

Year 7–11
Prospectus
2026–27

HAMMERSMITH ACADEMY



Preparing students for

Real World Success

Exceptional Partnerships.
Extraordinary Opportunities.

100%
80%

A Level
pass rate
of all grades were
awarded at 9–4



Why Choose Hammersmith Academy?

From Seed to Summit



Gary Kynaston
Headteacher

Our mission is simple and ambitious: Hammersmith Academy provides the challenge, opportunity and community that allows each student to find their path to success in the real world.

Since opening in 2011, we have helped thousands of young people achieve academic success, secure places at leading universities, progress onto highly competitive degree apprenticeships and build fulfilling careers across a wide range of professions.

At Hammersmith Academy, students benefit from expert teaching, high expectations and a curriculum designed to develop both knowledge and character.

We challenge students to think deeply, work hard and aim high, while providing the support and guidance they need to succeed.

We are equally proud of the community we have built. Ours is an Academy where students feel known, supported and inspired to contribute positively to the world around them.

Guided by our values of Responsibility, Resilience, Resourcefulness and Respect, students develop the confidence, independence and character needed to thrive in modern society.

I hope this prospectus gives you a sense of what makes Hammersmith Academy such a special place to learn, grow and succeed. We look forward to welcoming you to our Academy.

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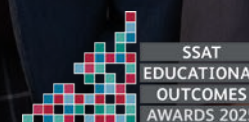


Our Record of Success

Our students' achievements, exceptional progress and the quality of education at Hammersmith Academy have been recognised both nationally and externally.

TOP 10%

This year's GCSE results places the Academy in the top 10% nationally for value added.



TOP 20%

of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment in the 2025 end of KS4 exams



RHS School Gardening Team of the Year

Global Action Plan's Sustainable School of the Year



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This is a highly inclusive and aspirational school.”

Ofsted

Preparing students for Real World Success

Private School Partners & Sponsors

A Unique Private School Partnership

Hammersmith Academy has a unique partnership with two of the country’s leading private schools, St Paul’s School and St Paul’s Girls’ School, through our sponsor The Mercers’ Company.

This relationship gives Hammersmith Academy students access to additional expertise and opportunities, extending the academic and cultural experiences available to them.

Students benefit from masterclasses, academic stretch, cultural experiences and expert-led enrichment, alongside opportunities to learn and collaborate with students and specialists across the schools.

As students progress through the Academy, the partnership also provides access to valuable specialist knowledge around highly competitive future pathways, including Oxbridge and US university applications, helping students understand the expectations of leading institutions and prepare ambitious applications.



What the partnership brings to HA

Academic Stretch – Masterclasses and opportunities designed to challenge and extend students beyond their everyday curriculum.

Shared Expertise – Access to specialist knowledge and expertise across the partner schools.

Cultural & Enrichment Opportunities – Additional experiences that broaden students' horizons and expose them to new environments and ideas.

University Application Expertise – Specialist insight into highly competitive pathways, including Oxbridge and US university applications.

Collaboration – Opportunities for HA students to learn and participate alongside students from St Paul's School and St Paul's Girls' School.

Our Sponsors

Hammersmith Academy is supported by two sponsors: The Mercers' Company and The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (WCIT). Together, they bring expertise, insight and connections that help strengthen the Academy and support our ambition to prepare students for Real World Success.



The Mercers' Company – Our relationship with St Paul's School and St Paul's Girls' School is through The Mercers' Company. Mercers' support helps create wider educational experiences, expertise and enrichment.



WCIT – As a sponsor of Hammersmith Academy, WCIT brings expertise and connections from the technology sector. A confirmed student-facing example is the WCIT Hackathon.

Year 7-11 Careers Guidance

Careers: Building Ambition from the Start

Careers education begins in Year 7 and continues throughout each student’s journey with us. We want students to understand the opportunities available to them, develop ambitious goals and make informed choices about their future.

Our dedicated Careers Team, led by Sophie Harrowes, Head of Careers & Cultural Connections and supported by a full-time Careers Coordinator, provides specialist guidance alongside an ambitious programme of employer encounters, careers events, university experiences and work-related learning.

