

A photograph of three young students in school uniforms standing outdoors. The student on the left is a boy with dark hair, the middle one is a girl with brown hair, and the one on the right is a boy with dark hair. They are all wearing dark suits, white shirts, and purple ties. A purple banner is at the top right, and a grey banner is at the bottom with the school's name and tagline.

Developing tomorrow's leaders

**Grace Academy**  
Specialist Business and Enterprise Academy

Welcome to Grace Academy, where “our vision is to develop well-educated, considerate and caring citizens with a strong sense of values who will succeed in, and contribute to, modern society”.

With academies situated in Coventry, Solihull and Darlaston, the Grace Family is built on a strong Christian ethos, embodied in our core values of Grace, Integrity, Excellence, Respect and Potential.

Sponsored by the Grace Foundation, a charity founded by the entrepreneur and philanthropist Lord Edmiston, our mantra of “developing tomorrow’s leaders” is based on the belief that every young person should achieve their personal best and so enable them to contribute to the local, national and international community.

# Our Vision

## GRACE

As well as living our values every day, students are encouraged to work hard, be punctual and show respect for our staff and each other. In addition, we expect the highest standards of dress and behaviour. Values Days, organised by our Ethos Assistant Principals and Youth Workers, also help to support and develop our young people academically, spiritually and morally.

We have high expectations of all our young people, and aim to raise their aspirations and provide a unique and challenging learning experience. In this respect, our inclusive and personalised curriculum is designed to meet the needs and abilities of all our students. Whatever their interests or talents, students are given the opportunity to pursue a variety of individual pathways, from GCSEs and A-levels to more vocationally orientated subjects and work-related learning.

## INTEGRITY

Whichever learning pathway students follow, our expert teaching staff work with external agencies and individuals in adopting a child-centred approach to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our young people. By identifying students with learning needs as early as possible, we ensure they receive the necessary support to achieve both their academic and social potential.

Lessons are fun, and you can choose from a wide range of academic and vocational subjects.

Student from Darlaston

At Grace Academy, we believe that excellent teaching and support, world-class facilities and outstanding resources combine to give our students the best possible preparation for their adult life.

For those students who are new to the Academy, numerous transition events and activities enable them to make friends and settle in quickly. Working closely with our primary partners, these include sports days, joint school productions, Science experiments and assemblies. Our vertical tutor group system also helps to promote a harmonious atmosphere and a strong sense of community.

## EXCELLENCE

As a specialist Business & Enterprise Academy, students are given the opportunity to learn the entrepreneurial, organisational, communication and team-building skills they will need to succeed in their chosen career.

Our business partnership programme ranges from visits and work placements with local employers, to a Dragons' Den-style event and virtual stock market challenge. Students can also attend a series of business lunches with our key business partners, including Santander, Tesco, the NEC Group and Asda.

Our flourishing family of learners is composed of students, governors, teachers and support staff from across our three academies. Together with our parents, guardians and members of the wider community, this close-knit network gives our students the best possible chance to succeed in today's rapidly changing world.

# Our family



## RESPECT

At Grace, we value our positive partnership with parents and guardians, who are encouraged to take part in consultation evenings and family fun activities such as sports events and quiz nights. Our online facility, Parent Gateway, also gives real-time access to important information such as student attendance, assessment and achievement. Working with outside agencies, our Family Support Workers offer guidance and advice in areas such as budgeting, redundancy and parenting.

In addition, a variety of evening classes provide lifelong learning opportunities to the wider community, who are also welcome to use our state-of-the-art facilities.

My son and daughter both attend Grace. I am delighted with their progress, and the care, guidance and support we receive as a family.

Parent from Solihull

Whatever their interests or aspirations, we aim to develop our students' personal talents and stimulate an interest in learning for life.

As well as a strong emphasis on academic and examination achievement, an extensive choice of extra-curricular activities and clubs give students the chance to explore their creativity, or acquire a qualification that will impress future employers. These range from girls' football, rugby and Dance workshops to choir practice, Drama performances, Spanish lessons and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

At Grace Academy, we strive to ensure that each student is known and valued. As well as holding special assemblies and awards evenings to celebrate our young people's achievements, our Academy Council and Student Leadership team enable students to express their views in areas such as academy policy and the selection of teaching staff.

Voluntary work, or community projects in countries such as Zambia and Mexico, also help to promote and sustain our core values, and give students the confidence, life skills and experience they need to succeed.

Comprehensive careers advice, visiting speakers, masterclasses, summer schools, mentoring schemes and organised visits to local universities, such as Aston, Warwick, Birmingham and Coventry, all help students to make an informed decision about their future. Students moving directly into work can benefit from links with our business sponsors.

## POTENTIAL

An increasing number of students continue their learning journey in our vibrant Sixth Form, which also attracts young people from the wider community. Identified by their smart business dress, students can study exciting A-level or vocational courses or a combination of the two. Trips, visits, and a variety of social, fundraising and sporting events also give students the ability to broaden their learning.

Our aim is to provide students with the tools they need to progress successfully to university, further training or high-quality employment.

# Your future



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There are countless opportunities to 'give something back' to the community.

Student from Coventry

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