



**Wolverhampton  
Girls' High School**

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*I am delighted to welcome you to*

# Wolverhampton Girls' High School.



*T. Young*

Trudi Young Headteacher

The school has a rich history of providing an **excellent education**. We pride ourselves on our traditions, but we do not stand still, we are striving for continuous improvement. **It is an exciting place to be!** Please do come and have a look round to see for yourselves.

This is a warm and friendly school with a community family atmosphere. Pastoral care and support are our top priority, ensuring that students feel happy, safe and secure. Students are supported by their tutor, the teaching staff, our pastoral leaders and our wellbeing support officers and therapeutic team who offer tailored support. There are times when we need support and our student wellbeing charter underpins our varied offer.

We are a hard-working and caring school offering a wide range of opportunities both in and outside of the classroom. Students thrive in leading and participating in extra-curricular activities in the fields of sport, music and drama amongst many other areas. There is a plethora of activities for the students to engage in from leading whole school events; to organising charity fundraising activities; participating in debating competitions and enjoying expeditions abroad. The house system also provides many opportunities for girls to engage in fun activities. Students take on various leadership posts and act as role models.

Our students grow up believing in themselves and empowered to make a difference in school, the local community and the wider world. We encourage students to challenge, to ask questions and think independently. We are very proud of the way in which our students play a key role in driving forward school developments.

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

The school is respected as one of the best state schools in the country, regularly achieving examination results which place it near the top of national league tables. This success has also been recognised by Ofsted, with the school achieving four successive “Outstanding” inspections.

High quality advice and support is provided to ensure that students are well informed to make their choices when preparing for higher education and their future careers. The school has an impressive record of students going on to read a variety of degree courses including Medicine and Law; and at some of the best institutions in the country including Oxford and Cambridge, alongside securing prestigious higher level apprenticeships at companies such as KPMG.

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

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

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

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

Student



*“This is a grammar school that never stands still. Its pupils are leaving with resilience built on experiences offered within the school, with a positive outlook and with the confidence, drive and determination to make changes to our future world.”*

Good Schools Guide

# Our offer

Here at Girls' High we have a long and well-deserved reputation for offering students an **exceptional** seven years of study. Each individual student who joins is provided with the **opportunity to achieve** their own personal aspirations, both academically as well as beyond the classroom.

## **We offer a broad and varied curriculum**

The school offers a broad and rich curriculum with over 20 subjects available for study at Wolverhampton Girls' High School which means that we are able to provide an educational pathway that is tailored to the individual student's needs. In recent years we have further strengthened our curriculum offer introducing Performing Arts and Drama in all Key Stages.

## **We care**

Care, support and guidance are key elements at Wolverhampton Girls' High School. Whilst academic achievements are exceptional, we focus upon supporting our students' development. Students join us knowing that they can fulfil their academic potential as well as developing the key skills essential for success both in and beyond school. We are highly skilled at ensuring students are able to secure places at outstanding institutions as well identifying and supporting applications for other opportunities beyond Sixth Form.

## **We achieve outstanding results**

Each year the vast majority of our Year 13 students go on to further study including at institutions such as Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities. We offer every encouragement to all students in whatever they wish to pursue, whether this be university, higher apprenticeships, employment or a gap year.

## **We offer exceptional opportunities**

Students have the chance to develop communication, leadership and independence skills through the diverse enrichment opportunities on offer. The students play an instrumental role in the school community, organising a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities, charity events and contributing to school development and are able to take on positions of responsibility such as House Captains, Prefects, Deputy and Assistant Head Girl and Head Girl. They also benefit from a wide range of trips abroad including Russia, Italy, France, Spain, and Iceland, opportunities which support curriculum studies and help the girls to grow into well-rounded individuals.

*“What I love most about the school is that the teachers will always be there for you both academically and personally, whenever you need them.”*

Student

# Excellence

*Inspirational teaching,  
memorable learning*

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

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

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

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

*"The teachers are so kind, helpful  
and supportive. They help you  
become the best that you can be."*

Student



*"Pupils value highly  
their education...  
They display very  
positive attitudes  
towards learning in  
lessons."*

Ofsted



# Excellence

## *Broad and rich curriculum*

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

Given the academically able intake, the main emphasis of the school curriculum is to provide a varied and enriching experience, prepare students for their next steps, and also ensure that appropriate opportunities are given for all students to realise their full potential.

