



Grace Academy Coventry



Amazing Grace

Limitless Potential

Intentional Excellence

Mutual Respect

Genuine Integrity

Prospectus



# Welcome from the Principals

We are delighted to welcome you to Grace Academy Coventry. We could not be more excited, passionate and committed to our school, our community and more importantly, our students.

We are dedicated to ensuring that all young people are supported and challenged to allow them to become truly successful young adults who look back at their school career with pride and happiness. We believe that our role is to nurture and challenge students to be the best version of themselves at all times.

Our school values underpin everything we do. The way we 'do things' around here fits firmly into our 'Grace Way'. We believe that students should be educated to be excellent citizens both in the present and in the future. We instil a strong vision for Intentional Excellence and Limitless Potential. All students should be ambitious and we believe it is our role to support them in realising their potential.

As part of the Grace family, we look forward to working closely with you to further the journey we have already undertaken and work to mitigate the barriers and challenges the global pandemic has put in our way. If we truly work together, we can achieve limitless possibilities for our students' outcomes, their educational experience and their personal development and welfare. We work closely with all of our community and local and national businesses to ensure that students have a broad and balanced curriculum both inside and outside of the classroom.

Asking 'why' will remain at the heart of all I lead on, thinking very carefully about why we do things the way we do and being clear and consistent in offering an inspiring and challenging curriculum for all young people. Education isn't easy, learning is difficult and challenging; being successful does not happen by accident. At Grace Academy Coventry we support students in that journey and how much we challenge them to 'know better, do better and be better.' This journey is an exciting one for us all, as we continue to work with you to make sure we are all constantly improving to be better.

We are always open to feedback, suggestions and reflections. If there is anything in the meantime you wish to share with us, please email the Reception office at: [coventry@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:coventry@graceacademy.org.uk) and we will strive to further develop our important relationship with you.

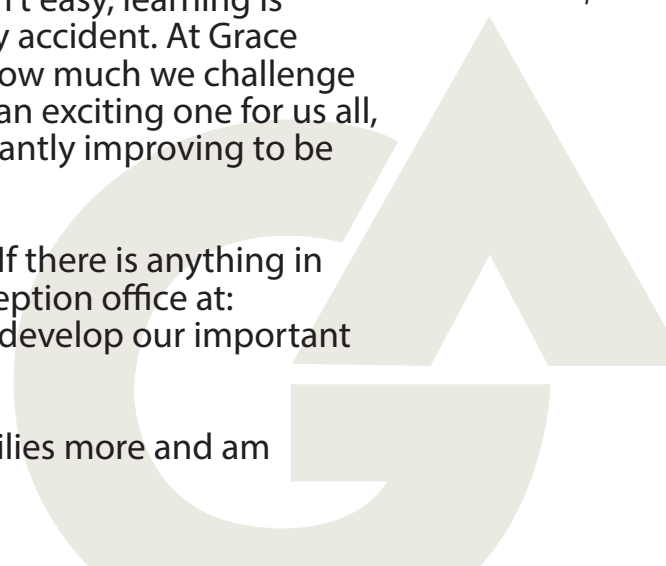
We look forward to getting to know each of you and your families more and am dedicated to the journey we are taking together.



**Natasha Whiles**  
*Executive Principal*



**Emily Wheller**  
*Associate Principal*





## Student Care

**Student care is at the forefront of our approach and actions.**

We strongly believe in developing the whole child, both academically and pastorally. All staff members embody the role of "professional parents" and understand the importance of developing and nurturing the whole child. Our form tutors see our students every morning and afternoon and are central to ensuring positive well-being.

The importance of building positive relationships with our students enables them to thrive and achieve Intentional Excellence. Not only do we provide a broad and balanced curriculum, we also provide opportunities for students to take part in extra-curricular activities, school trips and community events.

We encourage our students to take on a range of leadership roles to develop their independence, communication skills and to prepare them for life beyond school.

We have strong values and expect all students and staff to demonstrate "The Grace Way" around the Academy and in the wider community.

We expect all Students to attend school so they can reach their Limitless Potential.

