



## Greig City Academy



## Sixth Form Prospectus

## Status

Greig City Academy is a co-educational comprehensive school for students aged 11 to 19 years. It is a City Academy with independent status. This means we are maintained directly by the Department for Children, Schools and Families rather than the local authority.

## Sponsorship

The Greig Trust and the Church of England sponsor Greig City Academy. David Greig, a successful local businessman, founded The Greig Trust in memory of his parents in 1949. The Trust was established to provide funds to assist in the education of Hornsey children in accordance with the Christian faith. The Greig Trust is fully supportive of the City Academy status and has contributed significantly to the programme of refurbishment and new build. The Church of England has also contributed a significant amount to the renewal of facilities at the Academy.



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“The inspirational principal has built a strong, dedicated team of staff who share the vision to raise students’ achievement. They work together with great enthusiasm and commitment to the students, often supporting them well beyond the school day.” Ofsted, March 2009



## Welcome to Greig City Academy

Deciding how and where to complete your secondary education is one of the first big decisions of your life. It is vital that you make the right choice because educational success will affect your future in further and higher education and in your chosen career.

This prospectus explains what Greig City Academy Sixth Form can offer you. If you are already a student of the Academy you will be looking forward to the continuity of a well established, challenging and supportive environment for learning. If you are a new student you will discover the benefits of a structured, disciplined and stimulating learning experience together with extremely well-resourced facilities.

Greig City Academy has a strong and inclusive Christian ethos which emphasises respect for the beliefs and values of all individuals. We welcome students from all religious backgrounds and those who do not practise a faith. Our ethos is reflected in a focus on high standards of academic and personal achievement, positive attitudes towards learning and exemplary behaviour.

The Academy opened in September 2002 and was judged by Ofsted as “rapidly improving” in December 2004. In March 2009 Ofsted judged that in all areas “Greig City Academy provides a good education” and that the quality of care, guidance and support in the Sixth Form is “outstanding”. Students and staff are proud of the progress we have made in the last few years and we invite you to join us as we continue to improve standards.

Please come to see for yourself what Greig City Academy can offer you. You will find an application form and guidance on how to apply for a place at the back of this pack. I very much look forward to receiving your application.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "P. Sutton".

Paul Sutton  
Principal

# Making a Commitment

What you can expect of us...

GCA is committed to delivering effective education combined with personal support within a well-structured learning environment to ensure that all students succeed. We aim to make your time with us stimulating, fulfilling and challenging.

We expect you to attend regularly and be punctual, to work hard and be well-organised, to hand in assignments before deadlines and to demonstrate high standards of self-discipline. We expect you to respect and value other students and to contribute to a productive atmosphere for learning.

We also expect you to be a fully participating member of the Academy's community. This means supporting and mentoring younger students throughout the Academy, taking part in cultural, social and recreational activities, contributing to local events and work with primary schools.

It also means realising that, simply by being a member of our Sixth Form, you become a role model for younger students. Your behaviour, dress code and interaction with staff and your fellow students will set standards for them so your own standards need to be exemplary.



## Our Sixth Form Contract

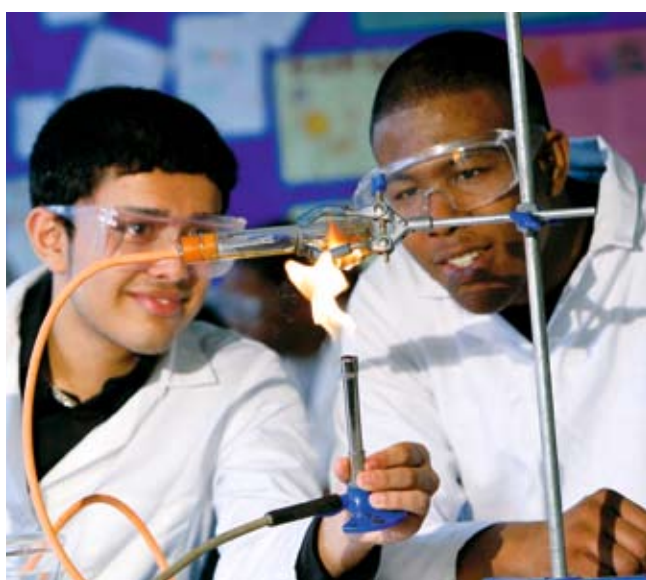
Each Sixth Form student has a contract with the Academy. This is a simple agreement that all students are required to read, understand and sign. By signing, you commit to making the most of all that GCA and its staff have to offer.

