



Wigmore School Academy Trust

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Wigmore School Academy Trust is a highly successful Nursery, Primary and High School situated in the stunning surroundings of North Herefordshire. We cater for children from 2-16 years of age in two separate schools.

In the local community, we have an enviable reputation for high standards, providing quality education in a safe and welcoming environment. Behaviour at both schools is outstanding. As a result of our successes, we are the school of choice in the area.

Our motto is “enjoying learning together” which encompasses the shared vision to develop the notion of and celebrate the benefits of all-through education.

Our mission is to provide excellent all-round educational experiences in a nurturing environment of traditional values. We aim to ensure every child is happy, safe and successful. We strive to provide the best education locally, inspiring our children to exceed their potential and develop into resilient, well-rounded, independent young people who are equipped to flourish in a modern global community.

Our pupils achieve their potential academically with many exceeding expectations. We place strong emphasis on developing the whole child and work hard to provide an all-round education for our pupils. We offer many different experiences inside and outside the classroom, e.g. the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, foreign expeditions, forest school and values education, to ensure our pupils have access to a variety of different learning experiences.

Our staff and pupils are proud of our school, its high standards, its values and its strong emphasis on personal development. We believe that our children deserve the best education possible and to be imbued with values that prepare them for the future.

We welcome all children to our school and are determined to look after them, nurture them and provide them with the best education possible.



Introduction



A warm welcome from staff and pupils alike.



As you come to choose your school, we thought we would try to answer any common questions in this brochure to help you make a more informed choice.

We are hoping that you will agree with us that as a small rural school we provide a unique environment and memorable experience that can be difficult to achieve in some of the larger schools.

We do more ... at Wigmore.

Wigmore High School

Admissions

The planned admission number for pupils into Year 7 at the High School is 90. The majority of pupils entering the High School come from local schools such as Bucknell, Kingsland, Leintwardine, Luston, Orleton, Shobdon and Wigmore, but students travel from far and wide to be educated here. Admission arrangements are published on our school website and proximity to school is an important factor. Wigmore School runs its own independent subsidised transport from Leominster, Ludlow, Orleton, Kingsland and many other local villages. Please ask to speak to our School Business Leader to find out more.

Prospective pupils enjoy excellent transition visits during Year 5 .

Wigmore High School was rated as “good” in 2018 and again in 2023 by Ofsted and has traditionally been over-subscribed for admissions into Year 7.

Our most recent Ofsted inspection stated that

“Wigmore is a friendly, welcoming school. Pupils have a common understanding of the importance of values like empathy, equality and teamwork . This results in positive relationships and a shared commitment to their learning..”

We are a successful school that prides itself on ensuring every child is happy, healthy and successful. With strong pastoral care, the school strives to ensure that all pupils are prepared for life after school and achieve their academic potential.

Academically, pupils make excellent progress. GCSE results are consistently above national averages with many pupils achieving the top grades of 9-7 in a range of subjects.

In 2025 our Attainment 8 score (the headline measure) was once again one of the highest in the county. Nearly 80% of students passed their GCSE maths examinations (Grade 4+) and 75% of students passed science, both well ahead of national averages.

The experiences that the children have at Wigmore are very important to us. We are committed to developing the whole child and ensuring the children have a rounded education.





Wigmore Primary School

Wigmore Primary School federated with the High School in September 2007 and converted to Academy status on 1st January 2011.

Judged to be “good” by Ofsted in 2019 and again in 2025, the school offers an exciting and broad curriculum, dynamic and engaging teaching, a large number of educational visits and a wide-range of after-school clubs including after-school care provision called “Wacky Club”.

As part of Wigmore School Academy Trust, the children enjoy all the facilities at the High School, including specialist subject teachers and rooms, sporting amenities and a large canteen and dining room. Popular with parents in the locality, the school’s principal aim is to ensure that its children are happy, healthy and successful.

The most recent set of external results confirm that children at the school are achieving well above national averages in reading, writing and mathematics and making outstanding progress across the age range, with most measures in the top 10% nationally.

The planned admission number for pupils into the Reception Class at Wigmore Primary School is 30 children.

Attendance at Wigmore Primary is a preferential factor in determining admission to Wigmore High School.

Ofsted quote 2025

This school is a welcoming, calm and an organised place in which to work and learn. Pupils’ conduct in lessons and around the school is exemplary. They are keen to learn and respond well to teachers’ clear and high expectations. Everyone knows and understands the school’s values, which guide all to be kind and considerate. Pupils and staff are proud of the school. Pupils feel secure and valued.





Wigmore Nursery opened in September 2011 and is based in the Primary School.

The Nursery is very much part of the day to day running of the Primary School. The Nursery, known as 'Acorn Class', has its own separate and well-equipped classroom, and the children have access to all the facilities at both the Primary and High School including the hall and outside playgrounds and fields.

The Nursery employs two Nursery Practitioners and an Early Years Coordinator who work closely together to ensure the children are given an excellent start to their education.