From meeting professionals and alumni at our Year 7 Careers Conference to completing work experience in Year 10, students progressively build their understanding of the world beyond school and develop the confidence, skills and experiences they will need for their next steps.

Expertise with a Proven Track Record

Our commitment to careers continues through Sixth Form, where students receive expert support with university, UCAS and apprenticeship applications, including highly competitive pathways.

The results speak for themselves. Over 80% of our Sixth Form students progress to university or degree apprenticeships, with students progressing to Oxford, Cambridge and leading Russell Group universities, alongside highly competitive degree apprenticeships with major employers.

This track record gives students joining us in Year 7 something particularly powerful: a careers journey with a proven destination.



For more Careers Guidance, visit our website





Developing Confidence, Character and Curiosity for Real World Success

Extra-Curricular & Cultural Offering

Learning at Hammersmith Academy extends far beyond the classroom.

From Year 7 onwards, every student takes part in a wide range of extra-curricular and cultural experiences designed to broaden horizons, build confidence and develop the life skills that last a lifetime.

Our enrichment philosophy is simple: education should prepare young people not only for exams, but for life.

Through clubs, activities, partnerships and experiences, students learn teamwork, leadership, creativity and adaptability – the skills that empower them to succeed wherever their future takes them.

A Lifelong Advantage

Students who take part in enrichment at Hammersmith Academy leave with more than excellent academic results.

They gain the confidence, resilience and cultural awareness to step into any environment whether that is academic, professional or personal and feel they belong there. From Year 7 through to Sixth Form, our extra-curricular and cultural programmes nurture the qualities that define Real World Success.

Learn more about
Extra Curricular
Activities



Session 3: Our Extra- Curricular Clubs

Our Session 3 programme transforms the Academy into a hub of creativity and collaboration every afternoon.

With more than 30 clubs and activities to choose from, students are encouraged to pursue passions, explore new interests and grow in confidence.

Popular clubs include:

Science Club | Coding | Drama | Chess | Debate | Young Enterprise | MedSoc | Further Maths | Film | Football | Netball | Cricket | Choir | Rock Band | Gardening | Latin Flamenco Dance | Tech Club | Dungeons & Dragons | Craft Club | Book Club | Ceramics | Digital Art – just to name a few!

Session 3 clubs vary throughout the academic year, with different activities running at different times of year.

Session 3 gives students the chance to develop teamwork, discipline and communication skills in a supportive environment. Whether performing on stage, competing on the pitch or launching a business idea, these experiences help students discover their strengths and develop the self-belief to succeed in any setting.



These enrichment
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prepare them for
their future lives"



Ofsted Report 2026

Leadership Through Our Values

The JLT embodies the Academy's core values of Responsibility, Resilience, Resourcefulness and Respect. These values underpin everything our student leaders do:

- Taking responsibility for shaping positive change.
- Building resilience by tackling real challenges.
- Being resourceful in teamwork and problem-solving.
- Showing respect for others' experiences and perspectives.

Through open discussion, decision-making and collaborative projects, JLT members develop essential skills in communication, critical thinking and active citizenship – qualities that prepare them for leadership far beyond the classroom.

Student Leadership & Citizenship

Building Confident Leaders

Through their leadership roles, JLT members put our Academy values into practice, demonstrating Responsibility, Resilience, Resourcefulness and Respect as they represent their peers and contribute to Academy life.

JLT members represent the student voice, working closely with staff to strengthen Academy culture, support their peers and drive positive change.

Students join the JLT through a formal interview and selection process, putting themselves forward as role models who want to make a meaningful difference within the Academy community.

Through discussion, decision-making and collaborative projects, student leaders develop essential skills in communication, critical thinking, responsibility and active citizenship.

These are skills that prepare them for leadership far beyond the classroom.

JLT Committees:
HA Community • Global Citizen

Learn more about
Student Leaders
& their roles



Developing Confidence, Character and Curiosity for Real World Success

Strong Pastoral Care from Day One

Students achieve their best when they feel psychologically safe, supported and known as individuals.