“The sixth form is an exciting place to be. Students comment that they very much enjoy the wide range of experiences it offers them.” Ofsted, March 2009



## Choosing a Course

GCA's Sixth Form offers a wide and interesting range of subjects to help you achieve your ambitions. Current courses are listed on page 4 and full details can be found in the Course Booklet enclosed.



You will make the final decision but we provide support right from the start to help you make an informed choice. Before you join us, you will meet with a tutor to discuss options, have a chance to look at course materials, and talk to students already studying the options you are considering.

All our Level 3 courses require a great deal of commitment. You need to read widely, conduct independent research, write essays and make presentations. Courses all have different teaching approaches, some relying on formal academic techniques whilst others are very practical. You need to consider all these points as well as your personal skills and qualities so as to make an informed decision.

Whatever you decide, you will enjoy studying in an exceptionally well-equipped environment. Up-to-date ICT resources are used across all curriculum areas. Design and Technology students use industry-standard equipment and software including Computer-aided Design and Manufacturing (CAD and CAM). Aspiring performers develop performance and technical skills in our studio theatre and sound engineering studios. Whether you specialise in Sports Studies or engage in sports for exercise, recreation and team playing, you will be coached by staff and professional coaches in excellent facilities.

As a member of GCA's Sixth Form, you will conduct your independent study in a dedicated centre with full computer accessibility. The centre also offers pleasant areas for discussion, recreation and relaxation.

# Courses

## Level 3 Courses

Including AS, A2 and Applied A Levels, BTEC L3.

For entry criteria, please see the GCA Course Booklet.

Art and Design (Fine Art option)

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Critical Thinking

Drama and Theatre Studies

English Literature

Geography

History

ICT

Mathematics

Media Studies

Modern Foreign Languages

Music

Philosophy

Physics

Psychology

Product Design (Resistant Materials)

Product Design (Textiles)

Sociology

Sports Performance

Travel and Tourism

## Level 2 Courses:

Including GCSE, BTEC L2.

For entry criteria, please see the GCA Course Booklet.

Business and ICT Level 2

Travel and Tourism Level 2

You will also be able to take GCSE Maths, GCSE English and Key Skills Numeracy L1/L2 in after-school classes.

## Course Booklet

The course booklet gives you full details of all the courses listed as well as additional courses such as support studies for students whose first language is not English, community languages and Key Skills. The booklet also explains the entry criteria for each course. Please note that all courses are offered subject to demand.



“The good curriculum is broad and balanced, supported by very high quality enrichment, including advice for future careers.”

Ofsted, March 2009



## Support and Guidance

There is a significant difference between GCSE and advanced level courses. Those following other courses will also find that the whole way of working changes dramatically. Whichever course you choose, there is a far greater emphasis on independent learning.

Our support and guidance processes start with an induction where you will discuss your individual learning needs with your tutor. This enables us to assess your strengths and weaknesses and tailor individual support to your personal needs. Regular meetings with your tutor then take place to review your attendance, punctuality, and progress and to change the level and nature of support if necessary.

Parents are fully engaged in this monitoring process and will receive regular reports on your progress from the start. It is worth remembering that all students who enter Year 12 will take examinations at the end of their first year.

Staff and outside speakers advise on courses, careers and study skills. You will attend HE fairs and have opportunities to visit universities, colleges and work places.

Preparing students for their next step is an important part of our programme. Whether completing UCAS forms or applications for jobs, all students will receive help in preparing for their next step in life.

