performing schools** where every student unlocks their academic and personal potential



04 /

Big Move Four

Instil an ethos and ability to care for the natural environment now and in the future, to become carbon neutral and one of the most **sustainable** school trusts in the country



02 /

Big Move Two

Build staff talent by developing inspiring, research informed staff



05 /

Big Move Five

Expand the **WAT family reach** through support for other schools and trusts and through sustainable growth



03 /

Big Move Three

Drive education for the greater public good to create social value and deliver **civic** impact

The graphic below illustrates 'What Makes WAT WAT'. It outlines our aims, values and the five big moves that enable us to unlock academic and personal potential.

Our values are at the heart of everything we do, and a way of working that inspires us to achieve our aims. Our five big moves are the turbo boosters that focus our efforts and drive us to succeed. Collectively, this provides a clear vision and shared understanding that is displayed across the WAT family every day.



Benefits of Working for WAT



Cycle to work scheme

For those who do not live too far from work, cycling instead of driving or taking public transport could be a good option to save on travel costs. Our cycle to work scheme helps WAT employees to purchase a brand new bike and spread the cost over 12-18 months. To find out more, visit [The UK's Most Popular Cycle to Work Benefit - Cyclescheme](#).



Pensions

As a staff member you have access to the Local Government Pension Scheme and Teachers' Pension Scheme - both generous schemes with the employer contributing up to 20% plus. This also provides a death in service benefit of 3 times your salary.



Reduced childcare costs

For working parents, childcare costs can be a significant financial burden. However, there are some solutions available to staff that may help ease short-term financial pressures around childcare. You may be eligible for the Government's tax-free childcare scheme. Find out more by visiting [Tax-Free childcare at gov.uk](#). Should you need them, flexible working and paid time off for caring responsibilities policies are available upon request. Visit the Policies and Procedures section on the WAT website for full details.



Local Credit Union

WAT is now a partner employer with Castle & Crystal Credit Union based in Dudley. They are a not-for-profit financial co-operative who provide affordable loans and secure savings for all who live or work in the West Midlands. Loans repayments can be made directly from your salary.



Free flu vaccinations and eye tests

For a number of years, WAT has provided free flu vaccination vouchers so that you can protect yourself over the winter months. We also provide free eye tests for display screen equipment users, which applies to the majority of our employees.



Pay progression & career pathways

As well as any nationally agreed pay award (a salary increase linked to inflation), our employees have access to pay progression according to their grade.

We offer a number of career pathways from teaching and other classroom based roles to administration and IT. If you're interested in progressing on your career journey or taking a new career pathway, you should discuss this further with your line manager at your annual appraisal.



Employee Assistance Programme

WAT has signed up to an Employee Assistance Programme with the Education Support Partnership which provides a support line to access a range of practical and emotional help 24/7, including counselling sessions, financial, legal and practical support from qualified professionals on a range of personal issues as well as access to online health and wellbeing resources and a specialist information service. Please call

08000 856 148.



Food and leisure discounts

WAT has signed up to access Vivup - the leading wellbeing and benefits provider to the public sector - meaning our employees can benefit from lifestyle savings on films, leisure activities, dining out, family essentials and many more popular categories. This will be launched early in the new year.



Continual Professional Learning (CPL)

WAT has developed exceptional teachers, leaders and professional services staff in schools for over a decade. We have an excellent reputation for delivering outstanding and innovative professional development for teachers, leaders and professional services staff at all levels, across the Midlands and beyond. Our professional development offer ranges from Initial Teacher Education, to the Early Career Framework as well as leadership development programmes such as National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) as well as networking groups for a number of roles.

Job Description

Job Title	Head of Governance
Salary	Competitive
Contract Type	Full time, Permanent
Reporting to	Chief Executive Officer

Job Purpose

The Head of Governance works alongside the executive team and trust board to design, implement and enable the highest quality governance. The purpose of the Head of Governance role is to oversee all aspects of governance effectiveness and associated compliance within WAT, ensuring governance structures and practices adhere to good practice and meet all statutory and regulatory requirements.

