



Cardiff Academy

Sixth Form College



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Principal's Message

I am delighted to have joined this fast growing vibrant college which has high aspirations for Students, staff, parents and guardians.

Since Cardiff Academy opened in 1999, many students have consistently achieved places at some of the most prestigious universities in the UK, including Oxford and Cambridge with some gaining entry onto the competitive degree courses such as Medicine and Dentistry. This consistent high of level performance from our students was quite rightly recognised by Estyn in the recent Inspection report 2020 and has enabled all our current year 13 students receive degree offers of their choice. We are quite rightly very proud of this achievement which is a reflection of all the hard work put in by both students and staff over the past year.

We believe it is important to develop the whole individual and as such pride ourselves on our inclusive learning environment where we aspire for all students to reach their potential. Through our nurturing approach we are able to get to know the students very well and can easily anticipate where they may need additional support with their learning. Our constant aim is to build confidence in our all students installing in them the same passion for learning as demonstrated by our outstanding teachers. We have carefully recruited these colleagues who have a passion for their subjects and are hugely enthusiastic in imparting that knowledge to the learners. In creating this secure, rich learning environment we are confident that all our students will grow into learned young people.

I am proud to be the new Principal of Cardiff Academy and together with the students, staff and parents will endeavour build on the excellent foundations in order for the College to continue to thrive in the future.

Mrs Caroline Williams,
Principal



Why Choose Us

THE OLDEST INDEPENDENT SIXTH FORM ACADEMY IN CARDIFF.

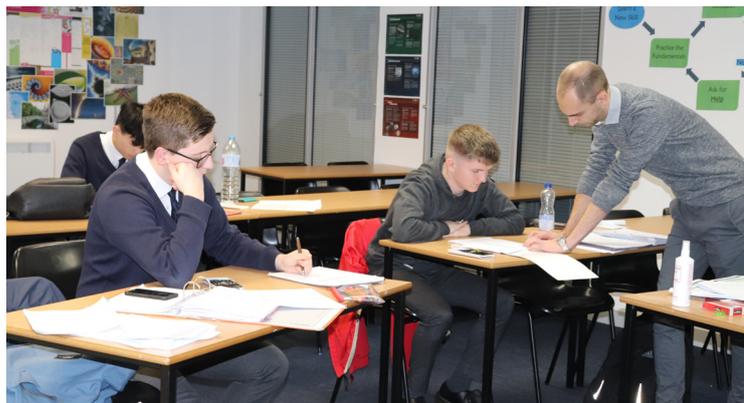
Cardiff Academy stands for the traditional values of honesty, integrity, professionalism, and above all else, a duty of care to each and every student who passes through our doors.

At Cardiff Academy we have implemented a blend of Eastern and Western education philosophies. We have incorporated the eastern view of teaching through implementation of high standards and expectations.

We value virtues such as commitment, diligence and perseverance. This is combined with the Western perspective which adopts a student centred approach, encouraging students to be lifelong learners and placing importance on critical thinking, creativity, self-confidence, motivation and flexibility.

With this combination of East and West, we ensure our students not only excel academically, but also develop rounded personalities, enabling them to be prepared for university life and beyond.

A truly cosmopolitan atmosphere thanks to our intake of students from a wide range of ethnic backgrounds.



OUR DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE

We have a holistic and inclusive approach to teaching, bringing out the best in our students. In our opinion, this is what real teaching is all about and what makes learning at Cardiff Academy a joy.

- Expert tuition with small class numbers (average class size 10) ensures students benefit from increased personal attention, mentoring and the ability to engage in debate with teachers.
- We provide world class teaching through our highly experienced teachers, many of whom are senior examiners past and present, thus ensuring our students receive the very highest levels of tuition.
- A unique teaching approach: Up to 6 hours per week of tuition for core A-Level subjects ensuring students receive maximum academic support.
- We provide, bespoke advice and guidance on UCAS and Oxbridge, intensive coaching for interviews and unparalleled advice on personal statement preparation.
- An array of enriching yet targeted extra-curricular activities which allow students to unearth hidden talents, enhance character and spirit and understand leadership and teamwork, all of which are necessary to excel in the ever changing world.
- Uniquely placed with our own brand new purpose built boarding accommodation providing the highest levels of comfort and pastoral care.

Buildings and Facilities

Cardiff Academy is proud to announce that due to remarkable growth we have moved to our brand new, modern building situated in the heart of Cardiff City Centre.

Cardiff Academy is also just a two minute walk from the main shopping district and central railway station. Within the Academy there are a host of high quality facilities, creating a pleasant environment for both students and teachers alike.