# The Grace Way

Everything at Grace Academy revolves around our way; *The Grace Way*.

There are three strands to The Grace Way: our curriculum, our teaching and our learning expectations. The Grace Way is the embodiment of who we are and what we strive for and, as such, it is woven in to the fabric of our Grace family and everything we do.

## Our five core values are:

- **Limitless Potential** - We can achieve so much more than we think we can
- **Intentional Excellence** - Success doesn't happen by accident
- **Mutual Respect** - Everyone deserves to feel valued and important
- **Genuine Integrity** - Honesty and doing the right thing are what really counts
- **Amazing Grace** - Life is better with fresh starts and second chances

Throughout their time at Grace, students will be supported by a strong pastoral team, comprising of:

- Your tutor
- Head of Year
- Assistant Head of Key Stage
- Assistant Principal
- Vice Principal for pastoral care

One thing that visitors to Grace always comment on is how well we know our students. Student care is at the centre of everything we do here at Grace Academy.

# Curriculum & Achievement

The Academy's approach is to deliver a knowledge-based curriculum across all subjects. This should be systematic and sequential, whilst allowing for misconceptions to be revisited and addressed when required.

Our key curriculum aims and intentions are to:

- Place significant emphasis upon the "powerful knowledge" required to fully understand each subject or curriculum area. It is intended to be sequenced in a logical, coherent fashion which builds upon prior learning. Our curriculum will then develop the students skills to apply this knowledge effectively.
- Provide frequent opportunities for students to recall and retrieve this knowledge, ensuring it is retained in the long-term memory.
- Develop students' general, and also subject-based, literacy and numeracy.

In addition, we also aim to:

- Ensure equal access to learning for all students, with high expectations for every student and appropriate levels of challenge and support.
- Promote a positive attitude towards learning.
- Equip students with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.
- Develop students' independent learning skills and resilience, to equip them for further/higher education and employment.

**Homework:**

- All students will be set an appropriate amount of homework each week. This will further consolidate the robust curriculum delivered in lesson.



“This course has helped me to believe in myself and to have a positive outlook on life.”

Year 7

*Youth Worker Intervention*

“Today I have learnt that life will open doors to opportunities and you have to take each one.”

Year 10

*Grace Academy Careers Fayre*



# Personal Development & Ethos

Grace Academy has a unique Christian ethos based upon our five shared values of *Amazing Grace, Mutual Respect, Genuine Integrity, Limitless Potential and Intentional Excellence*. As part of our vision to develop citizens who make a difference, we help engage students and staff to embody our values through participating in the work of a dedicated Ethos Team.

Ofsted deemed that Personal Development at Grace Academy was *outstanding* and stated “The school places an exceptionally strong emphasis on Pupils Personal Development.”

The Ethos Team includes a dedicated member of the Academy Leadership Team, Youth Worker and Family Support Worker who work together with key staff to help students develop a sense of identity, make wise, well-informed choices, live an aspirational life, understand and apply the Grace values and explore the relevance of the Christian message.

Every Grace student participates in an enhanced curriculum as part of their journey from Year 7 to Post 16. This journey is built around three key themes which build on a set of Ethos learning outcomes that holistically benefit our students.

## The key themes are:

- Developing Character and Values: embedding our values through the curriculum and culture
- Understanding Christian Perspectives: exploring Christian viewpoints on faith based issues as part of the curriculum
- Building Healthy Relationships: developing the skills, values and wisdom to build effective relationships in every sphere of life.

The Ethos learning outcomes make a positive contribution towards OFSTED's requirements for SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural) and enhance the provision of PSHE (personal, social, health and economic), Citizenship and RE, as well as contribute to the promotion of British Values.

Our enhanced curriculum enables students to explore key themes through lessons, assemblies, tutor times, after-school clubs, theme weeks, off-timetable days and special events as part of the student's learning journey.

## Our Ethos and Enterprise team

Our specialist Ethos Team work alongside all staff and students to champion our vision and values, helping students develop personal holistic life skills which support their academic progress and empower them with confidence for the real world.

Additional external funding is provided by the Academy Foundation to help our Ethos Team embed our vision and values through additional resources and experiences for students.

