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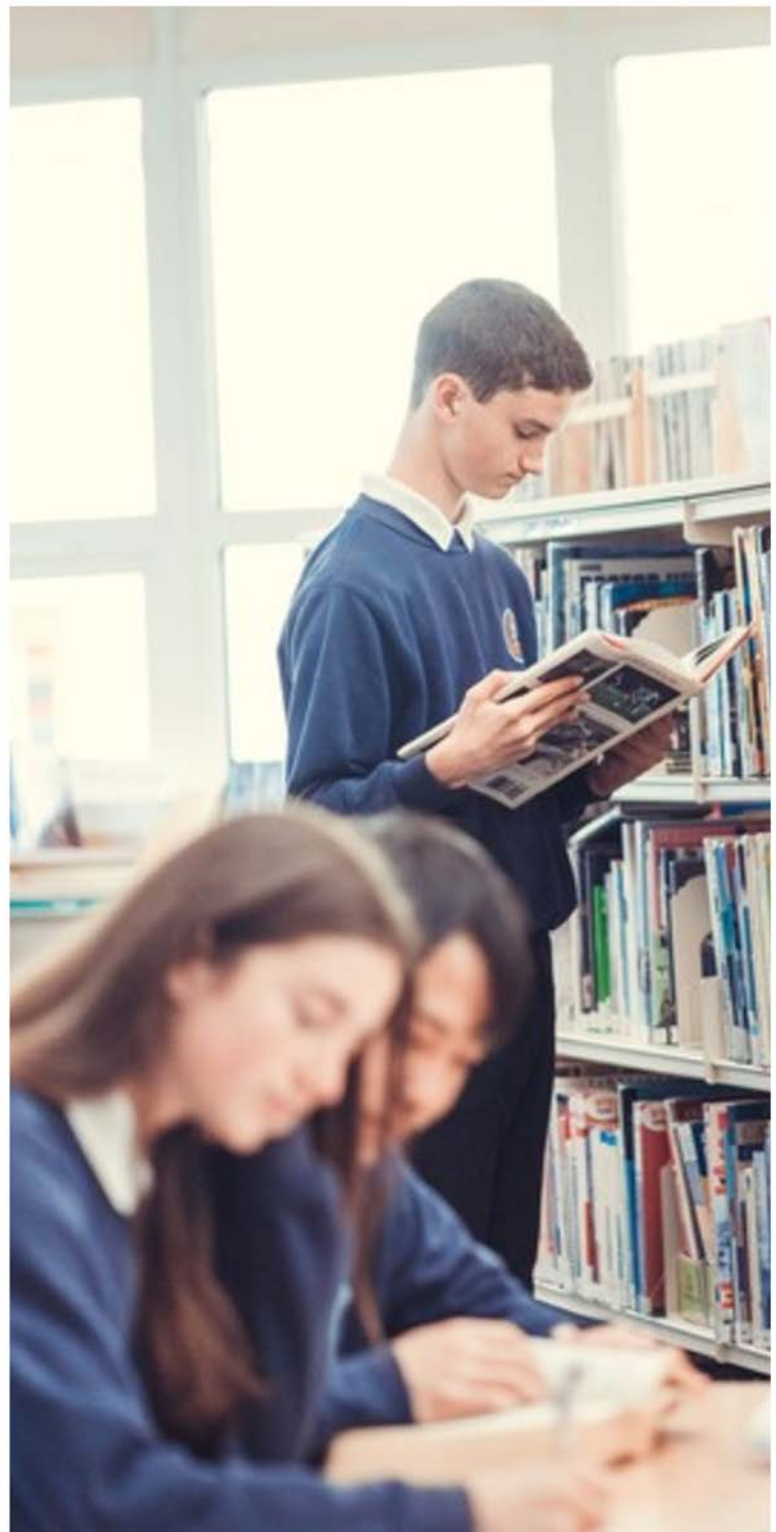
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Welcome & Values

Welcome to Gosforth Academy. Gosforth Academy is proud to be part of Gosforth Group multi academy trust. This partnership with other high performing schools means that our staff and pupils can benefit from shared expertise. We are a popular and oversubscribed academy with over 2000 students. Our staff are passionate about teaching, and we are committed to supporting our students to achieve their very best, enabling them to create their future.

Our principal aim is to encourage high expectations and high standards of achievement, both academic and personal. Our values embrace honesty, trust, reliability, respect for the legitimate rights of others, care for the weaker members of society, regard for the environment and a kindness towards other people. We believe that a calm, friendly, disciplined atmosphere, in which hard work and co-operation are respected, is the best way to promote these values. We encourage a love of learning that will be with our students throughout their lives.

Beyond the classroom, we are passionate about enriching the lives of our students and Gosforth Academy, through our varied enrichment programme.

You are welcome to join us at our Open Evening to find out even more about our academy.



We hope you like what you discover about our academy and look forward to welcoming your child to the next stage of their educational journey.

Preit Chahal
Principal

Transition from Middle School

From Middle School transition through to our students leaving us at the end of Year 13, Gosforth Academy provides a caring and nurturing environment. The transition from middle school to high school can be a daunting journey, but we ensure this vital transition is as smooth as possible.

Middle-High Liaison meetings take place throughout the academic year, across all departments, including SENDCO meetings. Our transition programme includes the Heads of Year visiting the middle schools to meet the students and transition days at the academy for the students to experience the travelling to and from school as well as lessons, in preparation for them starting in September.

Students follow the National Curriculum in KS3. They study, English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies, PE, IT, Art, Technology, PSCHE, Modern Foreign Languages, Drama and Music.