The post holder will lead WAT in developing standards of governance including advising the Chair of the Board and CEO on governance development, process and practice. They will oversee compliance with regulatory and legislative requirements and ensure the Board's decisions are in accordance with WAT's moral purpose and culture and WAT's governance documents.

The postholder will fulfil the duties of the company secretary.

Main duties and responsibilities

Professional advisory role

- Serve as the first point of contact for any business relating to the board, committees and members.
- Advise the board on the legal and regulatory framework for governance, including Charity and Company law, Academy Trust Handbook and the trust's Articles of Association and funding agreements.
- Advise trustees, members, committee chairs and the executive team on terms of reference, policy and procedural matters, statutory guidance, and best practice in governance, before, during, and after meetings.
- Promote awareness amongst trustees and executive leadership of assurance frameworks and other integrated processes of organisational control and risk management.
- Identify governance priorities and related risks, anticipate and drawing the chair's attention to matters that may arise and propose recommended actions.
- Observe, research, collate and disseminate governance information from outside the Trust including advising on new initiatives or responsibilities as well as modelling best practice from other similar organisations.

Board composition, appointments and effectiveness

- Ensure that the board and committees are properly constituted with appropriate terms of reference
- Work closely with the board chair and members to ensure an appropriate mix of skills, knowledge and experience on the Board.

- Lead on board recruitment with the board chair, with an emphasis on attracting high calibre candidates who bring diversity of thought and perspective and are as reflective of the trust's communities as possible
- Support trustees in developing diversity of thought and characteristics at all levels including increasing representation of underrepresented groups.
- Managing new appointments and oversight of the re-appointment and retirement of board members in accordance with the Articles of Association.
- Take primary responsibility for a detailed and thorough induction programme for new trustees, including arranging sessions with executive leaders, providing quality induction materials, ensuring they have access to appropriate documents, including the Code of Conduct
- Develop and deliver or commission a high-quality governance training programme and board development sessions based on Trust priorities and skills, knowledge and experience audit.
- Support the board chair with succession planning, developing and implementing regular collective and individual trustee evaluation activities to assess board effectiveness and inform next steps

Policies and Compliance

- Develop and maintain a schedule of both statutory and non-statutory policies and documents with review dates and facilitate their timely and accurate review in the form of the WAT Policy Tracker
- Keep the Trust's governance documentation under review, ensuring that they remain up to date with legislative and statutory requirements and are operating effectively.
- In liaison with the Head of Professional Learning and Talent, identify opportunities for statutory and mandatory compliance training to be undertaken at all levels of the Trust.
- Support the development of course material to support internal training programmes on compliance.
- To work with the Trust executives and academies to oversee systems to ensure compliance relating to governance (i.e. Websites, Policy Tracker, Risk Register etc).
- To work with the Trust executive to ensure that the Trust's policies and risk registers are kept up to date and reflect changes in legislation
- Manage and maintain the trust's board assurance framework and ensure its use as a vehicle to drive assurance, especially in key regulatory areas
- Manage and maintain the Trust's strategic risk register and risk management arrangements in conjunction with executive leaders and the chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- Lead on regular communication with members to ensure they have effective oversight of the board's decisions, activities and impact
- Ensure that trust-wide policies and other statutory information are in place and published on the website where necessary and subject to an appropriate board review process.
- Holding executive policy owners and editors to account for good practice in policy drafting and administration.

