



INSPIRE
BELIEVE
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PROSPECTUS





Welcome



Transition & Year 7



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At The Oaks Academy we are passionate about supporting our pupils in growing into happy, healthy and confident young people with the ability to fulfil their true potential. We offer an individualised experience which suits the needs of our pupils and will best provide them with the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to progress onto their chosen future pathways. We believe in being both professional and caring in our approach.

Our vision of *Inspire, Believe, Achieve* underpins our approach to education and young people:

- We inspire to aim high.
- We believe in ourselves.
- We achieve academic excellence.

We have strong positive relationships with local primary schools in Crewe to ensure a smooth transition for all students into Year 7.

When still at Primary School your child will be actively encouraged to visit us at The Oaks Academy and feel at home here. We offer a wide range of masterclasses so your child can experience new learning opportunities, taking advantage of our specialist subject provision.

Our transition events develop pupils' confidence and excitement about starting with us in September.

Transition events build familiarity, confidence and a sense of teamwork amongst our new intake. These include a visit in the summer term to experience a typical day of lessons, understand daily routines and meet their form tutor.





Inspire

We provide a quality education which enriches pupils' ambition and love of learning and equips them with the skills, knowledge, and cultural capital they need to be successful in later life.

To support knowledge retention and retrieval, lessons are structured around the principles: *Share, Build, Practise.*

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Employment Readiness Programme

Our pupils visit and engage with local employers and education providers. We aim for pupils to have a broader understanding of the opportunities available to them and to help them identify key skills employers are looking for, as well as set some tangible goals for their next steps.

More Able and Scholars' Programme

The Oaks Academy is committed to nurturing the talents of every one of its pupils and we recognise that some pupils can be especially talented in areas such as sports, music, or in academic subjects. By identifying and providing for those more able pupils we help all pupils strive to fulfil their potential.

The More Able and Scholars' Programme gives more able pupils the knowledge, skills and confidence to aim high, and the belief that they can apply for top universities and jobs with top employers. It aims to develop key skills including critical thinking, subject knowledge, written communication, and self-efficacy.



Believe

Personal Development

Personal Development at The Oaks Academy is taught through the CHARACTER Curriculum. Our Personal Development Programme enables our children to become independent, confident, healthy and responsible members of society, as well as developing the 'whole child' intellectually, morally, socially and spiritually.

*We believe
in ourselves*

We offer masterclasses and an extensive variety of enrichment clubs and societies. We work with local businesses and clubs in the community. Pupils who participate in enrichment activities have greater self-esteem, resilience and a chance to meet and make new friends.

Our pupils are encouraged to participate in visits to places of historic and cultural interest, both in the UK and overseas. Current opportunities include the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Anglesey Art residential, History WW1 battlefields visit, Physics trip to Geneva, and a Ski Trip to Italy. In addition, there are many opportunities to engage in further and higher education visits to colleges and universities.