Each year group has a dedicated Pastoral Team providing daily guidance and long-term support:

- **Form Tutor** – meets students every day during tutor time, offering regular check-ins, encouragement and guidance.
- **Pastoral Support Officer (PSO)** – oversees student welfare, attendance and readiness to learn.
- **Head of Year** – monitors academic progress, wellbeing and behaviour, ensuring high standards are maintained and students are supported to succeed.
- **Senior Leader** – oversees pastoral provision across multiple year groups, ensuring consistency and continuity as students progress through the Academy.

Together, this provides families with a clear and reliable network of support and ensures students are known, guided and challenged to achieve their best.

A Smooth Transition to Secondary School

Our Pastoral Team works closely with primary schools and families before students arrive, helping new Year 7 students feel confident, settled and ready to learn from the beginning of their HA journey.

Learn more about our learning environment



Our House System

Which House Will You Join?

Every student at Hammersmith Academy belongs to one of our five Houses: McQueen, Attenborough, Lovelace, Johnson or Khan, each named after an inspirational figure who represents achievement across different fields and backgrounds.

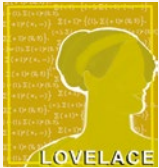
The House system creates a strong sense of belonging, identity and community, while bringing friendly competition to Academy life.

Throughout the year, students earn points for their House by taking part in challenges and events spanning sport, the arts, academic subjects, fundraising and much more.

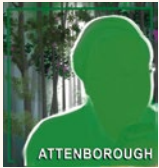
With opportunities designed to appeal to different interests and talents, every student can play their part. Houses encourage students to work together, represent their community and develop teamwork, leadership and resilience, culminating in the annual competition for the House Cup.

The 4Rs in Action

Responsibility • Resilience • Resourcefulness • Respect



Lovelace House – after Ada Lovelace, regarded as the world's first computer programmer



Attenborough House – after Sir David Attenborough, naturalist and broadcaster.



Johnson House – after Katherine Johnson, trailblazing NASA mathematician.



McQueen House – after Sir Steve McQueen, British filmmaker and director.



Khan House – after Fazlur Rahman Khan, pioneering structural engineer.



Ambitious. Focused. Specialist-led

KS3 Curriculum

A curriculum designed to build confident, knowledgeable and future-ready learners. Together, these experiences give students the strong academic foundations they need to progress successfully into Key Stage 4.

Our curriculum has been intentionally crafted to ensure students develop deep subject knowledge, secure essential skills and grow into curious, independent thinkers who thrive academically and personally.

Students are taught by specialist teachers who are passionate about their subjects, expert in curriculum design and committed to supporting every learner to reach their full potential.

Our Key Stage 3 curriculum is designed with a clear purpose: to give every student the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to excel at GCSE and in life. Through ambitious subject teaching, structured progression and broad exposure to academic disciplines, students develop strong intellectual foundations and become well-rounded, independent learners.

This journey prepares students for the important milestone of making their GCSE subject choices in Year 9. Throughout the options process, students receive personalised guidance from subject specialists, attend information events and explore pathways linked to future study and careers. This ensures they select subjects in Key Stage 4 that align with their abilities, ambitions and growing sense of identity as learners.

By the end of Year 9, students will have:

- A secure academic grounding across all subjects
- Developed independence, resilience and organisation
- Gained confidence as thinkers, communicators and problem-solvers
- Built cultural capital through trips, partnerships and enrichment
- Discovered their strengths, interests and aspirations

Ultimately, KS3 enables students to step into Key Stage 4 with clarity, confidence and a strong foundation for future success.

Explore Each
KS3 Subject in
more detail



Subjects Studied at KS3

Art • Computer Science • Design & Technology • Drama • English • Geography • History • Mathematics • Music • Physical Education • Religious Education • Science • Spanish

Additional HA Curriculum

Alongside the core KS3 curriculum, Hammersmith Academy provides additional curriculum elements designed to equip students with essential skills for learning and life:

Literacy – dedicated additional provision that strengthens the reading, communication and literacy skills students need to succeed across the curriculum.

