

Sixth Form
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HAMMERSMITH ACADEMY

Preparing students for

Real World Success

Exceptional Partnerships.
Extraordinary Opportunities.

100% A Level pass rate

80% of A Level grades awarded at A*–C

Preparing students for Real World Success

Your Future Starts Here



Hammersmith Academy provides the challenge, opportunity and community that allows every student to find their own pathway to success in the real world.

Students are supported to grow in confidence, think ambitiously and develop the knowledge, character and resilience needed to thrive in modern society.

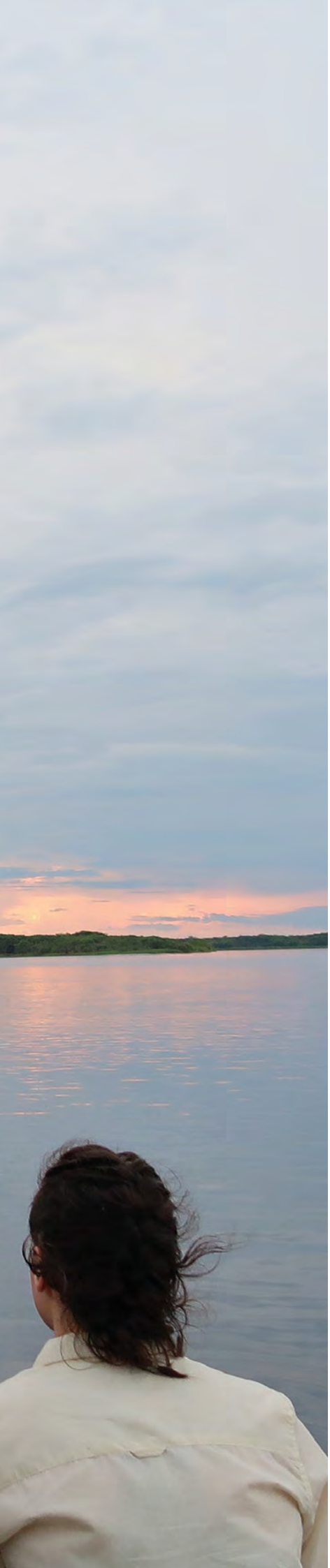
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STAFF
STUDENT



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Laying the foundation for a successful future

Welcome to Hammersmith Academy Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is defined by ambition, opportunity and a clear focus on Real World Success. We believe it should do more than prepare students for exams. It should open doors, build confidence and lay the foundations for a successful future.

Students are challenged academically, inspired culturally and supported personally. With expert teaching, opportunities for academic stretch, tailored UCAS and careers guidance and access to exclusive partnerships with universities, cultural institutions and leading businesses, every student is supported to achieve their best.

Our results and destinations reflect this. Students progress to leading universities, including Cambridge, Imperial College London, King's College London, Edinburgh, Warwick and Bath, while others receive offers for highly competitive degree apprenticeships with organisations including BAE Systems, British Airways, Deutsche Bank, Ofcom and Construction Logistics Group.

Beyond the classroom, our Sixth Form is a diverse and supportive community where independence and leadership grow. Whether students progress to university, an apprenticeship or a professional pathway, they leave with the confidence and direction to take their next step.



Mr Shaun Flitton
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Sixth Form



Private School Partners

Exceptional Partnerships. Extraordinary Opportunities.

At **Hammersmith Academy**, we are proud to be sponsored by **The Mercers' Company** and **The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (WCIT)**, whose support provides our students with access to valuable opportunities, expertise and experiences beyond the classroom.

Through The Mercers' Company, we are connected with two of the UK's leading independent schools – **St Paul's School** and **St Paul's Girls' School**. This unique partnership gives our students access to academic expertise, enrichment opportunities and the chance to learn alongside students from different environments and perspectives.

St Paul's School
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St Paul's School
Independent School of the Year for Academic Excellence, The Sunday Times Parent Power 2026

ST PAUL'S
GIRLS' SCHOOL

St Paul's Girls' School
Independent School of the Year for GCSEs 2026, The Sunday Times Parent Power.



A Partnership That Broadens Horizons

Through the **Mercers' network**, our Private School Partnership Programme enhances Academy life through academic and cultural collaboration with St Paul's School and St Paul's Girls' School.

Students benefit from:

- **Subject masterclasses** led by expert teachers from our partner schools, offering deeper insight and academic stretch.
- **Cultural and academic workshops** that develop creativity, leadership and wider perspectives.
- **Collaborative learning experiences** that bring students together to share ideas, challenge their thinking and build confidence.

Our partnership with **WCIT** provides further opportunities for students to engage with technology and the wider industry, including events such as the WCIT Hackathon, where students can apply their skills, collaborate and tackle real-world challenges.



Students get to grips with trading during the Economics Trading Day, an event co-organised with St Paul's School.

Preparing Future Leaders

Our partnerships create opportunities for students to extend their learning beyond the classroom, engage with new ideas and develop the confidence to challenge themselves academically and personally.

Through collaboration, shared experiences and exposure to different perspectives, students develop the knowledge, skills and ambition to take their next steps with confidence – preparing them to achieve Real World Success.


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Why Choose Hammersmith Academy's Sixth Form?

Laying the foundation for a successful future

Exceptional Careers Specialism

At Hammersmith Academy, every Sixth Form student benefits from one of the strongest university and careers programmes in London — led by two full-time specialist staff whose sole focus is guiding students towards exceptional futures:

Students benefit from:

- Head of Careers & Cultural Connections
- Careers Coordinator

Both are based in the Sixth Form Centre and operate an open-door policy, ensuring students receive expert guidance whenever they need it. This level of personalised support is rare in secondary schools and reflects our commitment to preparing students for Real World Success.

Unmatched UCAS Guidance

Our UCAS preparation is further strengthened by our private school partnerships with St Paul's School and St Paul's Girls' School.

Through these partnerships, students receive:

- **Specialist Oxbridge** interview preparation
- **Academic extension** workshops led by expert teachers
- **Mock interview** panels with experienced Oxbridge mentors
- **Subject masterclasses** and critical thinking seminars

This high-level coaching gives our applicants a competitive edge, particularly for selective courses such as Medicine, Law, Economics, Engineering and other STEM subjects.

Students also receive tailored UCAS support including:

- **1:1 application** and course-choice guidance
- **Personal statement** drafting and redrafting
- **Portfolio support** for creative subjects
- **University visits,** fairs and outreach programmes
- **Fully funded UCAS** application fees

Leading Apprenticeship Preparation

With apprenticeships more competitive than ever, our Careers Team provides expert support through:

- Coaching for employer interviews and assessment centres
- CV, cover letter and digital application training
- Access to employer networks, alumni mentors and industry speakers
- Guidance in navigating competitive degree apprenticeship pathways

This support has led students to secure placements with L'Oréal, BlackRock, Sky, Ofcom, National Highways and other leading employers.





Why Choose Hammersmith Academy's Sixth Form?

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Hammersmith Academy Sixth Form students enjoy a wealth of extra-curricular, cultural and professional experiences designed to develop confidence, leadership and the skills that lead to Real World Success.

Whether you're a future medic, engineer, or fashion photographer, our Sixth Form provides the challenge, community and opportunity to help you achieve your goals.

The HA Insight Programme

The HA Insight Programme is a cornerstone of Sixth Form life at Hammersmith Academy, bringing leading voices from business, academia, the arts and public life into the Academy each week.

Students engage with talks on topics such as entertainment law, investigative journalism, climate change, economics and careers in film and TV, gaining insight into the ideas and industries shaping the modern world.

