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### Welcome to West Coventry Academy

### A message from the Headteacher

Welcome to West Coventry Academy, a fully inclusive comprehensive school. Our ethos centres around improving the life chances of all our young people.

We believe it is our responsibility to work with every individual, challenging them to achieve their best and supporting them to become responsible young adults who leave school prepared for the next stage in their development. Our aim is to develop young people who are Respectful, Responsible, Resilient and Ready to Learn.

West Coventry Academy has a team of dedicated staff who ensure that our students thrive in a safe and happy environment. We believe high quality relationships are pivotal to providing fulfilling learning experiences. Our broad curriculum caters for students of all abilities, lessons are engaging and relevant, developing students' confidence and creativity. We are proud of our extra curricular provision and the opportunities our students have access to as a result.

We believe it is important to develop the whole individual and for students to be given the chance to learn new skills which challenge and test their resilience. Skills that will equip them for life. Our student leadership programme encourages students to take responsibility and invest in the school and its future.

At West Coventry Academy we value working together with parents/carers and the community to ensure that students enjoy their time at school, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Please do come and pay us a visit; our staff and students are very proud of our school. We look forward to meeting you.



Ana Neofitou Headteacher

#### A message from the Chair of Governors

As Chair of Governor at West Coventry Academy, I would like to welcome you to our school. The governors take pride in seeing the Academy continue to develop and succeed. We know, from the moment you walk through the door at West Coventry Academy, the commitment of the senior leadership team, the staff and the students is apparent. The long term strategy and vision alongside the dedication of our staff is testament to the loyal, inclusive school community we have created.

We believe we are the school of choice in Coventry and we look forward to welcoming you.



Jane Jones Chair of Governors







"I couldn't be happier with the school... it is a hidden gem" Parent of a child in year 8

"They encourage you to dream big and do your best" Year 7 student











### Our New Build

I am delighted that the rebuilding of West Coventry Academy is underway. The new build will give us the opportunity to teach in a building that is both welcoming and sustainable, creating a 21st century learning environment for our students, an environment where they can thrive and prepare for their futures.

The new West Coventry Academy will truly be a place where students and staff can showcase their skills and achievements, where we can welcome visitors, and our community to share the new facilities.

We are fortunate that the careful design and construction programme enables us to continue teaching our school community without interruption or the disruption of moving into temporary accommodation.

The new build will undoubtedly improve the life chances of our school community as we work together to develop young people who are Respectful, Responsible, Resilient and Ready to Learn.

> Ana Neofitou Headteacher

### The 4 Rs

The 4Rs are central to the ethos of West Coventry Academy. They enable us to develop a common language for learning across the school; a language that is used in all classrooms, with all students.

#### The 4 Rs consist of Responsibility, Resilience, Respect and Ready to Learn.

In practice, this means that we expect students, staff, parents and governors to model these core values.

> Our aim is that this mutual understanding permeates across all stakeholders of the school from students and staff to parents, carers and governors. Our hope is that these core values will spill over into life outside school, where parents and carers will be able to reinforce these values by encouraging their children to use the principles that underpin this language of learning in their everyday lives.

### Exciting Curriculum

We offer a broad and diverse curriculum across the key stages that caters for all. Our Key Stage Three curriculum forms the building blocks to GCSE study. Its objective is to build confidence and give students the opportunity to experience a wide variety of subject areas.

Students select those subjects they wish to specialise in at GCSE at the end of Key Stage Three. We are proud of the breadth of our curriculum offer and the range of high quality courses we have help to develop and nurture whatever interests a student may have.

Our curriculum provision extends to Key Stage Five. Our students are encouraged to continue their education at the highly successful West Coventry Sixth Form. There are a range of academic and vocational courses on offer and a purpose built block which houses Post 16 facilities such as study rooms, the common room and Key Stage Five classrooms.

"They want children to aspire... to achieve their potential" Parent of a child in year 6

"We nurture from start to finish regardless of where they are on their journey" WCA Staff Member

### Pastoral Excellence

Upon admission to the school each student is placed into a mixed tutor group. Each tutor group is also connected to one of four colleges. The college system has been created to provide students with a clear sense of purpose and identity. There exists an inclusive program of inter-college competitions ranging from sports through to the arts.

There is usually between 25 to 30 students in each tutor group. The tutor is in contact with each student on a daily basis and students are encouraged to seek advice and guidance from them should they need it. The tutor has a particularly important role at West Coventry Academy and takes a special interest in each student's academic and pastoral development on a daily basis. Each year group has a Progress Leader whose role it is to lead and motivate students through monitoring, tracking and the implementation of effective intervention strategies so that every student makes outstanding progress.

There is also a Pastoral Leader attached to every year group who works in partnership with the Progress Leader. They are a nonteaching member of staff and play a leading role in the pastoral care, guidance and support of each student. They are the key point of contact for parents.

Each Progress Leader and Pastoral Leader will stay with their year group throughout their time at West Coventry Academy.



## Comprehensive Extra Curricular Activities

Students at West Coventry Academy have access to an extensive range of extra-curricular opportunities. We offer a wide range of educational visits to support the curriculum, as well as the Duke of Edinburgh Award and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities both on and off site.

We have a fully equipped fitness suite, a sport complex including gym and sports hall and a swimming pool, as well as a permanent rugby pitch set in extensive grounds.

There is an annual production which all are encouraged to take part in, whether that is on or off stage, various dance and singing performances and music clubs for those who are interested the Performing Arts.

> In addition, we have a large number of lunchtime and after school clubs which cater for students, whatever their interest, where they can develop their skills and meet new friends.

"They know your child, they're not a number... they are treated as individuals" Parent of a child in year 7

"Transition was awesome between primary and secondary school" Year 7 student West Coventry Academy Nutbrook Avenue Coventry CV4 9PW

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