# Extra-Curricular

**Extra-curricular activities are intrinsic to our school values; every student has Limitless Potential.**

We offer a broad extra-curricular programme with clubs and activities taking place at lunchtime and after school and encourage students to take part in as many of these as they are able to.

**Below is a selection of the clubs that are on offer:**

- Basketball, football, netball, rugby and other sports clubs
- Music production
- Chess club
- Film club
- Spoken Word
- Dance
- Photography
- Choir
- Book club
- Hula hooping
- Gardening
- Homework club

We also offer a breakfast club which sets students up for a day of Intentional Excellence.

# Student Leadership

**Student Voice is about empowering our students by providing ways for them to drive forward what we do in our Academy.**

Our students are at the centre of everything we do here at Grace Academy, and we want to ensure we are providing them with the appropriate opportunities that will enrich their lives at school and positively impact their lives beyond education.

We believe in considering the perspectives of our students; respecting that everyone has a voice and that we will be an even better and more engaged Academy if we work together in partnership with our students.

Our Student Leadership is made up of Head Students, Assistant Head Students, Form Representatives, Student Council and Student Leaders.





# A Reading School

**At Grace Academy Coventry, we value the importance of reading.**

We firmly believe that reading impacts your child's understanding of language, enables them to access the curriculum, develops imagination and empathy and ultimately leads to better student outcomes.

This is why we encourage every child to read both in lessons and at home for pleasure.

We promote a love of literature through:

- Our library, where students can access a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts, including texts in Home Languages
- Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) time which is 15 minutes daily dedicated to the joy of reading
- Bookshelves in our Academy corridors and Ethos areas where students can access a free book to take home and read
- Sixth form reading buddies
- Book club

# Careers

**Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) at Grace Academy is tailored to individual needs and aimed at widening student's horizons, challenging stereotypes, and raising aspirations. We provide students with the necessary knowledge and skills to make transitions that allow for successful future outcomes and increased employability.**

We are committed to working towards all the Gatsby benchmarks so that every student can have the right information, right skills, and right experiences to build a rewarding career.

We ensure that:

- All students have access to careers guidance including access to external sources of information and the full range of education and training Post 16 and beyond. This includes information about apprenticeships (including technical, higher and degree apprenticeships), A Level, vocational college courses, T Level training and university pathways
- Every student in year 11 will have a one-to-one careers interview that is tailored to their needs and is with a Level 6 qualified careers advisor
- The careers programme of activities from years 7 to 11 fully meet the career requirements of each stage and offers equal opportunity. Some opportunities include: workshops run by IM Group, careers built into PSHE lessons, Careers Fair with 35+ businesses and education providers in attendance, experiences of the workplace and higher education visits.



# Nurture

**Every student at Grace is seen as an individual person with their own character, talents, needs and ability to progress.**

## SEND

Grace Academy is a fully inclusive mainstream Academy. Our SEND policy values all students equally. We deploy specialist teachers and teaching assistants to support students with special educational needs (SEND). An assessment of individual learning ability is linked directly to the planning, production and delivery of lessons and relevant learning programmes. Provision and interventions that are set will be monitored and reviewed as they change over time.

Our nurture space is available for students to access during social time or for 1:1 interventions, and is the proud home of our very special school dog, Rosie

## EAL

Our EAL department provides intervention for students learning English, whatever stage of their journey they are at. Students have small group lessons with an EAL teacher and/or will be given dictionaries or devices to assist them in translating work in lessons.

# Community

**A key part of The Grace Way is our community. As such, we work with external providers and agencies, parents and carers to care for our students and families beyond the school gates. Recent examples of community events include:**

- Half Term Cinema Events in our lecture theatre
- Christmas Community Fayre
- Parent coffee mornings
- Trips to local businesses
- Summer School
- Fundraising events (we have previously raised funds for our local Myton Hospice)
- Christmas and Easter hampers delivered to families in our community
- Collecting products for our local food bank
- Summer Community Fayre
- Sporting events for the local primary schools
- Sponsorship and support from local businesses including Fiera Real Estate and Meggit PLC.





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