



Gosforth Academy and Gosforth Junior High Academy

Age Range: 9-13 and 13-18
Number of Pupils: 571 and 1730
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Gosforth Academy is a large and successful school. Achieving well, we are ambitious to be the best of our type nationally. In 2015 Ofsted rated us as 'Outstanding' confirming that 'This is a school in which nothing is merely ordinary and much is exemplary'.

Formed in 1973, Gosforth Academy is a multi-cultural, co-educational, comprehensive school for students between 13 and 19. There are 1730 students on roll with over 600 in the Sixth Form. Gosforth Academy is a regional centre for young people with visual impairment. We specialise in training teachers and leadership education. Our main areas of excellence are languages, post 16 education, social inclusion, the gifted and talented curriculum and the development of teaching and learning.

In 2015 Ofsted judged us as "outstanding" saying:

"The drive for excellence is evident everywhere in the Academy's work - staff are unflinching in their commitment to helping pupils to succeed."

Ofsted's other key points were:

- teaching and the curriculum are outstanding
- pupils have excellent attitudes to learning
- teachers are skilled at making learning exciting and enjoyable
- leadership is inspirational and astute
- a fantastic school that puts children first!

Most students transfer from our Junior High Academy and two local middle schools at the end of year 8. Close liaison ensures a coherent KS3 and smooth transition.

Post 16 has a large and growing student population. Retention rates are impressive and 25% of all AS/A2s in the city are taken here. Over 40 courses are offered - the most extensive of any school in the North East. About 15% of students come to us from other schools, including the private sector.

Gosforth serves some of the city's more affluent areas. It has the lowest secondary free school meals measure in the city at about 14%. However, it is a truly comprehensive school and takes about 40% of its students from outside its immediate area.

Ethnic diversity is increasing and the number of students for whom English is not a first language stands at about 18%. Over 23 languages are spoken. The largest groups are Bengali and Urdu speakers. Significant efforts are made to involve ethnic communities in the life of the school. Families are visited and supported when necessary. Assemblies take account of the diversity of beliefs and there are positive strategies to deal with racism.

At GCSE including English and Mathematics the percentage of 5A* to C is 71%. Our English Baccalaureate stands at 52% placing us in the top 100 non selective state schools nationally.

At A level the pass rate in 2015 was 98.5% with an A*- B pass rate of 53%. A record 32 students achieved all A*/A grades. Many students gained places at top universities including 6 at Oxbridge. 5 students went to study medicine/veterinary medicine. 23 students left for HE in 2015 with 91% gaining their university of choice.

Our building provide excellent facilities for 21st century education, including Sport@ Gosforth which provides for the whole community. We are proud to be the affiliated school of Newcastle Falcons Rugby Academy. Sporting achievements in 2015 were diverse and impressive. They ranged from squash teams reaching the final eight in the England Schools' Competition to representatives in many other sports in both county and national competitions including Rugby, Football, Rock climbing and Irish dancing.

Highlights of Creative Arts in 2015 encompassed a phenomenal range of formal and informal exhibitions and performances throughout the year.

An Activity ('Yellow') Week for years 9-11 happens yearly. Last year students chose from over 80 options including things as diverse as bookbinding, making rockets and salsa dancing as well as foreign exchanges, varied trips and visits.

The Junior High Academy is part of the Gosforth Federated Academies Ltd and works under one governing body. Strong links have been established and we are committed to providing for both student and staff progression.

We look forward to welcoming you!