On-site facilities include:

- Brand New, Modern, fully equipped Chemistry, Physics and Biology Laboratories.
- Fully equipped, modern classrooms.
- IT Suite
- Spacious common room with dining facilities.
- Quite study room



1. CARDIFF CASTLE

(Welsh: Castell Caerdydd)

A medieval castle and Victorian Gothic revival mansion located in the city centre.

2. NATIONAL MUSEUM CARDIFF

(Welsh: Amgueddfa Cymru)

Is a museum and art gallery in Cardiff, Wales. FREE ENTRY.

3. CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

Is a top five university for research excellence in a beautiful, student friendly capital city.

4. ST DAVIDS SHOPPING CENTRE

St David's is one of the principal shopping centres in the city centre of Cardiff, Wales.

5. BUTE PARK

Bute Park offers an extensive area of mature parkland within Cardiff's city centre boasting a nationally-significant tree collection, and a wealth of horticulture and wildlife interest.

6. THE MILLENNIUM STADIUM

Millennium Stadium, since 2016 named for sponsorship purposes as the Principality Stadium, is the national stadium of Wales

7. CARDIFF CENTRAL TRAIN STATION

Predominantly an interchange between the south & west of Wales, also offers services to major rail hubs throughout the UK, including Manchester Piccadilly and London Paddington.

8. CARDIFF LIBRARY

Our libraries hold over 1.2 million printed books, and provide access to more than 375,000 online books and journals.

9. CARDIFF ACADEMY

The Oldest Independent Sixth Form Academy in Cardiff.



A-Level Course

A-LEVELS ARE THE UK'S TRADITIONAL QUALIFICATION

A-Levels are regarded as the Gold Standard for university entrance and offer access to Universities. Unlike in England, Wales will be retaining the current AS/A-level system. What this means for students in schools and colleges in Wales is that entry to university will continue to be based largely upon AS grades achieved at the end of Year 12. Therefore, what UK University Admissions (UCAS) tutors look for in applicants from Wales are top AS grades. Due to small class sizes (Average 10 students), expert tuition from subject specialists and the enormous amount of individual support received, students entering Cardiff Academy can expect to achieve excellent AS grades.

AS AND A-LEVEL SUBJECT LIST

MATHEMATICS

PHYSICS

HISTORY

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

ECONOMICS

FRENCH

ENGLISH LITERATURE

BIOLOGY

LAW

MUSIC

CHEMISTRY

PSYCHOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY

KEY POINTS

- Average class sizes of 10 students per class
- Expert teaching from subject specialists, most of whom are also examiners
- High degree of individual academic and pastoral support
- Regular exam-based testing and feedback
- Flexible subject combinations
- Expert and up-to-date University Admissions (UCAS) advice

For further information regarding A-level courses, to request a prospectus or to arrange an appointment, please contact us by phone or e-mail.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Academic Requirements:

- Students must sit our Entrance Exams.
- English Language requirement: IELTS 5.5

Students under 18 do not require IELTS but will be required to complete entrance test for english. Based on Entrance test some students maybe recommended to attend our 4 week intensive summer school.

KEY FACTS

Age: 16+

Course Length: 2 Years or 18 months

Course Start: September or January



Results and University Destinations

Cardiff Academy are incredibly proud that 2020 has been our most successful year for A Level results with over 96% of our students achieving A*-A

Based on these percentages, if league tables were to be published, this would place Cardiff Academy as Number 1 in the Telegraph Small Schools National League Tables.

Therefore we would like to congratulate our students, who through hard work and dedication have achieved outstanding results. The results also reflect the dedication and professionalism of all our staff.

Below are some testimonials from our existing students

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For the one year that I have spent in Cardiff Academy so far, I can say that I have enjoyed every part of the school year due to the great spirit and atmosphere which is present there. There are amazing teachers who are well experienced and who provide top teaching to students.

I can honestly say that for the past year Cardiff Academy has felt like a family to me which has provided me with a sense of belonging.

The students there are also easy to talk to and they are always welcoming and cheerful.

”

LARAYB KHALID
Applying for Business



“

The warm and welcoming environment among staff and pupils alike helped me fit in to the Academy having come from a large secondary school. All of the staff are committed to enabling students to achieve their best whilst also building good relationships with every student.

This has helped me in putting my best effort into my A-Level studies whilst at the same time having enjoyable experiences in lessons and in the common room.

My teachers and the admin staff have been excellent in supporting me with my decision for which university course I am going to apply for.

”

DECLAN KELLY
Applying for Economics



“

The small class sizes of the college and **knowledgeable, enthusiastic teachers means that you feel confident with every topic covered.**

Also, the size of the college means that students and staff know each other well & there is a real atmosphere of community.