The impact goes beyond the talks, with many students securing apprenticeships, work experience and mentoring opportunities.

Through this programme, students develop confidence, communication skills and initiative, preparing them to succeed in university, apprenticeships and beyond.

Expedition & Adventure

Hammersmith Academy is proud to be an British Exploring Society Ambassador School, one of only a few schools in the UK to hold that status.

Through this partnership, students have embarked on life-changing expeditions to the Scottish Highlands, the Peruvian Amazon, Iceland and the Canadian Yukon. These adventures test resilience, build independence and nurture a sense of self-belief that lasts a lifetime.

Students also take part in exclusive academic opportunities – from visits to CERN in Switzerland to exploring art in Berlin, summer study programmes and Mark Evison Foundation projects – all of which develop creativity, initiative and determination highly valued by universities and employers alike.

> "Exploring the spectacular Mezquita-Catedral and Casa de Sefarad helped us better understand the country's diverse history and the influence of different cultures through the centuries."

Outstanding Partnerships

Our enrichment offer is powered by exclusive partnerships that provide students with access to world-class institutions, professionals and creative spaces that few Sixth Forms can match.

ST PAUL'S GIRLS SCHOOL

St Paul's School
FOUNDED 1509

BRITISH EXPLORING SOCIETY

HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



Leadership & Citizenship

Sixth Form students play a leading role in Academy life – as Head Students, House Captains and members of the Sixth Form Leadership Team. They also mentor younger students, lead Junior Leadership Teams, volunteer in local primary schools and represent the Academy at Open Evenings and public events.

Students also have the opportunity to work towards the SSAT Student Recognition Scheme, a nationally recognised framework that enables them to develop and demonstrate their leadership skills. Through self-evaluation and a portfolio of evidence, students can gain recognition at Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum level, providing a valuable record of their leadership achievements.

These experiences help students develop the confidence, professionalism, communication and leadership skills needed for university, apprenticeships and the professional world, while giving them valuable experiences and evidence to stand out in applications and interviews.

Culture & Enrichment

Students benefit from an expansive range of cultural and enrichment opportunities that provide them with an impressive portfolio of skills and experiences valued by universities and employers.

- Natural History Museum
- Young Enterprise
- BFI
- Bush Theatre
- LBHF Upstream London
- Mark Evison Foundation

Sport & Fitness

Physical wellbeing and teamwork are an integral part of Sixth Form life. Students can take part in:

- Football, Basketball, Netball and Rowing
- Dodgeball, Table Tennis and Badminton
- Gym training and Mindfulness sessions
- Local sports leagues and inter-Academy competitions

A Platform for Real World Success

At Hammersmith Academy Sixth Form, enrichment isn't an add-on – it's part of who we are. Every opportunity, partnership and experience is designed to help our students build cultural capital, professional skills, and personal confidence to thrive in higher education and beyond.

Here, students don't just gain qualifications – they gain the experience, ambition and networks to succeed in the real world.

Read more about Extra-Curricular Opportunities →

Why Choose Hammersmith Academy's Sixth Form?

Exceptional Results. Extraordinary Destinations.

Students at Hammersmith Academy achieve outstanding A Level results, securing places at top universities and competitive degree apprenticeships across the UK.

Our Sixth Formers are pursuing their ambitions at some of the UK's most prestigious universities and leading employers.

We combine academic challenge, personalised guidance and real-world opportunity, empowering every student to reach their goals and step confidently into their future.

For more information visit our website →



100%
A Level pass rate

56%
of A Level grades awarded at A*–B

96%
of vocational grades at Distinction* – Merit

80% of A Level grades awarded at A*–C

60% of vocational grades at Distinction*–Distinction

Strong Subject Results

100% A*–B — Spanish and Media

87% A*–B — Sociology

83% A*–B — Psychology

40% A*–A — Spanish

38% A*–A — Psychology

33% A*–A — Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Sociology

Results That Open Doors

Leading universities

Cambridge • Edinburgh • Imperial • King's College London • Bath • Warwick

Competitive apprenticeships

BAE Systems • British Airways • Deutsche Bank • Ofcom • Construction Logistics Group



"My time at Hammersmith Academy nurtured my creativity, curiosity and confidence, helping me make crucial decisions that shaped the path I'm on today."

Ella Owen

Administrative Officer for Member of Parliament, House of Commons

Stay connected

Alumni Network

We are proud of what our students go on to achieve beyond their results, turning their education into success in the real world.

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 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.

Real World Success

At Hammersmith Academy, real-world success means more than exam results – it's about what our students go on to achieve.

Your success is the truest reflection of the values that define our Academy: ambition, resilience, respect and resourcefulness.



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.

I'm proud of the path I've taken so far and I know it began with the support, opportunities and belief I found at Hammersmith Academy."



Lily Traykov | Marketing Degree Apprenticeship

"My time at HA completely reshaped how I viewed my future possibilities. I discovered the wide variety of paths available after Year 13 and realised that what's meant for you will come—with patience, persistence and the willingness to explore.

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

"Success now isn't just about what I achieve, but how I achieve it, and that's something HA helped me understand early on.

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."



Mercers' Talent Award Hammersmith Academy

Investing in Ambition

At Hammersmith Academy, we believe ambition should be supported with opportunity. Sixth Form students can benefit from two exceptional awards designed to recognise potential, broaden opportunities and provide additional support as they progress through Sixth Form and on to university.

Mercers' Award

The Mercers' Talent Award is a pathway to excellence designed to empower our most academically able and aspirational Sixth Form students with the resources, mentoring and opportunities to reach their goals and thrive in the real world beyond school.

More than just financial support, the award reflects our belief that opportunity and excellence go hand in hand, helping talented students from all backgrounds unlock their potential and take confident steps towards the country's most competitive universities and degree apprenticeships.

THE MERCERS' COMPANY

UP TO £750
to support studies and development

Extended Project Qualification
the option to complete an EPQ

Leadership roles
within the Academy community

Recipients are awarded:

- **£500 in Year 12 and £250 in Year 13** to support their studies and development.

This funding is designed to remove barriers and unlock opportunity, enabling students to invest directly in their academic and personal growth.

Examples of how the funding can be used include:

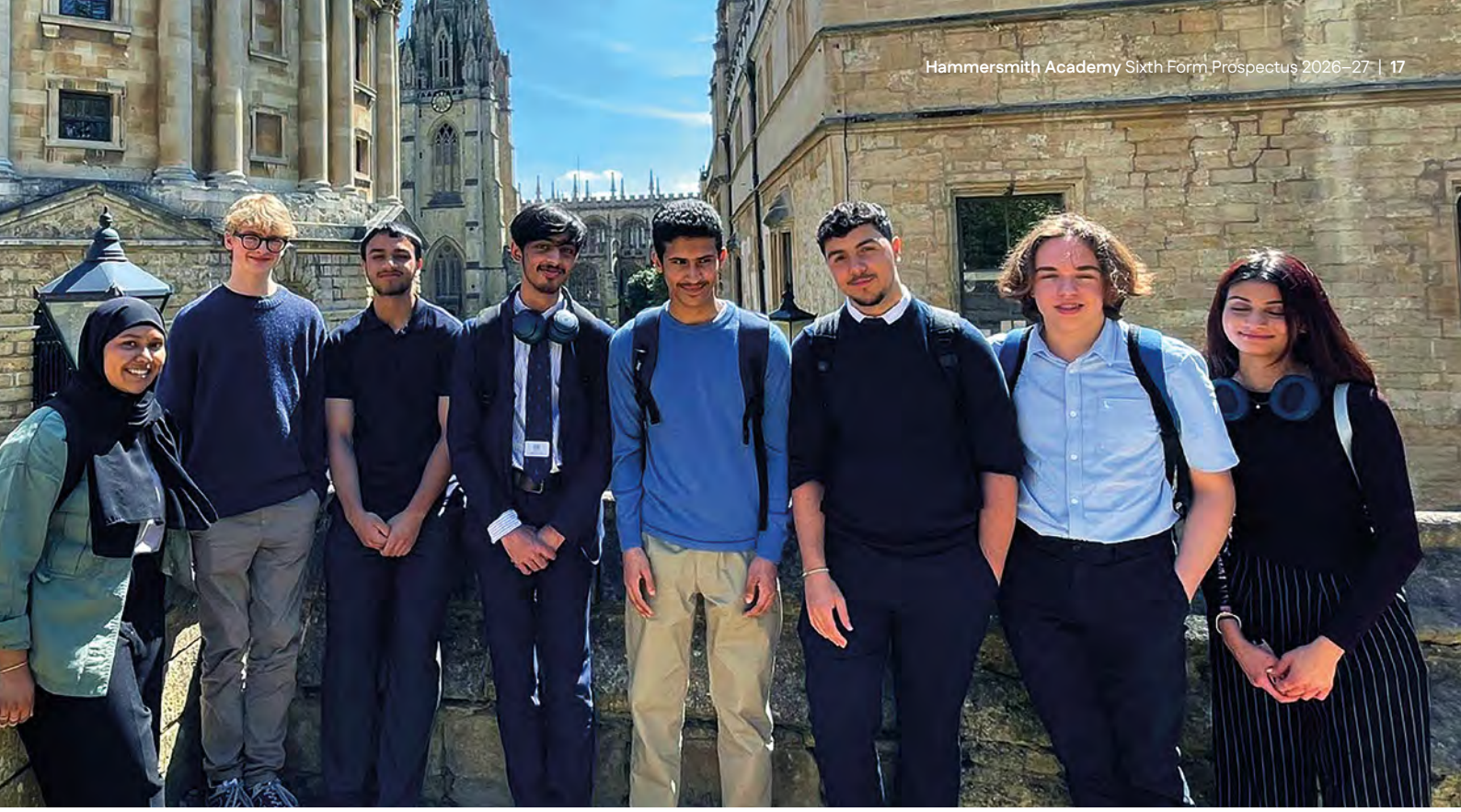
- Travel to university open days, placements and lectures
- Essential IT equipment or course materials
- Summer schools, trips, or enrichment programmes

These are just examples — the award is flexible and personalised. Students who receive the **Mercers' Talent Award** are encouraged to **propose their own ideas** to the **Head of Sixth Form**, outlining how the funding could best support their academic or career aspirations.

Who Can Apply?

The Mercers' Talent Award is open to full-time Hammersmith Academy Sixth Form students who:

- Achieve a **GCSE average point score of 8+** from at least 8 GCSEs
- Show **exceptional commitment** to academic progress and personal development
- Are **eligible for Pupil Premium or Free School Meals**, or are **first-generation university applicants**
- Other strong applicants may also be considered if places remain available.



Goldhawk Scholarship

Supporting ambitious students beyond Sixth Form

Hammersmith Academy students have the opportunity to apply for the Goldhawk Scholarship, an exceptional financial award designed to support them as they progress to university.

The Goldhawk Scholarship reflects our commitment to supporting students beyond their time at Hammersmith Academy – providing not only the qualifications to progress, but the opportunities and support to achieve Real World Success.

£15k
potential award

3
scholarships every year

Any university
no institution restriction

Any degree
no course restriction

Each year, three students will receive £5,000 per year for up to three years of undergraduate study – a potential award of £15,000 per student. Generously funded by the parents of Hammersmith Academy alumni, the Scholarship is designed to help talented and ambitious students make the most of university, regardless of their financial circumstances.

The Scholarship is open to students completing A Level or vocational studies at Hammersmith Academy who are applying to university, with no restrictions on their choice of degree or institution.

Students apply at the end of Year 12, with successful scholars selected on their ambitions for university, the difference the funding could make to their experience and their potential to make a positive contribution to their university and wider community.

Successful applicants are confirmed at the beginning of Year 13, meaning they can approach their university applications knowing that this significant financial support is already in place.

Who Can Apply?

- Open to students completing A Level or vocational studies at Hammersmith Academy.
- Applicants must be applying to university.
- There are no restrictions on the university or degree course chosen.
- Applications are made at the end of Year 12, with successful applicants confirmed in September of Year 13.



State-of-the-Art Spaces for Learning, Creativity and Community

Our Facilities

Our modern, purpose-built campus provides the ideal environment for students to achieve **academic excellence**, explore their interests and develop the skills for **success in the real world**. Every space has been designed to support a broad, ambitious curriculum taught by subject specialists, alongside the enrichment opportunities that shape confident, well-rounded young people.

Specialist Teaching and Learning Facilities

Our high-quality learning spaces enable students to experience lessons that are challenging, engaging and industry-relevant. Facilities include:

- **Media Suite** for creative digital production and design
- **Two ICT classrooms** equipped for coding, computing and multimedia learning
- **Two professional drama studios** and a **fully retractable 250-seat theatre** used for assemblies, performances and events
- **Design Technology workshops** with 3D printing and laser-cutting facilities
- **Two Art rooms** with an art library and gallery space
- **Dedicated Science floor** with four laboratories and preparation rooms
- **Library and computer suite**, providing access to research, reading and digital learning resources
- **Award-winning RHS Garden** and **outdoor kitchen classroom**, offering students hands-on learning experiences that connect them with nature – a rare and enriching feature in inner London

Sports Facilities

Physical wellbeing and teamwork are vital parts of Academy life. Our sports facilities support both curriculum lessons and extracurricular clubs:

- **Full-sized Sports Hall** for basketball, netball, badminton and trampolining
- **Outdoor Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** for lessons, recreation and after-school clubs
- **Fully-equipped fitness gym** for strength and conditioning training

Sixth Form Centre

Our dedicated Sixth Form Centre provides a university-style environment that encourages independence and collaboration. Facilities include:

- **Two IT study hubs** for independent work
- **Communal workspace** for group projects
- **On-site Sixth Form Team** for daily academic and pastoral support
- **Careers Team** with an open-door policy to guide students towards university and apprenticeship success

Designed for Focus, Depth and Real World Success

A Day in the Life of a Student

Sixth Form life gives you greater independence while ensuring you have the structure and support to succeed. Your timetable combines specialist lessons with supervised and independent study, alongside opportunities for enrichment, leadership, careers guidance and contributing to Academy life.

No two days look exactly the same. These example timetables show how Sixth Form students make use of their time both in and beyond the classroom.



Student 1

1A — Independent Study / Late Start
Study and complete independent learning at home before coming into the Academy.

1B — Subject Lesson
Media

Tutor Time — Independent Study Workshop
Develop effective independent study habits and use your planner to organise workload and priorities.

2A — Supervised Study
Work independently in the Sixth Form Centre, making use of dedicated study facilities.

2B — Subject Lesson
Photography

3A — Volunteering / Session 3
Contribute to Academy life through a Session 3 club or volunteering opportunity.



Student 2

1A — Subject Lesson
Economics

1B — Supervised Study & EPQ
Work on your EPQ in the Sixth Form Centre, including a mentoring session with your EPQ supervisor.