Financial Literacy – helping students develop practical knowledge and understanding of money and personal finance, preparing them for greater independence and the real world.

PSHE – Students receive a dedicated 30-minute PSHE lesson each week, exploring age-appropriate topics including relationships and health education, personal safety, mental and physical wellbeing, careers, citizenship and the wider challenges young people may encounter as they grow.

A focused, academically ambitious journey towards GCSE success

KS4 Curriculum

Years 10 and 11 mark an important stage of each student’s learning journey at Hammersmith Academy. Building on the strong foundations of Key Stage 3, our Key Stage 4 curriculum is designed to stretch, challenge and inspire, enabling students to deepen their subject knowledge, refine their academic skills and prepare with confidence for GCSE examinations.

A Curriculum Designed for Depth of Knowledge and Rapid Progress

Our Key Stage 4 curriculum provides students with a broad and balanced education while offering the opportunity to specialise in subjects that reflect their interests, strengths and future aspirations.

Students benefit from:

- Expert subject specialists who deliver engaging, rigorous teaching
- Clear sequencing that deepens understanding across the two-year GCSE course
- Progressive challenge, preparing students for examination success
- Targeted intervention and support, ensuring no student falls behind
- High-quality enrichment, strengthening cultural capital and confidence
- Close assessment and feedback, allowing students to understand exactly how to improve

Students study a core set of GCSE subjects – English, Mathematics, Science and Spanish—alongside a selection of option subjects chosen at the end of Year 9. This personalised pathway ensures every learner has ownership over their academic journey and can pursue areas that align with their goals and ambitions.

Developing Independence, Confidence and Academic Resilience

By Key Stage 4, students are increasingly encouraged to think independently, manage their time effectively and take greater responsibility for their learning. Through structured support, dedicated revision/ intervention programmes and focused feedback, students learn how to prepare confidently for assessments, respond to challenges and demonstrate pride in their achievements.

We cultivate a culture of ambition, where students aspire to reach their full potential and are supported every step of the way.

Explore Each
KS4 Subject in
more detail



By the end of Key Stage 4, every student should have the qualifications, skills and mindset needed to shape a successful future.



GCSE success provides an important foundation, but our ambition goes much further. We want every student to leave Hammersmith Academy with the knowledge, confidence and opportunities to take their next steps and ultimately achieve Real World Success."

Mr Gary Kynaston
Headteacher

Building the Foundation for Future Success

GCSE Results

Hammersmith Academy celebrated its best-ever GCSE results in August 2026, marking another year of exceptional achievement and progress across every subject area.

This success lays the vital foundations for students to thrive in our Sixth Form and beyond, equipping them not only for A Level excellence, but also for top universities, competitive apprenticeships and rewarding professional careers.

Record-Breaking Results

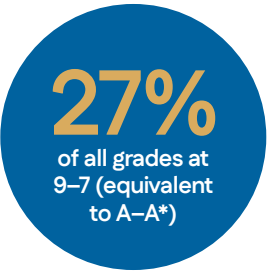
This year's GCSE results place the Academy in the top 10% nationally for value added, rising from the top 15% last year and demonstrating the exceptional progress students make throughout their time at the Academy.

This year, **80% of all grades were awarded at 9–4**, with **66% at 9–5** and **27% at the highest grades of 9–7**. In the core subjects of both English and Maths, **65% of students achieved grades 9–5**.

Outstanding Outcomes Across the Curriculum

Alongside strong overall outcomes, students achieved impressive results in core subjects and the sciences, demonstrating both breadth and academic excellence.

- 80% achieved grades 9–5 in Spanish
- 60% achieved grades 9–5 in Mathematics
- 43% achieved grades 9–7 in English Literature



Developing physical and mental resilience

Sport

Every student benefits from at least **2.5 hours of PE** each week – above the National Curriculum minimum – alongside opportunities to extend their participation through our after-school Session 3 programme. From utilising our fully equipped Fitness Suite, with state-of-the-art aerobic and resistance training facilities, to engaging in specialist coaching, students develop the physical and mental resilience that supports their wider success.