The school's ethos of 'Enjoying Learning Together' is shared by the Nursery. The curriculum is planned carefully to provide a wide range of exciting play opportunities and to develop basic skills and the knowledge necessary for a smooth start into school. Activities are tailored to meet children's individual needs and give opportunities for each child to be supported, and their knowledge extended where appropriate.

The transition from Nursery to Primary is seamless as the children integrate regularly with Primary staff and very quickly become familiar with their surroundings.

Our Nursery offers education and care for children over the age of 2 years old; this provision is very much welcomed by the local community and is well-subscribed.

Our Vision for the Trust

We want to do more at Wigmore

Wigmore Primary and High Schools have been successful schools for many years and have provided a high quality of education to generations of children and pupils in their respective phases of education.

At its core, our vision is that both schools will continue to raise standards by utilising the benefits accruing from federation and academy status. The Trust expect that, across the 2-16 age range currently on the Wigmore School site, every pupil should make the sustained progress necessary for them to reach the highest academic standards possible. We want the pupils to enjoy and profit from their time at the school, to be safe, to make friends, to develop many interests and to experience the wide range of activities on offer that will help them grow and develop as individuals. Wigmore pupils should leave the school at 16 having received a well-rounded education and having achieved GCSE results and other qualifications that reflect their academic ability and exceed their expectations.

Wigmore School is fortunate to have teaching staff of the highest calibre, with excellent support staff across the whole range of the school community. The pupils are delightful and keen to learn, and the school benefits enormously from the support of parents and the local community.

The end of Key Stage 1, 2 and 4 results are generally significantly above national averages and progress values are often well above average. There are very high standards of behaviour. Staff have high expectations of pupils, and we believe that Wigmore School Academy Trust is an outstanding setting for pupils to learn.

The stakeholders at Wigmore School Academy Trust have jointly developed 6 key aspirations for the schools. We aim to maintain the schools' outstanding strengths and move the schools forward by becoming or continuing to be a:



Community School

We will be at the heart of the local community and encourage participation in the global community.



Outstanding School

We will provide outstanding experiences for all our young people ensuring outstanding outcomes.



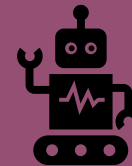
Stakeholder School

We will listen to and engage stakeholders in the future direction of the school.



Innovative School

We will make use of research and explore new pedagogical strategies to become system leaders in education.



Technology School

We will strive to ensure that our young people benefit from and are aware of the latest technology.



Expanding School

We will expand our school community if it will benefit the children, staff and local community.



CURRICULUM

At Wigmore we offer an innovative, broad and balanced curriculum which meets the needs of individuals whilst creating the best conditions for all our pupils to excel and succeed to the best of their ability. We believe that our curriculum offers a wide range of opportunities for every pupil.

Pupils study the full range of national curriculum subjects, and we also provide a wide range of additional experiences to support academic subjects. Opportunities for pupils encompass visits linked to curriculum areas, work related learning experiences and residential trips which encourage confidence and independence. We believe that our curriculum offers a wide range of opportunities for every student.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The schools offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities through clubs, trips and visits. These start in Years 5 and 6 with a residential experience to support team building and in preparation for High School.

The High School offers the opportunities for pupils to experience residential trips in all years, some in the UK and others abroad. There are also many day trips that underpin the curriculum such as theatre trips, art galleries, music concerts and geography field trips to name but a few.

Both the Primary and High Schools offer outstanding opportunities for sport. Children take part in after school sports clubs and fixtures covering a range of traditional sports (netball, hockey, rugby, football, rounders and cricket) as well as clubs in specialist sports such as badminton, table tennis, basketball and futsal and enjoy the use of our school gym.

Every year both schools put on performances in drama and music, ranging from music concerts, nativities and school productions. These experiences are an essential part of life at Wigmore.

STUDENT SUPPORT

We have high aspirations for all our pupils. It is the responsibility of every teacher to deliver inclusive lessons that enable every pupil to participate and reach their potential. Wigmore School actively promotes Quality First Teaching and believes that the effectiveness of this provision is key to successful learning. This is an entitlement for all learners.

The Student Support Centre opened in January 2011 to provide a dedicated place to enhance the support provided to students across the school. We have specialist non-teaching support staff to assist students with any pastoral or special educational needs. The Centre has three rooms for one-to-one or small group work, as well as a large classroom-style space. The Student Support Team are also based within the Centre.



Governance

Board of Trustees

Key Governor Contacts

Mr Steve Pollacco– Chair of Trustees

Clerk to Trustees – clerk@wigmore.hereford.sch.uk

The Academy was incorporated on 10th December 2010 and commenced as an Academy Trust from 1st January 2011.

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company is known as Wigmore School. Wigmore's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

The Academy is governed by the Board of Trustees, who are also the directors of the company. The Academy Trust Board work to fulfill a largely strategic role in the running of the school.

Wigmore School is a federation of two schools: Wigmore High School and Wigmore Primary School. The individual schools have separate funding agreements but form one company.

Senior Leadership Team

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Executive
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Mrs Emma
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