Administration and Clerking

- Develop a Trust governance plan and monitor progress. Lead on maintaining robust corporate governance across WAT, including ensuring that the Trust continues to meet its regulatory and statutory reporting obligations.
- Organisation of Trust governance meetings (advise on the annual cycle of board meetings, supporting the efficient flow of information and decisions, including preparation of agendas and distribution of board reports)
- Ensure that the agenda for each meeting is agreed in a timely manner with the relevant stakeholders and all appropriate paperwork is issued in advance
- Follow-through on action points and matters arising from previous meetings
- Ensure that meetings/committees of the Board of Directors and Members run efficiently and effectively, are properly clerked and that appropriate support is received to fulfil their legal and statutory duties.
- Maintain up to date records for the board and committees and ensure that papers and minutes are well organised and readily accessible
- Ensure that trustee and member information on DfE and regulatory websites is accurate and up to date.
- Maintain meeting attendance records and ensure these are published on the website(s) on an annual basis.
- Facilitate coordinated trustee visits to schools and tracking and documenting post-visit feedback

Company Secretarial responsibilities

- Act as company secretary ensuring statutory compliance including filings with Companies House, the Charity Commission, the Department for Education, and the Education and Skills Funding Agency.
- As required for projects, lead on Significant Change applications and liaison with the DfE on Deeds of Variation and changes to funding agreement
- Assist with transfers of academies into the trust and their dissolution or mergers with other Trusts
- Liaise with the Trust's legal advisers as appropriate under the direction of the CEO/Chair

Local governance

- Ensure each school has an effective and representative Local Advisory Board (LAB), constituted in a manner that is consistent with the Articles of Association.
- Guide Local Advisory Boards by providing support and guidance to clerks, LAB members and Headteachers in the Trust schools.
- Oversee the clerking arrangements for LABs
- Facilitate the flow of information between the layers of governance, including the effective implementation of a two-way communication loop to ensure local understanding of trust strategy and trust understanding of local issues

General

- Actively contribute to the overall ethos, culture, values and aims of WAT.
- Participate in training, other learning activities and performance development as required.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- The post holder is required to be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, equal opportunities, health and safety, security, confidentiality and data protection, reporting all concerns to the appropriate person.
- The post holder has a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults during the course of their work. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS with barred list check.

Please note that this is illustrative of the general nature and level of responsibility of the work to be undertaken. It is not a comprehensive list of all tasks that the post holder will carry out. The post holder may be required to undertake other duties that may be required from time to time within the general scope of the post.

This job description may be amended at any time in consultation with the post holder.

Person Specification

Criteria (Essential)

Knowledge and Understanding of:

- Education, charity and company law, the framework for trusts and a range of compliance activities required in an academy trust
- The characteristics of effective governance, including effective methodologies for board evaluation, growth, development and succession planning
- Methodologies of risk assessment, management and mitigation
- The principles of delegation, and the roles and responsibilities of members, trustees and executive leaders within a school trust
- The basics of trust funding and financial planning
- The importance of good governance design that facilitates the flow of information between stakeholders, stays true to the concept of subsidiarity and provides accountability at all levels

Skills and Practice:

- Highly effective influencing and enabling skills
- The ability to problem solve and anticipate issues
- The confidence to advise the chief executive, trust chair, and trust board, even in difficult, contentious or challenging circumstances
- The ability to maintain accurate records
- Excellent planning and organising skills, using technology where appropriate
- The ability to communicate clearly and effectively with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders
- Ability to quality assure the work of clerks and oversee this where clerking arrangements are outsourced

Values and behaviours:

- Understanding the importance of maintaining independence and the demonstrable ability to do so
- A commitment to doing the right thing - even in the most challenging of circumstances
- The ability to be flexible, open minded and provide accurate, honest and constructive advice and guidance
- Willingness to learn and develop professional knowledge and promote learning in others
- Ability to recognise when external support and advice is required and where to obtain it



How To Apply

The closing date for completed applications is Friday 1st December 2023 at 9am. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 5th December 2023.