We also offer outstanding opportunities that set us apart as an inner-London school, with access to King’s House Sports Ground for extended games and Fulham Reach Boat Club, where rowing forms part of our curriculum. These experiences allow students

to broaden their horizons, try new challenges and develop a lifelong love of sport and wellbeing.

Sporting Partnerships

Our students benefit from exceptional sporting partnerships that inspire ambition and raise aspirations. They have trained alongside the England Rugby Team, met Olympic rowers and competed in the QPR League Championships. These experiences give our young people first-hand insight into elite performance, showing them the rewards of dedication and perseverance and motivating them to achieve their own personal bests both on and off the field.



“I’m completely over the moon with my results... None of this would have been possible without my amazing teachers. Now I’m excited to push myself further and aim for equally strong A Levels.”

Otilie Burrill Smith
9 grade 9s



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The Arts present an opportunity for all students to express their creativity and individuality."

Expressing creativity and individuality

HArts



The HArts Department is one of the shining beacons at Hammersmith Academy. Our enthusiastic support of the Arts has developed close links with both local and national arts organisations.

These partnerships have seen students work alongside the Royal College of Music, the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, the Donmar Warehouse and the Lyndon Arts Trust, as well as visiting the Lyric, Bush and other London theatres.

Students have had their work shown at the Saatchi and Tate Galleries and our Art Department has close ties with Hayward Gallery and Design Museum, which includes a special Design Museum Takeover Weekend just for the HA community.

We are very proud of our students’ achievements in the Arts. The Arts present an opportunity for all students to express their creativity and individuality, whilst broadening their horizons. HArts, a collaboration between our Technical and Performing Arts departments, extends these benefits through a number of additional activities throughout the year.

We have staged standout productions of Matilda, Moana, Bugsy Malone and Sister Act, with students taking responsibility for all aspects of the shows, including set design, lighting and choreography.

Students gain a unique insight into the working world of the Arts through the Academy’s specialist facilities which include an industry standard theatre, production and editing suites, a drama studio with full lighting rig and Art and Design studios complete with laser cutter, CAD router and kiln room. Students at Hammersmith Academy enjoy a truly well-rounded experience of the Arts.

Alumni

Where Could HA Take You?

The Hammersmith Academy Alumni Network is a vibrant, growing community of former students who continue to inspire, achieve and make an impact in the real world.

Since our founding cohort in 2011, HA alumni have progressed into an exciting range of careers and continue to inspire the next generation of students.



At Hammersmith Academy, Real World Success means more than exam results – it’s about what our students go on to achieve.

Our alumni community brings this ethos to life every day, with former students thriving across industries including:

Law | Medicine | Finance | Engineering | Architecture | Advertising | Design | Media | Education | Retail | Public Service | Technology.

Our alumni are a powerful reflection of the ambition, resilience, respect and resourcefulness that define our Academy.

Our alumni don’t just inspire from afar – they continue to make a difference within the Academy community.

Through the Alumni Network, former students:

- **Mentor and guide** current students, offering career advice and insight into university and apprenticeship pathways.
- **Attend Careers Events** such as the Year 7 Careers Conference, Insight Programme and Sixth Form Careers Breakfasts.
- **Offer work experience placements**, giving younger students a first taste of the professional world.
- Reconnect at events such as our **Alumni Reunion** where over 100 former students return to network, share stories, successes and memories.
- **Share their career journeys** in our Alumni Magazine.

These connections bring our ethos full circle, empowering current students to see what’s possible through the experiences of those who came before them.



Nedal Harris | Director at CATO Creative

“Looking back, it’s clear just how much Hammersmith Academy shaped my journey. The school helped me build confidence, develop practical skills and discover a career I’m truly passionate about.