Tutor Time — Buddy Programme
Support younger students through peer mentoring.

2A — Insight Programme
Take part in HA's programme of employer encounters, speakers and real world insight.

2B — Mathematics
Further Mathematics or Core Mathematics.



Student 3

1A — Subject Lesson
Applied Science AAQ

1B — Group Study
Work collaboratively with other students in a study group on the Sixth Form mezzanine.

Tutor Time — Leadership
Build your portfolio towards a leadership qualification.

2A — Subject Lesson
Business BTEC

2B — Careers & University Guidance
Meet with the Careers Team for personalised guidance and support with an application for an enrichment opportunity.



Preparing students for real-world success

Faculties & Courses

A Level Curriculum

At Hammersmith Academy, A Levels form the core of an academically ambitious Sixth Form experience. Designed for students who enjoy intellectual challenge and want to deepen their subject knowledge, our A Level pathways provide the rigour, breadth and independence required for success at the highest levels of education.

With a broad range of A Level subjects available, students can build programmes that reflect both their strengths and their aspirations, supported by expert subject specialists who are committed to helping every student achieve their very best.

BTEC & AAQ qualifications

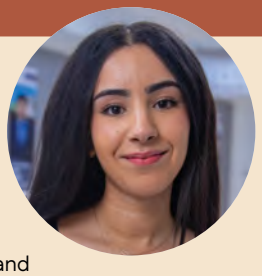
BTEC and AAQ qualifications at Hammersmith Academy offer a rigorous, respected pathway for students who want to combine academic depth with practical, real-world learning. These courses are designed for ambitious students who thrive through applied study, independent project work and assessment — and who want clear progression to university, apprenticeships or professional employment. Each BTEC and AAQ qualification offered is equivalent in size to one A Level, allowing students to combine subjects to create a programme that suits their strengths, interests and future ambitions.

BTEC & AAQ pathways sit alongside our A Level provision as an equally aspirational route, supporting students to develop deep subject knowledge while building the transferable skills that universities and employers value highly.

For students who do not wish to study a full suite of A Levels, BTEC & AAQ qualifications provide a highly structured, challenging alternative — offering academic credibility, clear progression and strong outcomes without compromising on ambition.

Potential Careers

In the following pages we've added a few ideas for career pathways that you might be interested in if you're considering a particular qualification. But don't be limited by them – they are just illustrative; only 20–30% of graduate jobs require a specific degree (for example Medicine, Architecture, languages). Most employers will be looking for a range of useful skills that you can develop throughout your time at HA and university, both in your academic studies and through hobbies, volunteering and work experience.



Alum Bushra is a great example of why your subjects are only part of the story. Alongside **A Levels in English Literature, Geography and Politics**, she joined King's College London's K+ scheme, the Aspiring Professionals Programme and gained work experience through networking with Insight speakers. **Studying Geography at university,** she further developed her communication and cognitive skills through travel and leadership roles in clubs and societies. These skills impressed employers and she now works in government for the **Foreign & Commonwealth Office**.

The Faculty of Arts 22

Art	A Level	Edexcel
Photography	A Level	Edexcel
Product Design	A Level	AQA

The Faculty of Business and Economics 23

Economics	A Level	Edexcel
Business	BTEC Level 3 National Ext. Cert.	Edexcel

The Faculty of English and Media 24

English Literature	A Level	Edexcel
Media Studies	A Level	Eduqas
Digital Media	CTEC Level 3	OCR

The Faculty of Humanities 25

Geography	A Level	Edexcel
History	A Level	Edexcel
Politics	A Level	Edexcel
Psychology	A Level	AQA
Sociology	A Level	OCR

The Faculty of Science 26

Biology	A Level	AQA
Chemistry	A Level	OCR
Physics	A Level	OCR
Applied Science	Level 3 AAQ	Pearson

The Faculty of ICT and Computer Science 28

Computer Science	A Level	OCR
Digital Systems and Data	V Level	TBC

The Faculty of Mathematics 29

Mathematics	A Level	Edexcel
Further Mathematics	A Level	AQA
Core Mathematics	A Level	AQA

The Faculty of Modern Foreign Languages 30

Spanish	A Level	AQA

The Faculty of Physical Education 31

Sport	BTEC Level 3 National Ext. Cert.	Edexcel

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Extended Project Qualification	AQA
Level 3 Award in Oracy	OCR

Courses on offer may be subject to change, depending on the popularity of courses. Course information is correct at time of printing.

The Faculty of Arts

Art

Qualification	A Level Art
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 in Art and Design or equivalent. A portfolio of work must also be presented.

Develop your creative voice through drawing, painting, sculpture and a wide range of materials and processes. You will experiment, investigate artists and develop increasingly ambitious personal work, building the independence, technical skill and critical thinking needed for further creative study.

Photography

Qualification	A Level Photography
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4. No previous subject knowledge is required. Previous study of Art, DT or Media is advantageous.

Use photography to communicate ideas, stories and perspectives through experimentation and critical study. From core photographic principles to advanced editing and conceptual work, you will learn to create increasingly ambitious and meaningful images with purpose and originality.