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

*"Pupils value highly their education... They display very positive attitudes towards learning in lessons."*

Ofsted

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

Parent

# Excellence

*An environment catered to needs*

**Students enjoy excellent, purpose-built accommodation** throughout the school.

Wolverhampton Girls' High School is fortunate to have both traditional buildings and modern additions; including a brand new dedicated Sixth Form Centre which is modern, spacious and architecturally stunning. The newly built Sixth Form Centre provides a spacious and sociable area for all of the Sixth Form to relax during recreation and lunchtime. It has a range of facilities including a purpose built social/study space with a kitchen area, comfortable seating area, a study space, and further seating outside on the patio overlooking the school grounds. This is supplemented by additional study space in the old library and studio in the main school.

Our facilities have been further enhanced by four new science laboratories and our new activity studio.

There are a number of more recent developments within the school including the Hub (for easy access to House Leaders and other pastoral and administrative staff), interactive lecture theatre (to support innovative learning opportunities), some refurbished laboratories and library in the main school.

The Hub and library can be used before and after school. We also have various specialist teaching areas for art and design, music, sport, a performing arts studio and two computer rooms. Every Sixth Form student is provided with a one-to-one device to support independent study and learning both in lessons and outside of school.

Whether students' interests lie in sport, music, art or the sciences, our facilities provide an environment that enriches the academic experience at Girls' High.

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

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*"I cannot praise WGHS enough. My daughter has continued to make great progress thanks to the dedication of staff and unwavering effort, care and support at all times pastorally, academically and in all other areas of development. Thank you all."*

Parent



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

Student



# Community

## *Pastoral care and support*

**Care, support and guidance are top priorities**, from Year 7 through to the Sixth Form. Support is available to help our students dealing with wellbeing difficulties. The pastoral system allows students to realise their full academic potential whilst developing their social and personal qualities. This is achieved through a well-established structure of academic teaching and individual pastoral support alongside Higher Education and Careers guidance. We aim to ensure that students leave as independent, confident and well-rounded young adults.

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

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

*“Excellent school with very caring and qualified staff members. 10 out of 10.”*

Parent

# Community

## Family community

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

Our girls care deeply for each other, with strong bonds forming within and between year groups. Year after year our students talk about the family atmosphere of Wolverhampton Girls' High School and the support that they enjoy from all members of the school community. This is enhanced by the vertical tutor groups comprised of students from Years 7-13.

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

*"Pupils are pleasant and responsible young adults who support the school well through taking on a wide range of leadership opportunities."*

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*"There is a great sense of togetherness across our school with the family atmosphere of support."*

Student





*"I love the house spirit. The atmosphere on Sports Day and other House events is electric."*

Student



# Community

## Strong House system

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

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

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

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

*"They enjoy participating in inter-house competitions. Pupils recognise and appreciate the range of experiences they have, and that these opportunities benefit their personal development."*

Ofsted

# Opportunities

*In abundance*

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

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

The students have also competed at local, regional and national level in competitions ranging from Geography to Chemistry quizzes to the national Mathematic challenges to the Oxford and Cambridge Union Debating, National Robotics competitions and the national netball finals.

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

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

Student





*"A lively place to be."*

Good Schools Guide



# Opportunities

*Top Sport, Music,  
Dance and Drama*

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

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

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

Musical, dramatic and dance talents are also on display through the regular productions taking place. In recent years these have included, *Oliver*, *Mary Poppins* and *Sister Act*.



*Broaden Cultural  
Awareness*

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

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

Student

# Opening doors to success

*Come and join us*

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

Academic excellence is a key feature of life at Girls' High, with all working towards achieving their personal best. There is a **real emphasis upon growing as an individual, growing in confidence and resilience** so that our students are ready to take on the challenges that lie ahead.

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

- Entry to our school is based on the results on the Entrance Test, covering Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning and Mathematics. Please see the school website for further information, advice and guidance.
- Registration is online and further information can be found on the school website: [www.wghs.org.uk](http://www.wghs.org.uk)
- We would love to welcome you to our open events.

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

Parent



*"I love how each of us strive for greatness and help others to achieve that too."*

Student



*“Education in its broadest sense. So much more than exam results. It’s the extra-curricular activities, opportunities and the pastoral care that stand out.”*

Parent



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