From securing work experience, to preparing applications, to building the mindset needed to thrive in university and the workplace—HA gave me the foundations to succeed in the real world”



Lily Traykov | Marketing Degree Apprenticeship

“The opportunities I experienced at HA had a huge impact on my confidence and direction. The apprenticeship event and the weekly Insight Programme both helped shape my understanding of the professional world and gave me access to advice and stories that motivated me to aim high. These experiences broadened my thinking and introduced me to a rich variety of future pathways.”



Hamza El-Bakkali | Commercial Manager at IBM

“My experience at Hammersmith Academy prepared me for life beyond school in ways that went far beyond academics. The level of discipline that was instilled in me from early on was crucial in getting me to where I am now. Things like getting to school on time, dressing smartly and holding yourself to a certain standard might seem small at the time, but they’ve followed me straight into my working life.”

Real World Success

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Learn about, and connect with our Alumni Network





Your Journey to Hammersmith Academy Starts Here

Admissions

Choosing the right secondary school is an important decision. At Hammersmith Academy, we combine academic challenge, exceptional opportunities and a supportive community to prepare students for success in school and in the real world.

We encourage families to visit us, experience the Academy for themselves and discover what makes Hammersmith Academy an exciting place to learn and grow.

Learn more about
Our Admissions
Process



Year 7 Entry

The best way to understand life at Hammersmith Academy is to see us in action.

Our Open Events provide an opportunity to explore the Academy, meet staff and students and find out more about our curriculum, pastoral care and opportunities.

Families can also join one of our School-in-Action Tours, which take place every Tuesday at 9am during term time. These smaller tours allow you to see the Academy in action during a normal school day and speak to our Admissions Team. Families with children in Years 4 and 5 who are beginning to consider their secondary school options are also very welcome.

Visit our website to view upcoming events and book your place.

Applying for Year 7

Hammersmith Academy is a non-selective secondary school welcoming 140 students into Year 7 each September.

Applications are made through your home local authority while your child is in Year 6.

Your Year 7 Application: Step by Step

STEP 1. Visit Hammersmith Academy

Attend one of our Open Events or School-in-Action Tours to experience the Academy, meet our community and find out more about life at HA.

STEP 2. Apply through your home local authority

Year 7 applications normally open on 1 September and close on 31 October. Complete your local authority secondary school application and include Hammersmith Academy as one of your preferences.

STEP 3. Complete the Fair Banding assessment

Applicants to Hammersmith Academy are invited to take our Fair Banding assessment. This is not a pass or fail test and we do not select students based on academic ability. Fair Banding helps us maintain a comprehensive intake representing the full range of academic abilities.

STEP 4. National Offer Day

Your home local authority will inform you of the secondary school place offered to your child on National Offer Day in March.

STEP 5. Begin your transition to Hammersmith Academy

For students joining us in September, our transition programme begins before the end of primary school. We work with families and primary schools to help students feel confident, prepared and ready for their move to HA.



Fair Banding

Hammersmith Academy uses Fair Banding to ensure that our Year 7 intake reflects the full range of academic abilities.

Applicants are placed into one of five ability bands, with places allocated in accordance with our published admissions arrangements.

Fair Banding is not an entrance exam and there is no pass or fail mark.

Full admissions criteria, current Fair Banding dates and detailed application guidance are available on our website.

A Supported Start to Year 7

Our support begins before your child walks through the Academy doors in September.

Our dedicated transition team works closely with families and primary schools to help students feel confident and prepared for secondary school. New students receive information and activities to support their transition and are invited to our Year 6 Summer School, giving them the opportunity to meet other students and staff, become familiar with the Academy and take part in academic, creative, sporting and team-building activities.

By the time September arrives, we want every new Year 7 student to feel that they already belong at Hammersmith Academy.

In-Year Admissions

Families seeking a place in Years 7–11 outside the normal Year 7 admissions round can find current information about In-Year Admissions on our website or contact our Admissions Team for guidance.

Our Admissions Team is here to support:
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Visit our Admissions pages for Open Events, School-in-Action Tours, application guidance, Fair Banding and current admissions information.

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