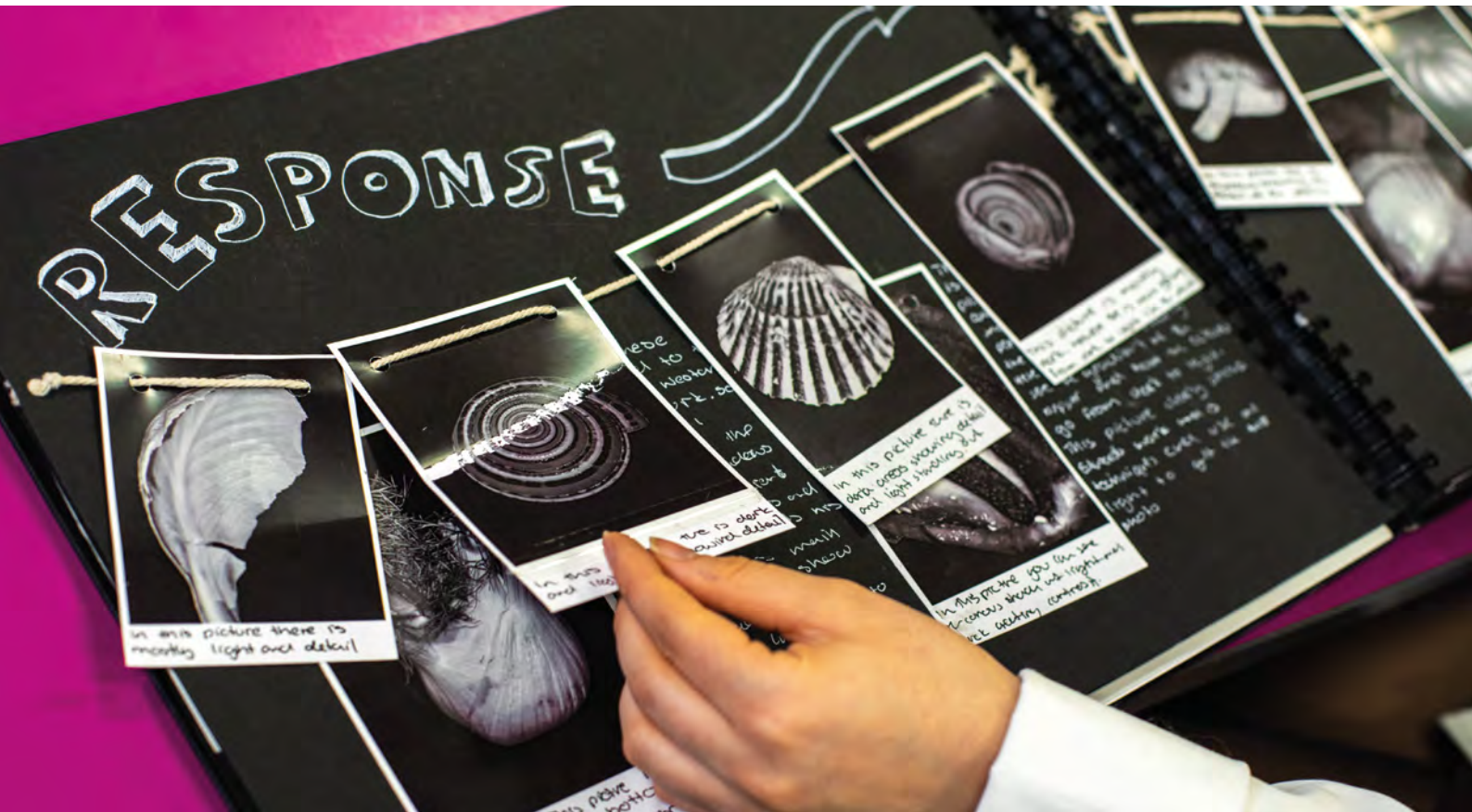
Potential Careers

- Fashion Design
- Textile Design
- Interior Design
- Photography
- Graphic Design
- Fine Art
- Illustration
- Animation
- Jewellery Design
- Film Making
- Theatre and Set Design
- Architecture
- Art Therapy
- Broadcaster
- PR Assistant
- Marketing Specialist
- Animator
- UX Designer

Product Design

Qualification	A Level Product Design
Exam Board	AQA
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 in Design and Technology or equivalent.

Turn ideas into solutions to real-world problems. Combining creativity with technical knowledge, Product Design challenges you to investigate user needs, materials, manufacturing and sustainability before designing, developing and testing ambitious products of your own.





Amari Drysdale

Economics and Management, University of Oxford

"After considering several local schools, I ultimately chose to continue my studies at Hammersmith Academy's Sixth Form, as I believed it would offer the best support for my academic ambitions.

With the guidance of the Academy's Careers Lead, I participated in a range of programmes that not only strengthened my university applications but also exposed me to various career opportunities. These included attending the London School of Economics Summer School programme, completing two internships at J.P. Morgan and attending access events for the University of Oxford, which ultimately encouraged me to apply there to read Economics and Management.

I can confidently say that without the support of the Academy and a number of members of staff, I would not be where I am today."

Business and Economics

Economics

Qualification	A Level Economics
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 English and Mathematics. If Economics has been studied at GCSE, grade 6 is required.

Understand the decisions that shape our lives, from choices made by consumers and businesses to the actions of governments and global economies. Economics develops your ability to analyse real-world issues, interpret evidence and construct clear, well-reasoned judgements.

Business

Qualification	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Business
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4. Grade 5 English and Mathematics. If GCSE or BTEC Level 2 Business has been studied, minimum grade 5 or Merit.

Discover how modern organisations operate and what drives business success. Through real business scenarios and applied learning, you will develop knowledge alongside the decision-making, communication and problem-solving skills needed for the world of work.

Potential Careers

Students develop transferable skills that are highly valued across many sectors, particularly in roles involving leadership, organisation and strategic decision-making.

- Business Management
- Finance and Banking
- Marketing and Advertising
- Accountancy
- Data Analyst
- Entrepreneurship and Business Start-ups
- Economist
- Investment Analyst
- Statistician
- Stockbroker

The Faculty of English and Media

For more information visit our website

English Literature

Qualification	A Level English Literature
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 English Language and grade 6 English Literature.

Explore powerful writing across prose, poetry and drama while investigating enduring questions about identity, power, society, morality and the human condition. Through discussion, critical reading and independent research, you will become a more sophisticated thinker and confident communicator.

Potential Careers

- Law and Solicitorships
- Journalism and Publishing
- Teaching and Academia
- Broadcast Journalist
- Editorial Assistant

Media Studies

Qualification	A Level Media Studies
Exam Board	Eduqas
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 English Language.

Become a critical and creative thinker in a world shaped by media. Analyse how meaning is created, how audiences are influenced and how industries operate, while developing practical production skills to create purposeful media of your own.

Digital Media

Qualification	CTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Digital Media
Exam Board	OCR
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 5 English Language. Grade 5 Media or Merit if studied at GCSE.

Combine creativity with technical production skills to understand and create media for today's digital world. Through theoretical study and hands-on production, you will develop the confidence, creativity and technical expertise needed to produce purposeful digital media.





The Faculty of Humanities

Potential Careers

- Politics and International Relations
- Journalism and Media
- Business and Finance
- Cultural sector
- Conservation and heritage
- Law
- Public Policy
- Government & Civil Service
- Therapy, Counselling and Clinical Psychology
- Occupational, Sports or Health Psychology
- Teaching and Educational Support
- Human Resources and Recruitment
- Social Care Worker

Geography

Qualification	A Level Geography
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 Geography and English Language.

Understand the relationships between people, places and environments and investigate some of the biggest challenges facing our world. From changing landscapes and global connections to hazards and the future of food, Geography builds global awareness and the ability to investigate complex issues independently.

History

Qualification	A Level History
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 English Language and grade 6 History.

Question the past to better understand the world today. Through the study of significant people, events and ideas, you will interrogate evidence, challenge historical interpretations and build sophisticated arguments of your own – preparing you for the demands of university study and beyond.

Politics

Qualification	A Level Politics
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 English Language and grade 6 in a Humanities subject.

Understand the ideas, institutions and debates shaping the UK, the US and the wider world. Analyse current events, challenge competing viewpoints and learn to construct persuasive, evidence-based arguments about the political issues that matter.

Psychology

Qualification	A Level Psychology
Exam Board	AQA
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 English Language and Mathematics, plus 6/6 Combined Science or grade 6 Biology.

Discover what science can tell us about how people think, behave and interact. From memory and social influence to relationships, mental health and biopsychology, you will use psychological theory and research to investigate some of the most fascinating questions about human behaviour.

Sociology

Qualification	A Level Sociology
Exam Board	OCR
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 English Language and grade 6 in a Humanities subject.

Question the society you live in and examine how identity, inequality, culture, media and institutions influence people's lives. Consider competing perspectives and use evidence to understand and debate the forces affecting society in a rapidly changing world.

The Faculty of Science

Biology

Qualification	A Level Biology
Exam Board	AQA
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 Biology, or 6/6 Combined Science, or 5/5/6 Triple Science with at least grade 6 Biology. Grade 6 Mathematics and English Language.

Discover the complexity and diversity of the living world, from the processes taking place within individual cells to the interactions that shape entire ecosystems. A Level Biology combines rigorous theoretical study with practical investigation and real world application, encouraging you to question, analyse evidence and think scientifically. You will become increasingly confident in applying biological knowledge, mathematical skills and experimental techniques while developing the independence and analytical thinking needed for further scientific study and future pathways.

Chemistry

Qualification	A Level Chemistry
Exam Board	OCR
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 Chemistry, or 6/6 Combined Science, or 5/5/6 Triple Science with grade 6 Chemistry. Grade 6 Mathematics and English Language.