Application forms must be completed in full and applicants should directly address the skills and experience outlined in the person specification. For more information about this position, or to have a confidential discussion with the CEO about the role, please contact Rhiannon Hopcroft, Executive PA to CEO on 0121 602 7594 or email rhopcroft@windsoracademytrust.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

Application and Candidate Selection Process

We will:



Provide you with clear, accurate and timely information



Give you the opportunity to ask questions



Respond to enquiries promptly



Adopt a fair and consistent assessment process



Make sure you have all the documentation and details you need for your interview



Provide you with a full insight about what it's like to work for WAT and be a part of our family



Ensure all offers are fair and equitable

In return we will ask that you:



Be honest and upfront about your experience, goals and aspirations



Provide open and accurate information when submitting your application



Prepare yourself for the interview and research who we are and how we work

Safer Recruitment In Education: Information For Applicants

- WAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- We have a number of policies and procedures that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our child protection policy which can be viewed at windsoracademytrust.org.uk/governance.
- It is an offence to apply for the role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.
- Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare.
- We will ensure that our concerns are discussed with parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.
- We actively support the Government's Prevent agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

What we will provide:

All applicants for all vacant posts will be provided with:

- a job profile outlining the duties of the post; including safeguarding responsibilities.
- a person specification which will include a specific reference to suitability to work with children.

All applications for employment will be required to complete an application form online, containing questions about their academic and full employment history, and their suitability for the role.

In addition, all applicants are required to account for any gaps or discrepancies in their employment history.

References

References will be requested with your consent, at the selection stage directly from the referee.

Interviews

At least one member of each interview panel will have completed Safer Recruitment Training. The selection process for every post will include exploration of the candidate's understanding of child safeguarding issues.

Pre-employment checks

- It is an offence to apply for the role if the applicant is barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.
- An enhanced DBS check is required for all successful applicants.
- Prohibition, overseas and section 128 checks will also be completed if necessary.

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

View our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy at windsoracademytrust.org.uk/policies

Leading Academy Trusts: Case Study

People are our most precious resource. We are proud of how we support, develop and retain the best staff to enable our children to unlock their academic and personal potential.

We strive to be an employer of choice and feature as a case study in Sir David Carter and Laura McInerney's book, *Leading Academy Trusts: Why some fail, but most don't*. You can read the case study below.

Windsor Academy Trust Case Study

Why developing people within a culture of praise, collaboration and celebration is so critical to the success of Trusts - Keith Sorrell (CEO, 2015-2021) and Dawn Haywood (CEO) of Windsor Academy Trust.

People are the most precious resource that a multi-academy trust has, and so core to the philosophy of Windsor Academy Trust (WAT) is to be an employer of choice - recruiting, supporting, developing and retaining the best staff so that we can provide the best experience for our children, enhancing their academic and personal potential. WAT is a family of nine schools - four secondaries and five primaries in the West Midlands - all within 45 minutes' drive of each other, enabling us to create meaningful collaborations at every level.

One of our core strategic aims focuses on people and leadership to ensure that there is a steady pipeline of excellent and talented staff who have both the capacity and capability across our trust to drive school improvement and create our own self-improving system. But what does this look like in reality?

Our pipeline of excellence starts with our sixth formers. Some of our students know they want to become teachers from a very young age. Many of them have parents and family friends who teach and are role models for them. We

help them to prepare for this journey with our "Aspiring Educators" programme. This involves two terms of learning and development that focus on the skills of teaching, the routes into the profession and a series of visits and practical experiences to help them understand how they can make a smooth transition into teacher training.

We have strong strategic partnerships with a focused number of excellent initial teacher training (ITT) providers in the West Midlands. They each have innovative ways to attract teachers - a school experience placement as part of a biochemistry degree or partnership with a French university for prospective MFL teachers, for example. These initiatives, combined with WAT's 'incubator departments' (excellent departments across the trust where there is the best capacity to train and support early career teachers), mean that our conversion rate of great trainees to fabulous NQTs is growing year on year.

Induction, whether for NQTs or established teachers, is paramount, and we run a series of introductory sessions to explore the WAT ethos and vision and our approach to pedagogy and curriculum. Our aim is to accelerate every new employee towards a successful settling-in and a good awareness of what it means to work in a multi-academy trust. Development of the craft of teaching is central and continuous, in every

school, every day. We have a culture of focusing on strengths, not weaknesses, and we want everyone to begin with this in mind. The profile of the wider WAT opportunities is raised early on too, with rapid opportunities to engage in cross-trust collaborative activities to build a collegiate mindset.