We arrange evenings for parents to discuss performance and other relevant issues in addition to offering meetings with individual parents. We run a financial management session for students and parents which covers the complexity of university funding and support available.



“In the main academy the quality of care, guidance and support is good. In the sixth form it is outstanding.”

Ofsted, March 2009



## A Rounded Education

Personal development is a vital component of education at GCA, encouraging a willingness to help others, giving you chances to take on new responsibilities and equipping you with vital life skills.

You will find that universities and employers expect you to take part in a whole range of curriculum-based and extra-curricular activities such as field studies, work placements, cultural events, national competitions as well as arts, sports and community activities. They recognise the advantages such activities bring to you as an individual – helping you expand your horizons, develop new interests, find out about the world of work and challenge yourself.



At GCA, you will be able to perform in drama productions and concerts, as individual performers or as a member of a band, ensemble, dance group or choir. You will be able to gain technical skills, and perform in our 144-seater studio theatre. Music rooms and the sound engineering studio are in constant use as students develop their skills together, supported by staff and professional arts practitioners.

The Academy has a strong tradition of sporting excellence, particularly in basketball, athletics and football, and many existing and former students play for national teams. You will enjoy challenging outdoor education trips and study visits in this country and abroad.

Sixth formers have their own Student Council which organises social events such as team-building exercises, trips, proms and so on. You will be expected to join all your fellow sixth formers in supporting younger students in class, in after-school activities, at events and on trips and you will find that these activities benefit you just as much as they benefit the students you support.



“Working with Action for Kids, we’ve helped put on fund-raising events and the time we’ve spent there has helped me understand the needs of the children supported by the charity. It’s important that we all think more about people outside our own group of friends.” Hanife Kurt, Sixth Form student



“[Sixth form students] contribute extensively to the school and show great commitment in the way they support the younger students as mentors, reading buddies, sports coaches and residential trips.” Ofsted, March 2009



# Policies and Admissions

## Where to find more information

Information on the following Academy policies and procedures can be found on the Academy's website: [www.greigcityacademy.co.uk](http://www.greigcityacademy.co.uk) and in the Information Booklet enclosed:

- Special Educational Needs
- Bullying
- Sex Education
- Student Welfare
- Health and Safety of Students on Activities Outside School
- Charging
- Complaints

You may also see full copies of the policies at the Academy. Copies of policies may be provided for a photocopying charge.

## What to do next

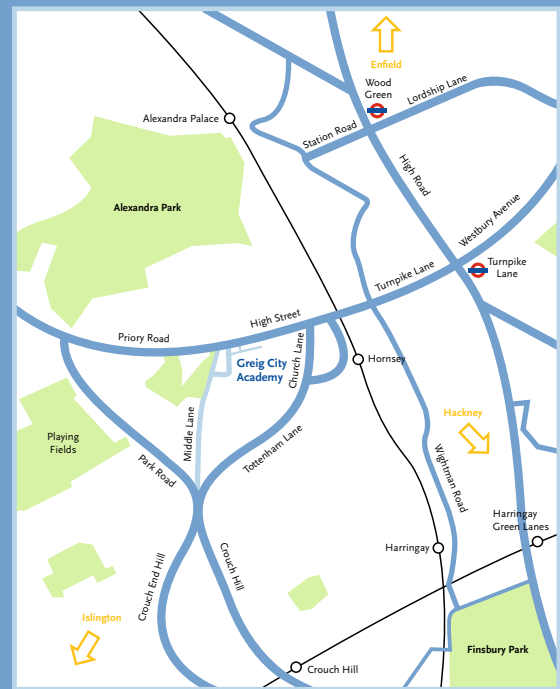
### How to apply

You need to complete the Greig City Academy Sixth Form application form included in this prospectus pack. Return the form to the Academy by the date shown.

### Who can apply?

All applicants who will be aged 16 by September 1st in the year of entry and who meet the entry criteria.





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