Understand the chemical principles behind the material world, from atomic structure and bonding to reactions, synthesis and analysis. Combining theory with practical investigation, Chemistry challenges you to apply scientific and mathematical thinking to increasingly complex problems.

Physics

Qualification	A Level Physics
Exam Board	OCR
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 6 Physics, or 6/6 Combined Science, or 5/5/6 Triple Science with grade 6 Physics. Grade 6 Mathematics and English Language.

Investigate how the universe works, from the subatomic to the cosmic. Apply mathematical reasoning and experimentation to explain complex systems and uncover the principles behind modern technology and scientific discovery.



Applied Science

Qualification	Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Applied Science
Exam Board	Pearson
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including 5/5 Combined Science or 5/5/4 Triple Science. Grade 5 Mathematics and English Language.

Applied Science provides a rigorous and practical route for students who want to continue studying science through real world contexts. You will build knowledge across Biology, Chemistry and Physics while applying scientific ideas through practical investigations and applied assignments. The course develops analytical thinking, scientific communication, practical competence and independent research.

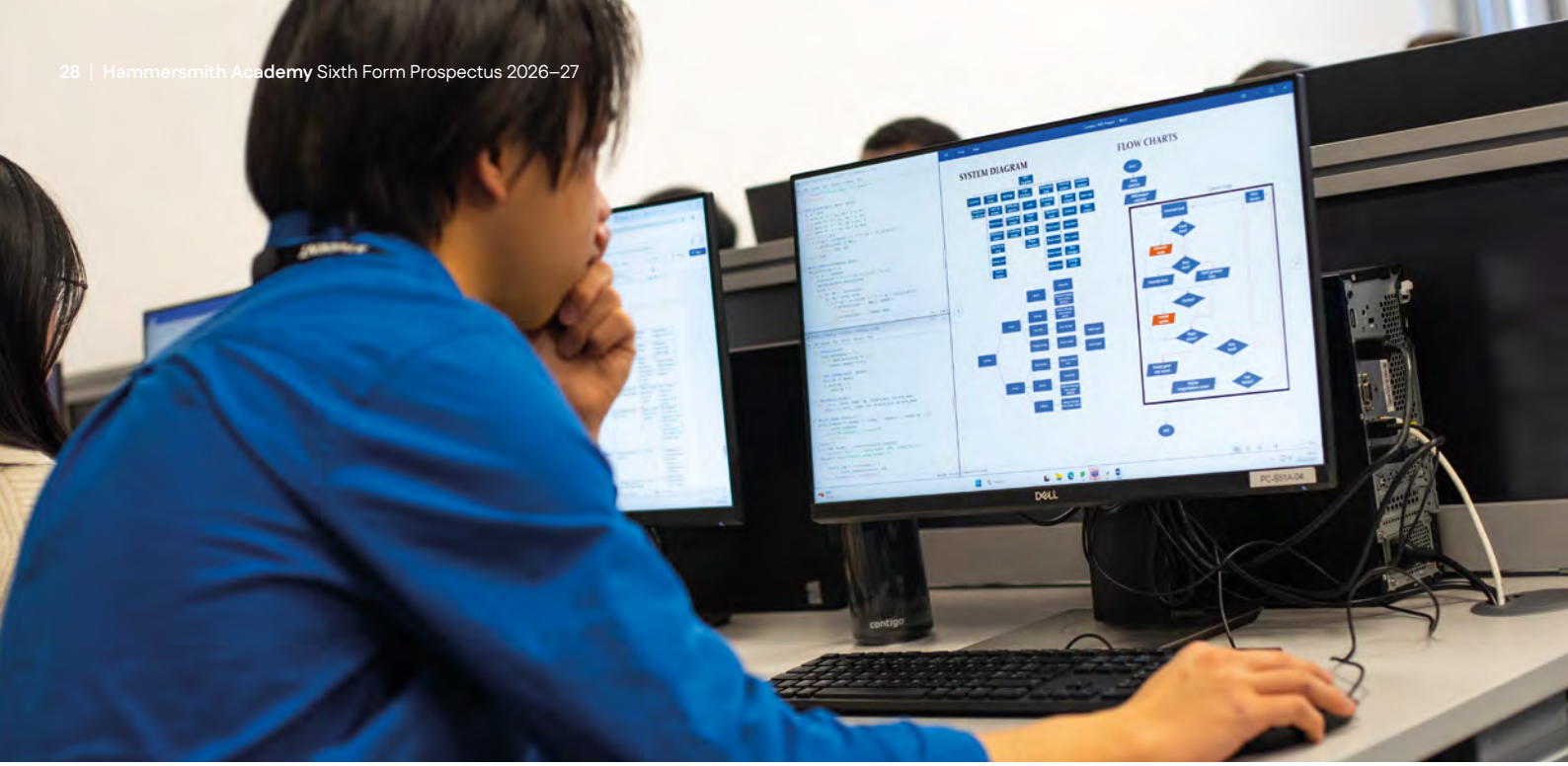
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Potential Careers

- Medicine & Dentistry
- Veterinary Medicine
- Biomedical Science
- Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Aerospace and Defence
- Energy and Renewable Resources
- Meteorology and Climate Science

Progression to higher education, apprenticeships or employment in science-related fields, supported by transferable skills in analysis, communication and independent work.





The Faculty of ICT and Computer Science

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Computer Science

Qualification	A Level Computer Science
Exam Board	OCR
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 5 English Language and grade 6 Mathematics. Grade 6 Computer Science if studied at GCSE.

Go beyond using technology and learn how to understand and shape it. Develop computational thinking and practical programming skills while exploring computer systems and algorithms, preparing you to solve complex problems creatively in a world increasingly shaped by technology.

Potential Careers

- Data Analyst or Data Scientist
- Digital Marketing and Advertising
- Game Design and Development
- Software Developer
- App Developer
- AI & Robotics Engineer
- Systems Architect
- Cybersecurity Specialist

Digital Systems and Data

Qualification	Level 3 V Level in Digital Systems and Data
Exam Board	TBC
Entry Requirements	TBC
Course availability note	This course will be available from September 2027. Further qualification details, including the awarding organisation, will be confirmed once available.

Develop practical knowledge and skills across digital systems, data and solution design. You will learn how digital systems function, analyse and interpret data, explore cyber security and apply digital concepts to solve problems and meet user needs.

The course combines theory with practical application, developing skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, communication and collaboration. It provides a strong foundation for further study and apprenticeships in areas including computing, information technology, data science and related digital disciplines.

The Faculty of Mathematics

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Mathematics

Qualification	A Level Mathematics
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Grade 7 GCSE Mathematics.

Take your mathematical thinking to a new level through Pure Mathematics, Statistics and Mechanics. Develop advanced reasoning, modelling and problem-solving skills while discovering how Mathematics helps us understand and shape the world around us.

Further Mathematics

Qualification	A Level Further Mathematics
Exam Board	AQA
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 8 Mathematics.

For students who thrive on mathematical challenge, Further Mathematics pushes beyond the standard A Level curriculum into more sophisticated and abstract mathematics. Encounter complex numbers, matrices and advanced calculus while building the precision and rigorous reasoning required for the most mathematically demanding university courses.