Our 'pedagogy champions' are one such opportunity: 30-40 excellent teachers and support staff who engage with educational research, not just as consumers, but as generators of new evidence. We ensure they all have access to the fabulous research resources that are available from our partnership with the Chartered College of Teaching, and they select 'wicked problems' across education to explore and identify workable and effective solutions for.

The impact of these practitioner-researchers is published annually in a research journal and iteratively becomes more scalable and transferable across schools, year groups and subject areas. Some of these researchers will go on to join the next cohort of master's students, following in the footsteps of these groundbreaking staff who are part of the University of Birmingham's master's level apprenticeship programme tackling trust-wide challenges and earning an MED in Educational Leadership over two years.

Leadership development is a key focus that enables staff from our family of schools to grow their capacity and also develop alongside delegates from partner schools in the locality. We have a progressive pathway of leadership development. This starts with 'First Steps', looking at one's own readiness for leadership, through preparation for aspiring middle leaders, to the National Professional Qualifications for Middle and Senior Leadership for which we are an accredited provider, and onwards supporting heads and executive leaders on programmes such as Ambition Institute's 'Executive Leader' programmes.

All of our staff know that they have a varied pathway of development opportunities and they feed this back to us in staff surveys. This in turn forms a key part of our succession planning and talent-mapping activities. We also have cross-trust roles which are available to

talented staff so that they have the opportunity to spread their magic.

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Directors of subject and lead practitioners develop common curriculum approaches across the trust and spread their subject-specific expertise.

The WAT Associate role enables talented staff to take a sabbatical (one day per week for a year) from their teaching to bring their talents to key developments such as enhancing the trust's Google strategy or embedding character education. This generates fresh and innovative approaches and encourages staff to have an outward-looking perspective, building system leaders of the future.

Staff across Windsor Academy Trust explore together and share together in a multitude of ways. A culture of collaboration and celebration allows everyone to experience high expectations and this helps excellence to travel.

One significant moment that demonstrates this is the WAT Conference. On this day, the whole family comes together - every member of staff, in every role, sharing our common moral purpose and vision. We have the opportunity to experience world-class speakers and some of the best of the collaborative work going on across our schools. For our staff, this is a significant opportunity to listen and to contribute to the broader staff experience in a high-class conference venue.

Staff feel valued when they are invited to share a successful or innovative strategy they have been responsible for. We also use this time together to recognise those staff who have gone above and beyond in all they do. We do this through our WAT awards, which publicly share the success not only of the winners but also of the many nominees put forward by their schools.

When asked if there was anything he would have done differently in his glittering career, the Duke of Wellington replied, 'Yes, I should have

given more praise.' We celebrate success because professional recognition is so important for all who work in education and we want all our staff to model praise with our children and young people.

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The Windsor Academy Trust Family



Colley Lane Primary Academy

Academy Overview

Colley Lane Primary Academy is a primary school and nursery that provides an outstanding learning environment for children in the Cradley community in Halesowen. Colley Lane Primary Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in April 2017.

Rated Good by Ofsted (February 2020), the Academy offers a creative and exciting curriculum with lots of extracurricular activities. The Academy works in partnership with parents and the community to provide the best all-round education following its motto of 'never settle for less than your best'.

Ethos and values

Colley Lane's school motto 'Never settle for less than your best' is embraced by its children, who take great pride in their school and their achievements. By working closely with parents, the Academy aims to do its very best for all children, helping them grow into independent and responsible young people.



Cheslyn Hay Academy

Academy Overview

Cheslyn Hay Academy is a secondary school and sixth form located in Cheslyn Hay, Staffordshire. Cheslyn Hay Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in December 2018.

Open to students aged 11-18, the Academy has an excellent reputation for helping students achieve their potential with its commitment to high expectations and achievement. The Academy provides a positive and engaging learning environment that challenges students to go further, develop independence and prepare for their next step.

Ethos and values

Cheslyn Hay Academy has a culture of high expectations and achievement that is built upon a positive and respectful learning environment.