”

AMY LLOYD EVANS
Applying for Medicine



Career Support & UCAS Preparation

During the school year students will be given advice on career choice and will be encouraged to part-take in career specific work experience. Our in house careers coordinator will ensure all students gain work placements relevant to their career choice.

CARDIFF ACADEMY WILL ARRANGE THE FOLLOWING

- Speaker sessions by guest lecturers
- Visits from university representatives
- Practical workshops
- Voluntary work placements

UCAS AND OXBRIDGE APPLICATIONS PROGRAMME

After the AS year, Cardiff Academy will arrange a bespoke UCAS programme which is individually tailored to the specific needs of the students.

Our expert tutors, with over 20 years of experience in UCAS applications, have individual meetings with the students, discussing their career choice and University destination, thus ensuring students are given the best chance possible of succeeding.

ACTIVITIES ARE SPECIFIC TO THE UCAS PROCESS AND INCLUDE SOME OF THE FOLLOWING

- Interview Preparation
- Personal Statement Preparation
- Interview workshops – Career specific
- Entrance Exam preparation:
 - BMAT
 - LNAT
 - TSA
 - STEP
- Speaker sessions by guest speakers
- Visits from University representatives



Extra-Curricular Activities

CARDIFF ACADEMY AUGMENTS ACADEMIC LIFE WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

THE UK SPACE SETTLEMENT DESIGN COMPETITION

The UK Space Design Competition is a science and engineering competition designed as a simulation of life in industry. Open to students in Years 10 to 13, the UKSDC aims to enable students to experience the vast potential & valuable opportunities available through future study, or even a career, in STEM (science, technology, engineering & maths).



BAR MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

The only events to take place in real crown courts in front of real judges, the Mock Trial Competitions immerse students in the thrill of a criminal trial. The Competitions not only give budding lawyers a chance to experience life inside a court room, but provide a unique opportunity for students to learn about the justice system from professionals.



UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school pupils.

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Since 1987, the European Youth Parliament supports the development of young people into politically aware and responsible citizens by involving them in European political thinking and promoting intercultural understanding.





BRITISH PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

The British Physics Olympiad (BPhO) aims to encourage the study of Physics & recognises excellence in young physicists through four annual Physics competitions.

UK CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

Designed to challenge and inspire, the UK Chemistry Olympiad is the leading chemistry competition for students in secondary education across the British Isles. This enriching experience is a unique opportunity for students to push themselves further and excel in the chemistry field.



DEBATING MATTERS

Debating Matters represents a challenging and engaging approach to debating for sixth form students. Debating Matters presents students with topical debates and a challenging format that will appeal to students from a wide range of backgrounds, and to schools with a long tradition of debating, or with none.



BASE HEAT

BASE is ICAEW's National Business and Accounting competition for students in school or college aged 16-17. A unique and exciting experience, students are able to engage in business challenges that enable them to develop key employability skills and understand what it's like to be an ICAEW Chartered Accountant.



Accommodation

At Cardiff Academy we appreciate that many of our Students will be living away from home for the first time and so it is imperative that our accommodation provides an environment where students can settle in quickly.



Our brand new purpose-built accommodation is located within very close proximity to our teaching campus. The complex benefits from thoughtfully designed communal areas, a roof top panoramic communal lounge encouraging socialization and intimate quiet study areas.

We ensure specifically tailored provisions are in place for international students to guarantee they immediately feel at home.

Students are encouraged to personalise their rooms, form great friendships and immerse themselves in a nurturing environment.



Our accommodation, quite simply, is some of the best available in Cardiff. All student flats are well-appointed with en-suite bathroom, double bed, study table, generous storage and, of course, super-fast fibre broadband. The kitchens include integrated electric oven/hob, fridge/freezer and microwave. At an average of 35sqm, our apartments are circa 50% larger than all other student accommodation in the City.

We believe our accommodation engenders a sense of belonging in all our pupils, and delivers outstanding individual care.



SOME KEY FACTS

- Spacious fully furnished student apartments
- Fully integrated modern kitchens
- Complimentary bedding pack.
- High-speed broadband
- 24/7 Security – fob access only
- On-site communal dining facility, common room and panoramic roof lounge.
- Located within a few minutes walk of our teaching campus and Cardiff City Centre.
- Weekly cleaning service (at extra cost)