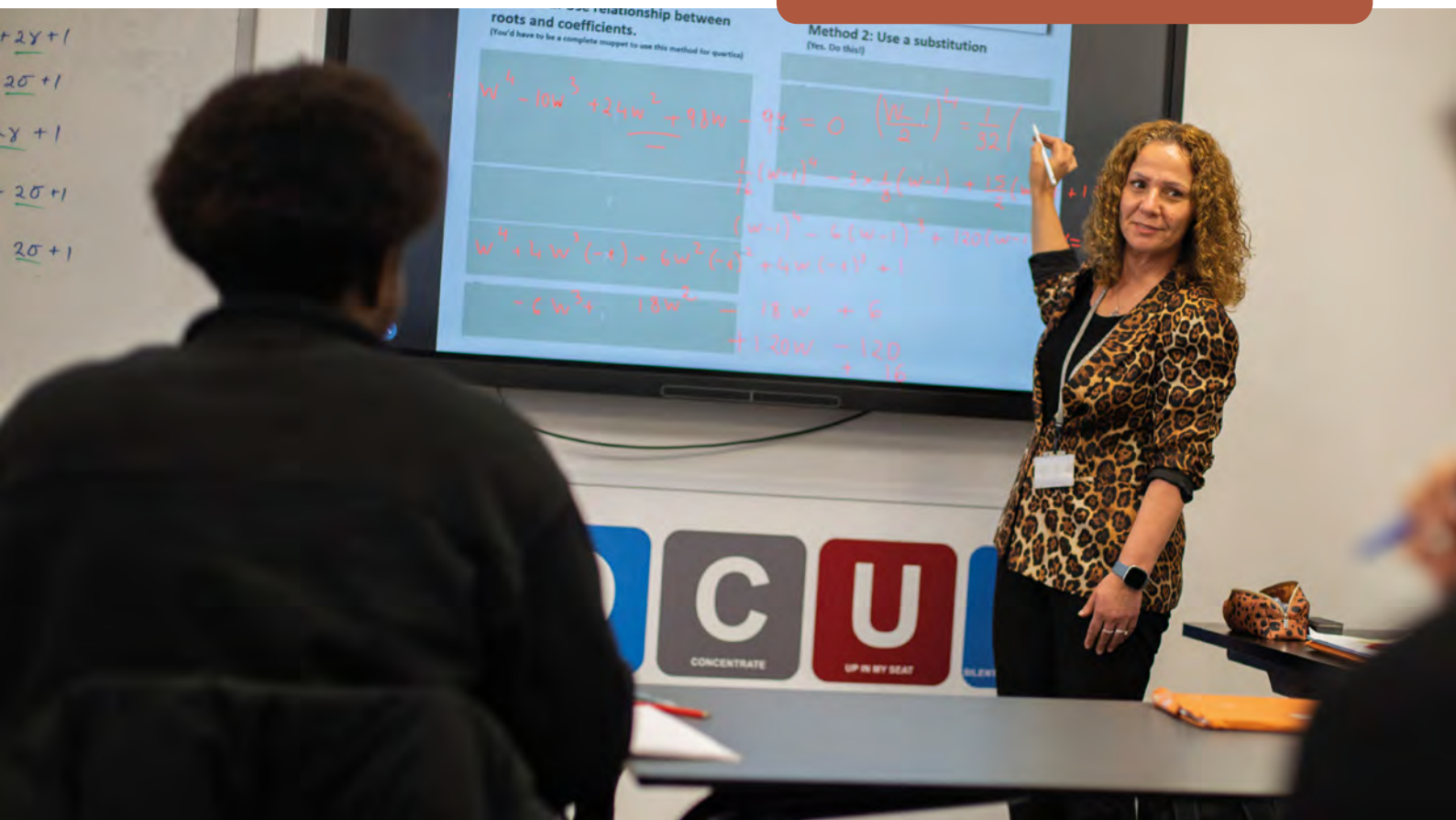
Core Mathematics

Qualification	A Level Core Mathematics
Exam Board	AQA
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including a minimum grade 5 in Mathematics.

Strengthen and extend the mathematics you use in other subjects and in everyday life. Core Mathematics focuses on applying numerical, statistical and financial skills to real world situations, developing confidence with data, quantitative reasoning and informed decision-making.

Potential Careers

- Engineering
- Physical Sciences
- Computing & AI
- Finance
- Accounting
- Economics & Data Science
- Architecture
- Medicine
- Psychology (quantitative pathways)
- Research
- Analytics and a wide range of STEM fields



The Faculty of Modern Foreign Languages

Spanish

Qualification	A Level Spanish
Exam Board	AQA
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 7 Spanish.

Take your Spanish beyond language learning and immerse yourself in the cultures and societies of the Spanish-speaking world. Through authentic materials, film, literature, discussion and independent research, you will develop fluency, cultural awareness and confident communication.

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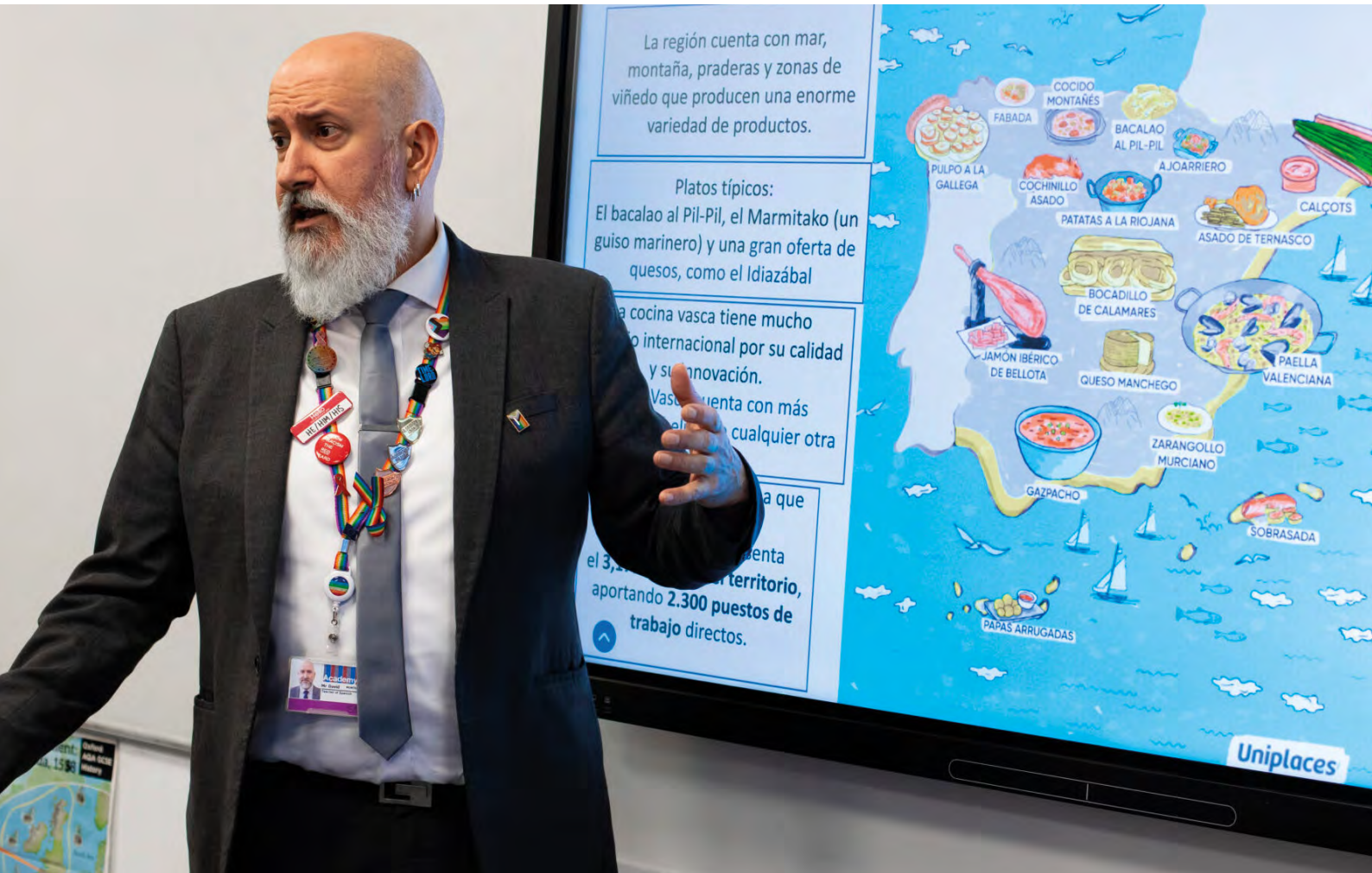
Potential Careers