Cheslyn Hay's ethos is to ensure that every lesson counts, for every child, every

day. Teachers deliver engaging lessons that help students progress and students come to school ready to challenge themselves to be the best they can be.

The Academy offers a wide variety of extra-curricular and leadership activities that help children develop their skills and talents. Cheslyn Hay's positive environment ensures that both academic and personal potential is developed. This enables students to grow into independent, responsible young adults who are able to progress to their future career. Cheslyn Hay Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in December 2018



Goldsmith Primary Academy

Academy Overview

Goldsmith Primary Academy is a welcoming and growing primary school and nursery located in the Blakenall area of Walsall. Goldsmith Primary Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in September 2012.

Open to children aged 2 to 11 years old, the Academy inspires pupils and generates a love of learning through its 'You can do it' ethos and aspiring curriculum. The Academy has excellent facilities including an on-site 15m learner swimming pool, library and forest school.

Ethos and values

Goldsmith has a very strong 'You Can Do It' ethos, which is taught through the 'I and we Aspire' curriculum. By working together, the Academy strives to ensure all children develop academically, morally, socially, emotionally and spiritually every day.



Great Wyrley Academy

Academy Overview

Great Wyrley Academy is a secondary school and sixth form for students aged 11-18 in Great Wyrley, Staffordshire. The Academy is committed to delivering the very best education and fulfilling the academic personal potential of all students. Great Wyrley Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in September 2018.

Great Wyrley Academy is renowned for its performing arts specialism, with one of the best indoor theatres in the area. It also has excellent sports facilities including its own swimming pool, gymnasium, fitness suite, outdoor football pitches and newly built multi use games area.

Ethos and values

Great Wyrley Academy is committed to delivering the very best education for all students. This is demonstrated through the school's motto of "Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence".

The Academy's beliefs and values are practised through the 'Wyrley Way'. This is a

set of values and behaviours that are built upon respect and responsibility that are lived throughout the school.

Great Wyrley strives for students to have a love of learning, be successful learners and gain the knowledge, skills and attributes to be successful in the world of work. Equally, the Academy endeavours for our students to be good human beings, with a sense of purpose and character enabling them to flourish in life. Great Wyrley Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in September 2018



Greenways Primary Academy

Academy Overview

Greenways Primary Academy is a welcoming single form entry primary school, open to children aged 3 to 11. Maintaining 'Good' by Ofsted (October 2019), the academy prides itself on its caring, family atmosphere where children experience a knowledge rich curriculum with lots of extra-curricular activities. In partnership with parents, Greenways Primary provides the best all-round education encouraging children to 'Aim high & be a Star!'

Ethos and values

Our pupils are at the centre of all decision making and our goal is to ensure that they are happy, resilient and responsible learners; keen to develop the key knowledge and skills required to have the very best start to their education and a life-long love of learning.



Kingswinford Academy

Academy Overview

Kingswinford Academy is a leading secondary school located in Kingswinford, Dudley.

Catering for students aged 11-16, the Academy is known for its high academic standards and is rated Good (with Outstanding features) by Ofsted. Kingswinford Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in November 2016.

The Academy offers a rich and varied curriculum, including an excellent range of extracurricular activities. This supports students in reaching their potential and preparing them for further education and their future careers

Ethos and values

Kingswinford Academy believes that all students deserve the very best start in life and strive to make sure that they have the very best opportunity to do just that.

The Academy has a strong reputation for achieving high academic standards and for ensuring students are happy and safe. Their combination of academic and extensive extra-curricular activities prepare students perfectly for the next step in their education and their future careers.



Manor Way Primary Academy

Academy Overview

Manor Way Primary Academy is a welcoming primary school and nursery in Halesowen committed to excellence. Manor Way Primary Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in October 2015.

The Academy caters for pupils aged 2-11 and is focused on supporting children to become happy and successful learners. Manor Way offers an exciting and broad curriculum that helps children become confident, prepared and ready to succeed in their next step.

Ethos and values

Manor Way's vision is that they want their children to be the best they can be. This reflects a passionate commitment to learning and is driven by the Academy's desire to offer the best possible education for pupils in partnership with parents, the Trust and the local community.