"I have found Gosforth Academy amazing, all the staff members have been really welcoming. There is such a wide range of subjects for us all to study, which is great."

Year 9 Student

Beyond the Classroom

At Gosforth Academy, we aim to deliver a varied and exciting Enrichment Programme that engages students and complements their current and future experiences at the school and beyond.

We believe this programme, alongside the broad and balanced curriculum, will offer opportunities for students across our cohort to challenge themselves and develop their interests through a wide range of activities that will continue throughout their time with us.

In addition to domestic trips to the Centre for Life, the theatre, and London, some students have been fortunate enough to travel overseas on school-led trips to China, the West Coast of America, Italy, France, and Spain. These trips provide amazing opportunities for students to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

"I've enjoyed the extra-curricular clubs and the wide variety of choices."
Year 9 Student





Beyond the Classroom

We are very proud of the achievements of all our students. The sports teams at Gosforth Academy range from those looking to participate or try a new sport, to elite competition with our ACE Rugby Programme (linked with Newcastle Falcons) in the Sixth Form and our various squash teams who annually compete for national titles.

Our Performing and Visual Arts departments are a hive of activity after school where new techniques and skills can be developed for interest, or in preparation for events such as the Christmas Assemblies or Pyramid Ceilidh.

The Enrichment Programme is a great opportunity for students to apply their passions, celebrated as part of our Character and Wellbeing Programme.

"The school has many opportunities for you to pursue. I enjoy the options we have for Yellow Week, we even have the chance to visit other countries too."

Year 11 Student



Year 9 Enrichment

To help support our students into accessing some of the fantastic enrichment opportunities as part of our wider Extra-Curricular Programme, everyone joining Year 9 will take part in three different enrichment activities during their usual school timetable, throughout the year. They offer students the chance to learn or experience something new.

Activities that have been offered this year have included:

- Money Skills (Business)
- Care and Well-being (Character Education)
- Local History – Pride of Place (History)
- Bath Bombs (Chemistry)
- Let's Debate (Social Sciences)
- Monitoring Vital Signs (Social Sciences)



"I have enjoyed meeting new people and learning new skills in enrichment as we have been learning about finances."

Year 9 Student

Celebrating Success

We enjoy celebrating the success of our students, whether it's academic, social, sporting or attendance.

Our PRAISE Code ensures that student achievements in class are recognised through the awarding of stamps, which enables students to access our reward programme.

We hold a Sports Awards Evening celebrating the students who have represented the academy throughout the academic year. Throughout the year, there is a wide range of events to show our appreciation of students, both public and private, formal and informal.



Curriculum

Our Curriculum in Year 9 is designed to remain as broad as possible, for as long as possible. We deliver a range of subjects that go beyond the National Curriculum, ensuring that the interests, abilities and passions of the students in our large cohorts are reflected in what they study. Effective transition and liaison with the middle schools is also a vital component of this model.

We are also clear that there is a need to equip our students with a varied range of experiences across subjects. Students will therefore study a broad and balanced curriculum, involving 16 different subjects across the two-week cycle. These will also be supplemented by two PRAISE lessons, which enable the delivery of the Assembly Programme, Character Education, and various other Personal Development opportunities.

We will ask students for their preferences with regard to two elements of their study – their second language and their preferred Enrichment activities.

Before students begin their GCSE studies, they are carefully guided in their subject choices that allows them to maximise their potential. This secures their success and prepares them for transition into the Sixth Form.

"I have enjoyed the countless opportunities I have already been offered and the curriculum with interesting topics."

Year 9 Student

Dedicated Support Team

The academy's aim is to provide a safe and secure environment for your child to develop and fulfil their potential academically and pastorally. One of the strengths of the academy is that students receive outstanding pastoral and educational advice. The pastoral team, alongside the Inclusion team, will support your child in their transition from middle school to high school. The pastoral team will monitor your child's welfare, progress, engagement for learning, attendance and punctuality. In the first instance, you should contact the pastoral office.

Form Tutors see the students in their care every morning and expert support for those who need it comes from our school counsellors, school nurse service or other outside agencies.

Both pastoral and SEND staff are dedicated in working with young people and their families to ensure that they make the best possible progress.

Mrs R Marklew - Deputy Principal Main School

Mr G Mather - Deputy Principal Inclusion & Student Experience

Head of Year

Pastoral Mentor

Ms A Stanley - Attendance & Wellbeing Manager

Mrs S Taylor - Attendance & Wellbeing Officer

Ms R Coady - SENDCO

Sixth Form

Gosforth Academy Sixth Form offers you a comprehensive range of choices, specialised support and outstanding opportunities.

As one of the largest and most successful school Sixth Forms in the North East, we offer over 40 different courses that are suitable for all abilities and a wide range of interests that lead our students into various progression routes.

Our team of specialist non-teaching tutors will guide you through every step of your Sixth Form experience, providing support to ensure you achieve your academic ambitions and make the most of your time in our Sixth Form.

The outstanding range of extra-curricular opportunities aims to develop you beyond the classroom. Students have the chance to become involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and visits overseas, including subject specialist visits. We are extremely proud of the contribution that Sixth Form students make to an extensive Peer Mentoring Programme, which operates as part of the wider school.



What Ofsted say...

In June 2022 our academy was rated as a Good Provider by Ofsted. The report can be viewed on our website. Below are a few of the highlights.



“Pupils talk positively about the opportunities open to them.”

“Leaders are passionate about the school and the area they serve. They work hard to deliver positive outcomes for pupils.”

“Pupils treat one another with respect.”

“Staff build positive relations with pupils.”

“Routes into university are well-established.”



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