Wolverhampton Girls' High School

Prospectus

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Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to Wolverhampton Girls' High School.

We have a long and established history of providing outstanding education for girls for over 100 years. We pride ourselves on our traditions, but we do not stand still, we are striving for continuous improvement. There is no charge or cost related to the admission of a student to the school and we welcome students from within the City of Wolverhampton and beyond.

We offer a broad and rich curriculum where all students are encouraged and supported to achieve their personal best in all aspects of school life. Our combination of high expectations and support, tailored to meeting individual needs, leads to academic excellence. Students are highly motivated to learn and personalised learning lies at the heart of our provision.

The school is respected as one of the best state schools in the country, regularly achieving examination results which place it near the top of national league tables. This success has also been recognised by Ofsted, with the school achieving four successive "Outstanding" inspections. Indeed the school was awarded this highest rating in every category in each of the two most recent inspections.

Whilst academic achievements are an important part of life at WGHS, students enjoy the wide range of other opportunities. These include participation in the thriving house system; and opportunities in the fields of sport, music and drama. Sixth Formers are an integral part of the school, taking on various leadership posts and acting as role models for the younger students. There is a plethora of activities for the students to engage in from leading whole school events; to organising charity fundraising activities; participating in debating competitions and enjoying expeditions abroad.

Our team of dedicated staff all ensure that students are well supported to achieve academic success, within a caring community. Pastoral care is exceptional, with a focus upon student wellbeing. High quality advice and support is provided to ensure that students are well informed to make their choices when preparing for higher education and their future careers. The school has an impressive record of students going on to read a variety of degree courses including Medicine and Law; and at some of the best institutions in the country including Oxford and Cambridge, alongside securing prestigious higher level apprenticeships at companies such as KPMG.

The school's motto: *Ludus Supra Praemium*, emphasises the value of taking part as a member of the school community. Our girls are encouraged to develop skills for life long success in terms of understanding themselves as learners and developing as responsible citizens, demonstrating care and respect for all members of the community. We focus on the importance of developing persistence, determination, resilience and self belief, encouraging each of our students to aim for their personal best.

I want each and everyone of our students to develop confidence, determination, resilience and self belief. We encourage our students to embrace all that an education here at Wolverhampton Girls' High School has to offer by seizing the myriad of opportunities both within and outside of the curriculum, to develop passion for learning, and enjoy enriching activities. As a result, our students leave Wolverhampton Girls' High School with fond memories, and equipped as confident and independent minded young women ready to take on the challenges ahead and enjoy success in their chosen fields.

WGHS truly is a special place to be, with its supportive atmosphere, encouraging all students to achieve their best in all aspects of school life. If you would like to find out more about our school, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Trudi Young
Headteacher

"Girls at WGHS are encouraged to seize every opportunity, empower each other to reach their full potential and most importantly to be themselves."

STUDENT

Excellence

Inspirational teaching, memorable learning

At Wolverhampton Girls' High School, exceptional outcomes are achieved through the inspirational teaching and the focused learning environments.

Across the school, there is a buzz of learning, with superb teacher subject knowledge, making subjects come alive, to develop a real thirst for learning. Teaching staff go above and beyond in and outside of the classroom, to ensure that the learning experience is inspirational and informative. The focused, support and challenge that is evident through peer to peer conversations, takes learning to a new level.

We focus upon helping each and every one of our students to realise their potential and achieve their personal best. This develops a love of lifelong learning. The outcomes at GCSE and A Level speak for themselves. Learning across our school runs far deeper than these. It is about facilitating chances to discover passion and interests that will shape each student's future. It is about encouraging a questioning mind and developing skills and attributes that will be essential for all that lies ahead.

Our learning environment truly opens doors and changes lives, through the inspirational teaching and the focused, sharing and supportive atmosphere amongst all members of our community. This environment enables personal excellence to flourish for all of our girls. A powerful mix of enthusiasm, inspiration, enjoyment and determination, creates a sense of true empowerment for all of our students.

"A gentle, determined and successful school run by scholarly staff who really seem to enjoy teaching bright, lively, willing pupils. For the pupils, experiences for life."

GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

Excellence

Broad and rich curriculum

At Wolverhampton Girls' High School, we believe that students are entitled to the highest quality education, which enables all students to achieve their full potential, and so prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of future life.

Given the academically able intake, the main emphasis of the school curriculum is to prepare students for higher education or next steps Post 18. We also ensure that appropriate opportunities are given for all students to realise their full potential.

The school curriculum will promote the intellectual, spiritual, moral, social, physical and cultural development of students. It will also encourage cross-curricular engagement and the broadening of subjects beyond the classroom and into the wider community.

"I'm so happy with my daughter's progress at school and really appreciate all the teachers' hard work and help. Thank you."

PARENT

Community

Family atmosphere

Wolverhampton Girls' High School prides itself on being a close knit family community.

Our girls care deeply for each other, with strong bonds forming within and between year groups. Year after year our students talk about the family atmosphere of Wolverhampton Girls' High School and the support that they enjoy from all members of the school community.

A community grounded in the values of cooperation, care, and courtesy; mutual respect is in abundance. Regular support from Form Tutors and peers ensures for a happy environment.

"When you walk around our school, everyone is happy and laughing with their friends."

STUDENT

Community

Strong house system

Fierce loyalty and rivalry transcends the House System at Wolverhampton Girls' High School. This forms the foundations on which our strong community is built, providing endless opportunities for leadership, personal development and friendship bonds.

The vibrancy of the school environment is most evident at our regular house events. With girls competing in the annual Sports Day for their House on the track, in the field or in the traditional welly wanging; camaraderie and determination are in abundance.

The annual House Arts competition in which over half of our community participate, offers the chance for students to write, direct, choreograph, compose and direct. With elements of dance, music, drama and musical expertise; this is a real chance to shine.

With sports competitions and House Debating, alongside the House Winter Games, where students compete in Football, Netball, Badminton, Table Tennis, A Bake Off, Textiles Competitions, Public Speaking, Dance, Spelling Bees, Quizzes and Creative tasks; there really is something for everyone.

Community

Pastoral care and support

The pastoral system allows students to realise their full academic potential whilst developing their social and personal qualities. This is achieved through a well-established structure of academic teaching and individual support and guidance. We aim to ensure that students leave as independent, confident and well-rounded young women.

Throughout their time at Wolverhampton Girls' High School, students are supported and mentored by their Form Tutor, forming a strong working relationship. The Tutors in turn are supported by the Pastoral Leaders.

As well as the support given by the pastoral staff, WGHS is keen to make sure that students have access to additional personal support should they require it via the School Counsellor, Education Psychologist or the School Nurse during her weekly visit to the school.

"There is no judgement at this school. Everyone is equal, regardless of religion, background or academic ability."

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Opportunities
In abundance

"There's a lot going on at this school. 'Enrichment', that buzz word, is plentiful here."

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As well as ensuring academic success, we are serious about having fun and enjoying time at school. This is achieved through providing a wealth of extra curricular activities for students for engage in.

All of our girls are gifted in different ways, we aim to unlock those gifts and help girls to flourish. Helping our girls to develop in the areas that they love is a central part of education at Girls' High. Whether your daughter is an avid sportswoman, a budding musician, at home on the stage, or all of the above then there are endless opportunities to grow these skills. Whether she loves to dance, paint, draw or debate, she will be supported to develop.

There are an ever growing range of clubs for students to get involved in.

The students have also competed at local, regional and national level in competitions ranging from Geography to Chemistry quizzes to the national Mathematic challenges to the Oxford and Cambridge Union Debating and the Bank of England Target 2.0 competition.

Opportunities

Top sport

Competitive sports such as Netball, Hockey, Football, Rounders, and Cricket, form a part of the timetabled curriculum. Alongside these are individual sports such as Tennis, Athletics and Badminton. Whilst girls regularly perform exceptionally well at local, regional and national level through our school teams, there is a also a real emphasis upon encouraging students to engage and enjoy sport whatever your level of expertise.