Achieve

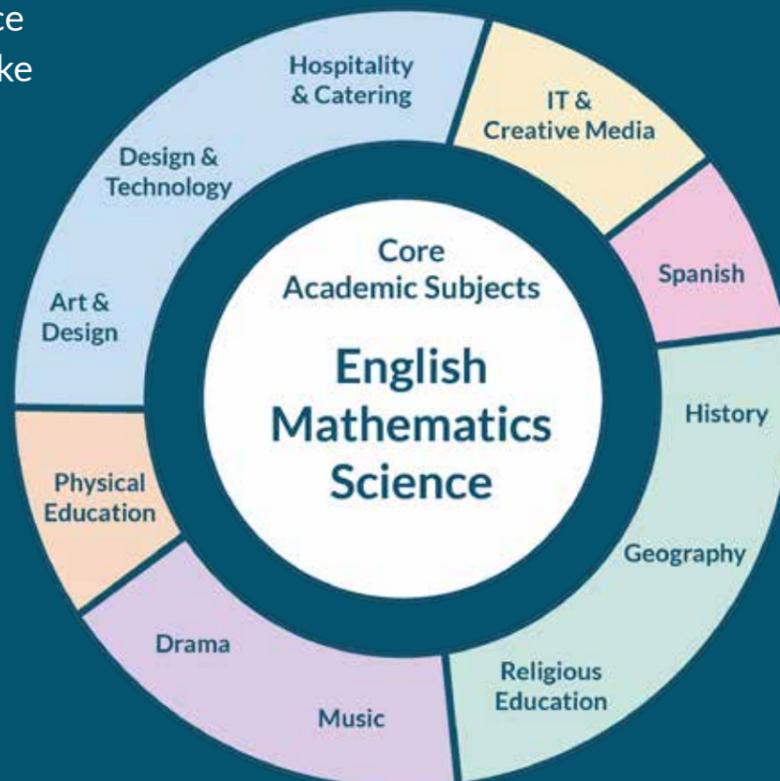
Teaching & Learning

Our curriculum is *ambitious, broad and connected* and has been developed to meet the needs of all Oaks Academy pupils. We promote a love of reading and value literacy. We aim to teach pupils how to think, evaluate and question and we strive to promote resilience as well as academic learning, educating our pupils for life.

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Our curriculum is organised so that programmes of study are sequenced to allow pupils to learn. Staff sequence learning so that pupils are able to make connections to prior knowledge.

We provide a real community feel and are proud to hear about the successes of our former pupils, including those studying at top universities, such as Oxford or Cambridge, being accepted for apprenticeship schemes at local and international companies, and contributing meaningfully to their communities.



Staff teach all pupils to a high level and scaffold their learning so that all pupils can achieve. All lessons have explicit challenge embedded in the learning so that pupils know what progress looks like.

Every class, whether mixed ability or set by ability, has pupils who require additional stretch and challenge. The Oaks is dedicated to sharing best practice in stretching and challenging our most able pupils so they can experience a wide range of effective teaching strategies in lessons.

When it comes to making GCSE choices in Year 9, we provide our pupils with the expert advice and guidance they need to pursue GCSE and vocational subjects that match their personal interests and aspirations.





Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

A 'Good' School

Our school is passionate about pupils growing into happy, healthy and confident young people who can fulfil their potential. We pride ourselves on the personalised support we offer to every child. And we are committed to an inclusive culture which promotes diversity and equality for the entire Oaks Academy community.

We have a strong pastoral team with Pastoral Leaders and supportive Form Tutors. We encourage all Form Tutors to create a meaningful relationship with pupils and their families.



The Oaks Academy is graded 'Good' in all areas by Ofsted.

Within the report highlights include:

- *"The curriculum seeks to inspire pupils to aim high and enables them to achieve well."*
- *"The school has high aspirations for all pupils."*
- *"The school has created a welcoming and supportive environment."*
- *"Pupils behave well in classrooms and around the school."*
- *"There is a strong pastoral system that supports pupils' well-being."*
- *"Pupils follow a well-designed programme that promotes their personal development."*
- *"Staff are proud to work at this school."*

We have a school culture with consistently high standards of behaviour and attendance, with strong teaching in the classroom and a love of learning.

Here at the Oaks we have high aspirations, a belief in ourselves and an ambition for academic achievement and personal growth.

Being an ambitious school with a clear plan for continuous improvement, we see this achievement as a stepping stone to ongoing growth and success.



Careers

As a result of their personalised pathways our pupils are perfectly positioned in Year 11 to pursue further educational courses or career pathways. Our careers programme ensures that starting in Year 7, pupils hear from local employers and post-16 education providers, and they are supported in their decision making with a careers guidance counsellor who ensures that pathways are suitable and bespoke to their needs.

Each year we amend and develop our careers programme to ensure that we are supporting and providing our pupils with the best opportunities. We are committed to ensuring that our programme is progressive and supports pupils in all year groups, to develop their knowledge and understanding of careers available, labour market information and employability skills.



Our Career Partners

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 THE CAREERS & ENTERPRISE COMPANY	 THE PLEDGE CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON	 Cheshire College South & West	 Crewe & Nantwich RUFC
 CATAPULT Medicines Discovery	 Higher Horizons+	 ISG	 Keele UNIVERSITY
 likewise.	 LYNX CONSTRUCTION GROUP	 MOTHERWELL FC EST. 1886	 NHS
 ORBIS OUTDOOR ADVENTURES	 Quakem® PROVIDING QUALITY SOLUTIONS	 radius Payment Solutions	 ROYAL AIR FORCE
 Reaseheath College	 ROYAL NAVY	 YMCA	 wishing well





Admissions

If you wish to apply for a place in Year 7 at The Oaks Academy, please do so through your local authority. For more information visit:

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions.

Our Admissions Policy can be found on our website.

If you are interested in learning more about us, you can arrange a visit by contacting the school or by attending our annual Open Evening in late September.

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