

Welcome to the Goldington Academy website and can I wish everybody a very successful academic year 2021-22! You will find much useful information about our school in these pages.

Please note our **Open Evening is on Thursday 14 October**. We are currently taking bookings for tours of the school for prospective Year 6 pupils and parents. Tours will run every day in both the morning and the afternoon from Monday 13 September until Friday 22 October inclusive.

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.

Standards at Goldington are excellent. In 2021 students achieved excellent GCSE results (despite being based on Curriculum 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.

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 was able to teach all students throughout the Autumn Term of 2020-21 safely, in bubbles, in school. Unlike many other secondary schools in the country we were able to teach (virtually) a full curriculum of live lessons in January and February and we have now welcomed all students back to school safely after engaging fully with the government's Covid testing programme.

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 endeavor to answer your questions.

Our email addresses

are [galbraithf@goldington.beds.sch.uk](mailto:galbraithf@goldington.beds.sch.uk), [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.

Francis Galbraith

**Principal**

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