



Engaging minds. Nurturing success. Inspiring futures.

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Happy New Year! Welcome to the Goldington Academy website and can I wish everybody a very successful 2022. You will find much useful information about our school in these pages.

Goldington Academy is an 11-16 secondary school that serves the community of (North East) Bedford. The school is a popular and oversubscribed school that serves in excess of 800 students.

The school's motto is "Engaging Minds, Nurturing Success and Inspiring Futures" and the school seeks to achieve this in many different ways. In our last Ofsted the following was stated:

*'Goldington Academy is a very welcoming school where pupils achieve well. Pupils, from the youngest to the eldest, and from varying backgrounds, work together with respect for one another and the staff. Pupils feel a sense of belonging at Goldington Academy and, consequently, they are well placed to learn and achieve'.*

Since the school converted to being an academy in 2011 it has benefitted from (in excess of) £15 million spent on the fabric of the site. Recent additions have included a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) jointly shared with the university of Bedford and in 2020 a new Arts Centre. In 2019 and 2020 the whole main building benefitted from a £7 million plus refurbishment funded through the government's "Priority Schools Building Programme" and this has left the school in an excellent position at the start of the 2020's. In the summer of 2021 the school has had £700,000 invested in the sports hall with both a new roof and new changing rooms. We also opened two new classrooms, re-tarmacked our hard court area, created a new mindfulness garden and re-opened our new improved library. This term we have opened our new car park that gives visitors greatly improved access to school.

Every two years the school invites all stakeholders to give their views of the current performance of the academy. In October 2021 we had more than 700 pupils, nearly 400 parents and in excess of 70 members of staff respond to our most recent survey. The results of the October 2021 survey can be found [here](#).

Standards at Goldington are excellent. In 2021 students achieved excellent GCSE results (Teacher Assessed Grades) and the academy also has very high levels of attendance and low levels of exclusion. Standards of behaviour at Goldington are very good.



Goldington's Curriculum of Intent statement can be found [here](#). In addition the school has a wide ranging extra curricular programme details of which can be found under the 'Learning' tab.

Despite the Coronavirus pandemic Goldington has been able to teach all students throughout the Autumn Term of 2021-22 safely. Last year when schools were shut Goldington was able to teach (virtually) a full curriculum of live lessons.

We hope you find this website helpful. All teacher email addresses can be found [here](#) but feedback can also come directly to myself or my Vice Principal, Mrs Ross at any time, about any aspect of the academy and we will endeavour to answer your questions. Our email addresses are: [galbraithf@goldington.beds.sch.uk](mailto:galbraithf@goldington.beds.sch.uk), and/or [rossj@goldington.beds.sch.uk](mailto:rossj@goldington.beds.sch.uk). Four times a year we hold a Parents' Forum which allows any parent to directly ask myself and Mrs Ross any questions about the academy's performance. Similarly, the academy has an excellent and proactive governing body under the chair of Mr Robin Francis. Again he can be reached at [francisr@goldington.beds.sch.uk](mailto:francisr@goldington.beds.sch.uk).

We hope that your association with Goldington Academy is a long and happy one.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F X Galbraith".

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**Principal**  
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