



# WELCOME TO TEWKESBURY ACADEMY



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## ONE COMMUNITY

### Our Academy

We have been the main secondary school in the historic town of Tewkesbury for many years and in July 2023 we joined the Cabot Learning Federation. The school and trust community are dedicated professionals who seek to support, inspire and develop young people to have agency and success in their lives. We are very proud and excited for the next part of our school's journey. If you would like to find out more, please do get in touch.

Our mantra here is that we are one community, one school for all young people and as such we are joyously comprehensive in nature, demanding high standards as well as high inclusion. From our Oxbridge candidates to our youngsters who need support to master reading fluency, from our future diplomats to our young people who need support in developing social skills, we seek to serve our whole community

and all our families. To achieve this we work tirelessly with primary colleagues, Trust colleagues, other agencies and our families – it takes a village to raise a child!

In our classrooms you will see an ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum delivered by subject experts and in our interactions across the academy and outside you will see our



Kathleen McGillicuddy  
Principal

approach to being Ready, Responsible, Respectful enacted and well supported by a well-resourced pastoral team.

I am proud to be the Principal of this great school and am proud of its fine young people and colleagues. There is nothing quite like seeing a school for yourself, so please do get in touch if you would like to visit.

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# INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AT THE HEART OF OUR SCHOOL



At our school, inclusive excellence is not just a principle—it's a commitment that runs through everything we do. Aligned with the HEART values of the CLF Trust, we believe that every child matters and that every child will need support at some point in their journey. Inclusion is not the responsibility of a few—it is the responsibility of all staff, and we take pride in knowing our students well, early and often.

Our large and dedicated Inclusion Team reflects this ethos. It includes pastoral support, teaching assistant provision, and mental health support, all working together to meet the four areas of need: cognition and learning, communication and interaction, social, emotional and mental health, and sensory and physical. Our classrooms are dyslexia-friendly,

and our staff are trained to deliver coherent, expert, and targeted support that makes a real difference.

A cornerstone of our inclusive provision is RISE—our designated Inclusion area. RISE stands for Respect, Inclusion, Support, and Empowerment, and it is a safe and welcoming space accessible to all students. RISE is divided into three main zones tailored to different needs, including small sensory areas and an adult-supported social space for students who find social times challenging.

Each year group has an allocated member of the Inclusion Team, ensuring continuity and personalised support. Our strong transition programme begins early in the academic year, helping

students feel confident and secure as they move through key stages. We also value our partnership with parents and carers. Regular coffee mornings, information sessions, and termly newsletters provide opportunities to connect, share, and learn together.

Inclusive excellence is not a destination—it's a daily practice. Through collaboration, compassion, and high expectations, we ensure that every child is seen, supported, and empowered to thrive.

**Mrs Rachel Hyde**  
Assistant Principal  
Inclusion SENDCo, Designated Teacher for LAC



## ACADEMIC AMBITION REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN LEARNING

At Tewkesbury Academy we are passionate about ensuring that all of our pupils are challenged, stretched and supported in a way that is appropriate to their individual needs.

Sometimes individual groups of students need different provisions to others. To further enhance the level of personalisation in our offer, we have developed a successful 'Academics

Programme' targeting our most academically able students. The main aim of the programme is to drive high aspiration and high academic challenge.

During each academic year, there are various events and opportunities available for learners from all year groups with a high level of prior academic achievement in which to participate. The programme is delivered in a variety of formats both in school and through external experts. These have included attending an event organised by the Oxford University Society, presentations and workshops from visiting guest speakers and professionals involved in town planning, science research, architecture, engineering, the University of Gloucestershire and GCHQ.

### Our key aims are to:

- Encourage the development of skills and awareness of experiences that will enable students to 'stand out' in a competitive academic workplace/university.
- Support the development of study techniques and metacognitive strategies that differentiate between the highest academic grades.
- Ensure that students' mental health and happiness are prioritised and that the pressure of high performance is not overwhelming.
- Establish peer support with likeminded students across different year groups.
- Provide specific career guidance opportunities.



