



# Wigston Academy



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*“My child loves Wigston Academy and enjoys coming to school.”*



## Introduction

Wigston Academy is proud to be part of Wigston Academies Trust. We are a small trust in Wigston for Wigston and its talented, imaginative and individual young people. The Academy serves an 11-16 age group in Years 7 to 11 before they go to our Trust neighbour, Wigston College for Sixth Form and the next phase of their education. In our schools, we aim to create a safe nurturing environment in which we know our pupils and they know us.

As headteacher, I am supported by a team of senior leaders and also our Executive Headteacher, Mark Mitchley, whose role is to ensure the schools in the Trust perform well and remain relevant to its pupils' needs.

It is our privilege to serve the town of Wigston and its children and we want our school to be at the heart of its community. We look forward to welcoming you to Wigston Academy.

Mike Wilson





## Care and Guidance

If they are to achieve their full potential, students at Wigston Academy must feel happy, confident and above all safe.

The Academy is a place where differences are celebrated and we recognise that learning is different for everyone. We have an inclusive approach to our lessons which helps make sure that no one is left behind and that each one of our pupils gets the help they need to move on and make progress. We have an enviable reputation for supporting pupils with additional needs.

At the centre of our pastoral care for our children is the tutor. This is the teacher who they meet every day at the start of the day and this is the person who is responsible for making sure that their learning is developing well and that their experience at school is a positive one. This is also one of the people who parents and carers can make contact with when they need to speak to someone at school.

We believe that what works best is working together. Relationships with pupils are central to that and so are relationships with parents. Our aim is that communication is strong between the school, the family and the pupil so that everyone knows what's happening and why. We'll never always get it right so when we don't, we always ask you to talk to us.

**“Strong relationships between students and adults are a key feature of the Academy.”**

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## Curriculum

At Wigston Academy we offer a broad and balanced curriculum to suit the needs of all students.

During Key Stage 3 students in Years 7 to 9 will receive a solid grounding in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, alongside a wide range of Foundation Subjects: History, Geography, Religious Studies, Citizenship, French, Computing, Drama, Music, PE, Dance, Art and Design. At Key Stage 4, students are offered an extensive range of options for GCSE and alternative qualifications with clear pathways to A levels, apprenticeships and beyond. Options for Key Stage 4 include: Media Studies, Spanish, Dance, Business Studies, Child Development, Leisure and Tourism, Health and Social Care and Psychology.

We want our pupils to be tolerant of differences and respectful of each other and themselves. We have an extensive personal, social, health, careers education (PSHCE) curriculum planned to enable pupils to know about the wider world and have opportunities to discuss, learn and discover how to be healthy, safe and access the right career and future pathways into education, employment and training.

All of this is underpinned by a love of learning through problem solving, creativity and imagination. We know we need to prepare our children to cope with technologies and concepts not even invented yet...

*“The curriculum instils a love of learning both in and out of the classroom.”*

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## Extra-curricular

Our curriculum is much more than in class-room learning. We have a wide and imaginative extra-curricular offer which includes trips and visits with recent destinations as diverse as Cadbury World, Paris and Skiing in the USA.

We have an unbeatable record for sporting excellence as well as performing arts and audiences compare our productions such as 'The Lion King' and 'Annie' to West End performances. Whether before school at breakfast club; at lunch times with sports teams, SEND club and subject clubs or after school with matches and orchestras, there are endless opportunities for our children to get that something extra.

"I have made lots of new friends and really enjoy all of the clubs and activities."

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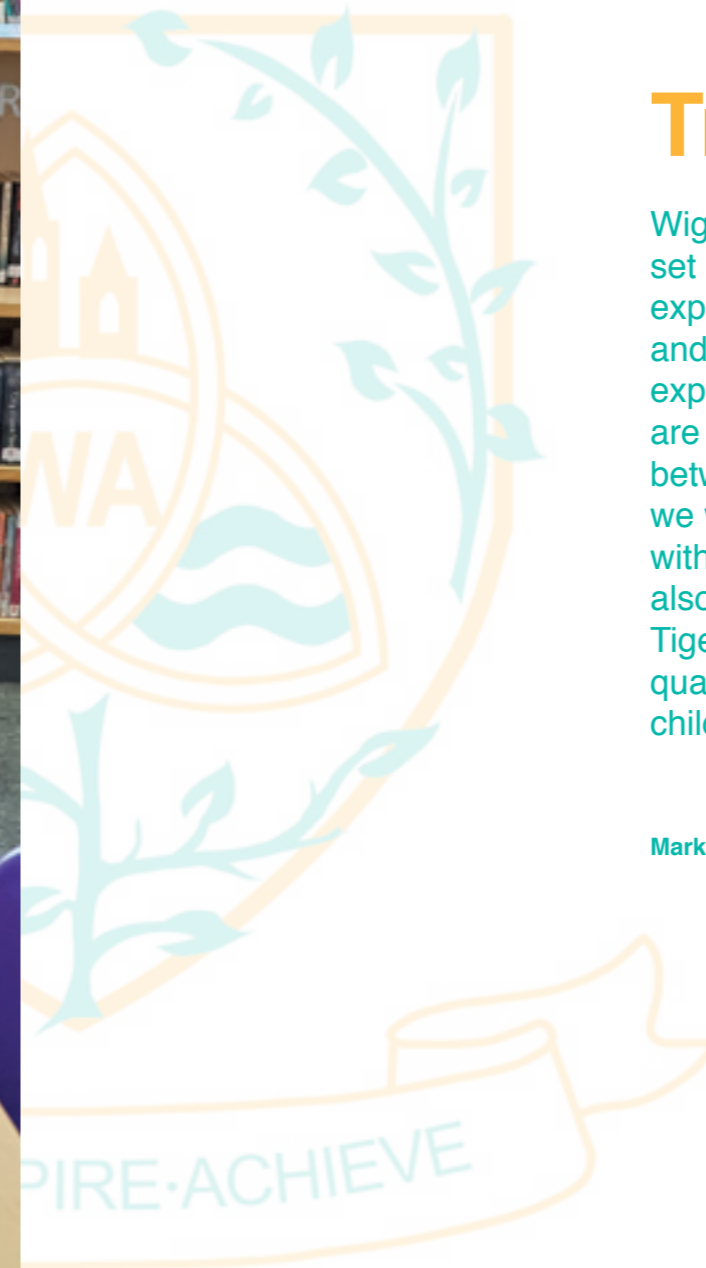
*“Wigston Academies Trust puts students first so that they can be happy and successful at school and beyond.”*



## Trust Information

Wigston Academies Trust is a growing trust that was set up to provide the community with an educational experience relevant to its young people's needs and ambitions. Overseeing schools and providing expertise in primary, secondary and Sixth Form, we are able to give our children a seamless transition between the phases of their education. In addition, we work closely with our partner primary schools with links between us constantly strengthening. We also have a preschool on site, Tiger Tots, which delivers high quality care and education for its children.

Mark Mitchley, Executive Headteacher





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