A Level Spanish provides an excellent foundation for:

University study in Modern Languages, International Relations or European Studies

- Interpreter or Translator
- Language Teacher or Academic Researcher
- International Development or Diplomacy
- Journalism, Marketing, Advertising, PR or Business
- Logistics or Finance roles with global focus

Fluency in Spanish — one of the world's most widely spoken languages — opens global opportunities across education, media, commerce and international affairs.





The Faculty of Physical Education

For more information visit our website

Sport

Qualification	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Sport
Exam Board	Edexcel
Entry Requirements	Eight or more GCSEs at grades 9–4, including grade 5 English Language, Mathematics and Physical Education/Sport, or 5/5 Combined Science. BTEC Level 2 Merit is accepted if GCSE PE has not been studied.

Turn your interest in sport, health and physical performance into deeper academic and practical understanding. Combining externally assessed units, coursework and practical assessment, the course develops subject knowledge alongside independent learning and applied skills.

Potential Careers

- Sports Coaching
- Fitness Instruction / Personal Training
- Physiotherapy
- Sports Therapy
- PE Teaching
- Sports Development
- Leisure Centre Management
- Nutrition and Lifestyle Coaching
- Strength and Conditioning
- Health and Wellbeing Roles

Additional Qualifications

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) provides students with a unique opportunity to pursue an area of personal interest through independent research, enquiry and academic exploration. Designed to stretch and challenge students beyond the standard curriculum, the EPQ supports intellectual curiosity, independence and a deeper engagement with learning.

Potential Careers

The EPQ and OCR Level 3 Award in Oracy provide strong evidence of the independence, motivation and transferable skills valued by universities and employers. The EPQ develops advanced research, academic writing and project management skills, while Oracy strengthens confident communication, critical thinking, active listening, debate and presentation skills. Together, these qualifications support university applications and prepare students for undergraduate study and professional environments, where independent thinking, effective communication, critical evaluation and the confidence to present and defend ideas are highly valued.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Qualification	Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) – equivalent to half an A Level
Exam Board	AQA
Entry Requirements	There are no formal entry requirements. Students are considered after the first set of Year 12 mock examinations through a holistic assessment of academic performance, organisation, motivation and ability to work independently.

Take ownership of a question or topic that genuinely interests you. The EPQ gives you the freedom to research an area in depth while developing the independent research, critical thinking, academic writing, project management and presentation skills valued by universities and employers.

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OCR Level 3 Award in Oracy

Qualification	OCR Level 3 Award in Oracy
Exam Board	OCR
Entry Requirements	There are no formal entry requirements. Applicants are required to submit a short video explaining why they would like to take the course and the speaking and presentation skills they hope to develop.

Develop the confidence to communicate your ideas clearly, critically and effectively. The Level 3 Award in Oracy develops advanced speaking, listening, presentation and debate skills through practical assessment, helping you build the confidence and communication skills valued by universities and employers.

Through group discussion, debate and a formal researched presentation, you will develop critical thinking, active listening, independent research and the ability to communicate effectively with different audiences.

"I'm so excited to finally be going to Oxford after years of hard work. The teachers and Careers Team have supported me throughout my journey."

Georgia Marshallsay

AAA, Fine Art, University of Oxford





Preparing students for Real World Success

Student Pathways

There is no single route to success at Hammersmith Academy Sixth Form. Students can follow an A Level, Mixed A Level & Vocational, or Vocational pathway, with their programme shaped around their strengths, interests and future ambitions.

The examples below show real pathways taken by Hammersmith Academy students, combining their chosen courses with enrichment and opportunities selected to support their individual goals. Every student receives tailored guidance to help them make the most of the experiences available and build a pathway that is right for them.

These are examples of individual student pathways. Your programme will be shaped around your strengths, interests and future ambitions.

PATHWAY TYPE

A Level

Choose three A Level subjects to create an academically focused programme tailored to your strengths and future ambitions.

Example Courses:

Economics • Mathematics • Computer Science

Opportunities & Enrichment

Aspiring Professionals Programme – Banking & Finance strand

- Two weeks' work experience at JP Morgan
- LSE Pathways to Banking & Finance
- Harvard Essay Competition
- Developed an AI Economics essay-marking app

Destination:

Accounting & Finance – Degree

PATHWAY TYPE

Mixed A Level & Vocational

Combine A Level and vocational qualifications to create a programme that balances academic study with applied learning.

Example Courses:

Digital Media CTEC • Media • Photography

Opportunities & Enrichment

- Work experience at Immediate Media
- Insight day at adam&eveDDB
- Behind-the-scenes photoshoot at Kensington Palace
- BFI seminar
- Insight day at Banijay TV
- Volunteer peer mentoring and reading support

Destination:

Communications – Degree

PATHWAY TYPE

Vocational

Choose vocational qualifications for a programme centred on practical, applied learning linked to future study and career pathways.

Example Courses:

Applied Science AAQ • Business BTEC • IT Data Analytics AAQ

Opportunities & Enrichment

- WCIT Hackathon
- Tech networking event at Google
- Hammersmith & Fulham Tech Reveal
- Lecture at Imperial College London
- Work experience at CACI in Data Analytics
- Programming Languages MOOC
- British Exploring Society expedition

Destination:

Computer Science – Degree


STUDENT
Student

Your Journey to Hammersmith Academy Starts Here

How to Apply

Joining Hammersmith Academy Sixth Form means choosing a pathway defined by ambition, opportunity and Real World Success. With outstanding teaching, personalised UCAS and careers guidance and exclusive partnerships with leading universities, cultural institutions and employers, our students secure exceptional futures.

STEP 1. Check the Entry Requirements

STEP 2. Submit Your Online Application
Application deadline 31 January 2027

STEP 3. Attend an Interview (External Applicants Only)
Interviews begin February 2027

STEP 4. Conditional Offers Issued

STEP 5. Final Enrolment on GCSE Results Day
Enrolment Day: Thursday 19 August 2027

Why Choose Hammersmith Academy Sixth Form?

- Exceptional **personalised support** from two full-time Careers specialists based in the Sixth Form Centre
- Proven success securing places at **Russell Group universities, Oxbridge** and **highly competitive degree apprenticeships**
- Exclusive partnerships with **St Paul's School, St Paul's Girls' School, Kensington Palace, Motorsport UK** and leading cultural institutions
- A mature, university-style environment
- A wide range of A Level, BTEC and AAQ pathways to suit every ambition
- **Outstanding outcomes** – a 100% A Level pass rate, with 56% of grades at A*–B and 96% of vocational grades at Distinction*–Merit

Our Sixth Form Admissions Team is here to support:

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