## 7 YEARS OF SUCCESS

**Choosing the right secondary school is a significant decision for every family.** It's about finding a place where your child will thrive – academically, socially and emotionally. Key considerations often include the curriculum, pastoral care, inclusivity, academic outcomes, travel time and the overall feel of the school.

**Tewkesbury Academy has proudly served the town for over 50 years,** first as a standalone school, and since 2023 as part of the Cabot Learning Federation. We are a friendly community-focused school, offering a high quality, holistic education to all young people in Tewkesbury. We work closely with families, primary schools, external agencies and trust colleagues to prepare students for successful futures in a diverse and inclusive society.

**Our ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum is delivered by subject experts from Year 7 through to Year 13.** Lesson content has been thoughtfully designed to build on prior learning and carefully sequenced to ensure students are well-prepared for their GCSEs and Post 16 qualifications.

**In Years 7 – 9, students are taught in mixed prior attainment groups** in all subjects except maths. We believe this approach promotes equity, boosts confidence and supports well-being. From the start of Year 7, careers education is embedded across the curriculum, helping students connect their learning to future opportunities.

**By Year 10, students begin to shape their own academic journey.** Alongside core subjects (maths, English, science, PE and personal development), they choose options that reflect their interests and aspirations. Some follow STEM pathways with subjects like computing, engineering or healthcare, while others pursue creative or



**Clare de Glanville**  
Vice Principal

humanities-focused combinations. Support is provided through booster sessions and mentoring. A rewards programme, recognising attendance, endeavour, achievement and the school values culminates in the much-anticipated Y11 prom.

As Tewkesbury's only secondary school, **our Sixth Form offers Level 3 courses right on your doorstep.** With a broad range of A level and BTECs, students receive expert teaching, excellent pastoral care and tailored careers guidance. Whether heading to university, starting an apprenticeship or entering the workforce, our students leave confident and well-prepared. We're proud of our alumni and grateful for their continued involvement in inspiring the younger generation.

**Enrichment is a key part of our offer across all key stages.** Younger students could enjoy experiences such as the Big Bang Engineering Show, Cyber First events, river studies field trips, trips to London to the Natural History Museum or the Imperial War Museum. Older students may visit Bletchley Park, the Tate Modern, take part in a design experience at Bugatti or join the biennial ski trip. Our vibrant clubs include Make and Bake, Pottery, Science, Warhammer, Politics, Chess, Brave Space (LGBTQ+) and a wide range of sports including trampolining. Our regular cultural events celebrate our community's diversity and traditions.

**At Tewkesbury Academy, we believe education transforms lives.** It builds cultural capital, ignites passion, improves social mobility, promotes health and well-being. We offer all these opportunities to your child – right here in the heart of the Tewkesbury community.

## FROM START TO FINISH!



**An impressive start:** looking smart and ready to learn from the very first day of Year 7.



**Celebrating success along the way:** The Y11 Prom is a reward for all the hard work and strong attendance.

**A fond farewell:** Year 13 Leavers' Service in the Abbey.



# COULD THIS BE YOU?

JOIN US & FIND OUT!



◀ Try something new! How about joining the Pottery Club or learning to play chess? We have a wide range of extra curricular activities for you to enjoy.



▲ Celebrate a successful academic year at the end of year rewards festival - our very own TewkesFest! Enjoy some live music, inflatable challenges, sports, face painting and more!



▶ Learn to play a musical instrument. Here is Seb ready to perform in the Year 7 Music Showcase.



◀ Love sport? Join the school sports teams and compete against other schools.



▲ Are you creative and dramatic? You could star in a school play! This is a recent production of Beauty and the Beast.



◀ Showcase your talents and perform in beautiful places such as Tewkesbury Abbey at the Christmas Music Extravaganza.



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