Provision also includes access to our fitness studio, yoga sessions, mindfulness, and Judo, amongst other activities.

Opportunities

Broaden cultural awareness

Opportunities to travel add depth and breadth to knowledge and understanding and develop and widen cultural awareness. Students have enjoyed trips to Iceland, China, Russia, Madagascar, USA, France, Italy and Spain in the last two years.

"Everyone can get involved with anything here, it's great!"

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Opportunities

Top performance, music, dance and drama

An endless array of opportunities with girls participating in choirs, orchestras, and bands and over 300 girls enjoying individual or group lessons. Student talents are showcased at the annual Punch and Carols, and numerous Concerts.

Musical, dramatic and dance talents are also on display through the regular productions taking place. In recent years these have included, *Annie, Bugsy Malone, Alice in Wonderland*, and *The Wizard of Oz*.

"No matter where your interests lie, there is a club, group or support for you."

STUDENT

Opening doors to success

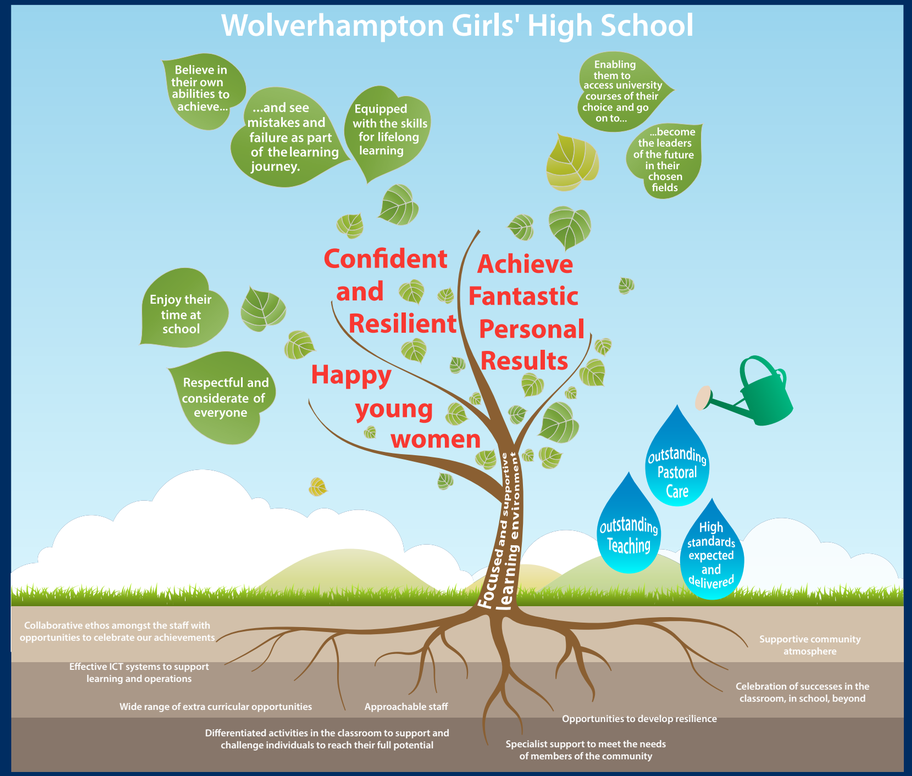
Come and join us

Skills, attributes, qualifications and fond memories set our students up for lifelong success.

Academic excellence is a key feature of life at Girls' High, with all working towards achieving their personal best. Education is much more than this though at Wolverhampton Girls' High School, with a real emphasis upon growing as an individual, growing in confidence and developing resilience. This ensures that our girls are ready to take on the challenges that lie ahead.

We offer financial assistance to those students eligible for Pupil Premium, with the school able to subsidise: uniform; travel to school; and school trips.

- Entry to our school is based on the results in the Entrance Test, covering Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning and Mathematics. Please see the school website for further information and advice and guidance.
- Registration is online and further information can be found on the school website.
- We would love to welcome you to our open events.

"Very impressed with the induction process. My daughter felt very welcomed into the school."

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