The Academy aims for all children to be happy and successful learners so that they can achieve their full potential and develop lifelong learning behaviours.



Milton Primary Academy

Academy Overview

Milton Primary Academy is a welcoming two-form entry primary school and nursery committed to excellence. The Academy caters for pupils aged 3-11 and is focused on supporting children to become happy and successful learners. Milton Primary Academy offers an exciting and ambitious curriculum that helps children become confident, prepared and ready to succeed in their next step.

Ethos and values

At Milton, we pride ourselves in the environment that we create. It is important to us that every child is recognised for the unique individual that they are. We create a happy, caring atmosphere where every child is at the centre of all that we do. Our expectations are consistently high as we strive to ensure that every child achieves their full potential. Staff, supported by trustees, work hard to deliver a rich, ambitious and challenging curriculum; this prepares children for future education and helps them acquire the skills and enthusiasm needed to embrace the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.



Rivers Primary Academy

Academy Overview

Rivers Primary Academy is a rapidly growing primary school and nursery which has grown to a two-form entry school. Rivers Primary Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in November 2013.

Located in the Blakenall area of Walsall, the Academy has outstanding modern facilities in its brand new school which opened in September 2020.

Ethos and values

At Rivers Primary Academy every child is valued as an individual. The Academy places a strong emphasis on the importance for all children to reach their full potential in a happy, supportive and exciting environment.

The Academy works in partnership with parents and the wider community to achieve the very best for their children. This develops independent learners who are equipped with the necessary skills, and knowledge to enable them to cope with an ever-changing world. All children are encouraged to seek excellence and enjoyment in all that they do.



Tenterfields Primary Academy

Academy Overview

Tenterfields Primary Academy is a family orientated primary school located in Tenterfields, Halesowen. Tenterfields Primary Academy joined the Windsor Academy Trust family in September 2016.

Rated Good by Ofsted (November 2019), the Academy is open to children aged 3 to 11 and prides itself on its caring, family atmosphere. The Academy works in partnership with parents, families and the community to provide the finest all-round education for pupils following its ethos of 'learning together, growing together'.

Ethos and values

The Academy aims to provide the finest, all-round education possible for its children through its vision of 'learning together, growing together'. This is supported through a strong partnership with parents, families and the community.



Windsor High School and Sixth Form

Academy Overview

Windsor High School and Sixth Form is the founding school in the Windsor Academy Trust family.

Windsor High school was established in Halesowen in 1983 and expanded to open its successful sixth form in 2010. The school became the first converter academy in Dudley and it is the largest school in the Trust, with just under 1,700 students aged 11 to 18. The school is known for its high achievement and is currently the

highest performing secondary school and sixth form in Dudley for progress made by students.

Ethos and values

Windsor High School and Sixth form is committed to delivering the very best education for students. This is demonstrated in the school's motto of 'Excellence for All', its track record of academic success and extensive extra-curricular activities.

The school strives for students to develop a love of learning, to be successful learners and gain the knowledge, skills and attributes to be successful in the world of work. Equally, they endeavour for the students to be good human beings, with a sense of purpose and character enabling them to flourish in life. This is nurtured through a culture of respect and responsibility for oneself and for others.



Windsor Olympus Academy

Academy Overview

At Windsor Olympus Academy, our goal is to provide a nurturing and inclusive environment where students can thrive both academically and personally. Our approach to education is centred around creating an environment that nurtures young people's growth, ignites their passion for learning, and awakens their aspirations for personal growth. We want to develop our students' understanding of well-being and health so that they thrive, and we want to be at the heart of the community, thriving together.

Ethos and values


At Windsor Olympus Academy, our goal is to provide a thriving environment for students and community. Our approach includes:


- creating an environment that nurtures young people's growth
- igniting their passion and love for learning to enable academic success
- awakening their aspirations for personal growth
- developing their understanding of well-being and health so that they thrive
- being at the heart of the community
- thriving, together




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