Physical Wellbeing & Sports Facilities

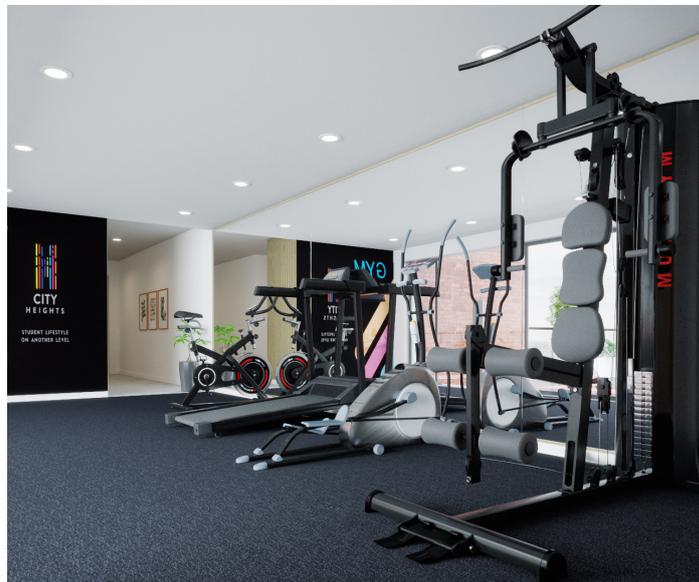
It is widely accepted that physical exercise is a fantastic aid to improving the ability to learn, and promotes mental wellbeing.

At Cardiff Academy we strive to provide our students with the best possible opportunity to exercise thus all students have access to state of the art health and leisure facilities that include:

- Fully equipped Gym
- Group exercise studios
- Full range of fitness classes
- Indoor Pool
- Steam Room
- Sauna
- Spa facilities

Students will receive a full induction followed by a fitness plan developed by a professional fitness instructor and tailored to meet each individual's needs.

There is also the opportunity to play a full range of racquet sports on both inside and outside all weather courts.



Welfare & Pastoral Care

Our bespoke accommodation is staffed by our experienced pastoral team who are in charge of all aspects of student welfare and safety. It is our mission to create a homely environment, a safe place in which to cultivate the independent growth and development of our Students within the comfort of a communal environment. We feel that this provides our Students with the best possible grounding for their future independent living.



HEALTHCARE

Cardiff Academy places the physical and mental health of our Students as our main priority. Students will be registered with a local NHS GP surgery and will be entitled to free NHS treatment whilst studying at the college.



MULTI-FAITH PRAYER ROOM

Cardiff Academy Students have full access to a multi-faith prayer room located on the teaching campus. This space is welcoming to all, and provides a quiet, private area.



Testimonial



ELLIE JONES

Applying for Physiotherapy at Southampton or Birmingham

The opportunity to study at the academy has helped me to excel in my studies and achieve everything that I wanted to. The teachers are encouraging and supportive and there is a positive learning environment. It has set me on the right path to transition to studying at University.



ELIS WILSON

Applying for Maths at Cambridge

Cardiff Academy has supported me for the past two years allowing me to reach my full potential. It is a tight-knit and friendly community of like minded individuals who have made the past few years all the better. The teaching is second to none and the small class sizes have provided an intimate learning environment. I'll always be thankful for the opportunity that has been given to me.



USMAN KHALID

Applying for Chemical Engineering at Birmingham

Best part of studying at the Academy was the vast range of different Extra curricular activities such as Debate Club, Football Games, University taster sessions, end of term days out such as Go Karting etc, as it aided me in creating good rapport with my peers and helped us make our uni applications more successful.



MAHNOOR WASEEM

Applying for Optometry at Cardiff University

I've thoroughly enjoyed my time over the two years at the Academy, it has been a great experience. The support from each of my teachers has really helped me along the way.



Testimonial



RIDAH RAHMAN

Applying for Medicine at Cardiff University

The warm, friendly atmosphere meant we all got on well with each other. The small class sizes enabled us to get all the attention we needed and really allowed us to develop strong relationships with the teachers.



CONNOR GODDARD

Applying for Psychology at Exeter

The small class sizes at Cardiff Academy helped all of us cope better with the big jump from GCSE to A-Levels, the support from the teachers was also very calming in very stressful situations. This close-knit and stress free environment allowed me to focus and better my studies, and get one step closer to pursuing a career in Psychology. The staff information us of work experience was also very helpful. Thank You



MARYAM RAHMAN

Applying for Pharmacy at Cardiff University

Over the past two years I have really enjoyed my time at the college. The experienced and friendly teachers allowed me to reach my full potential and were always there for me when I needed them!



AISHA IQBAL

Applying for Pharmacy at Cardiff University

I enjoyed studying at the Academy as the teachers encouraged hard work and aimed to help us achieve the grades we need. I've also made some amazing friends!



International Testimonials

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I'm really happy I came to Cardiff Academy. Their facilities are top notch and their teaching skills are even better.

They make the topics easier to understand

and they take time to check up on you. They are really close and they are like a family and I am proud to be apart of it.

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FORTUNE EZENNIA
International Student from Nigeria



“

This is my first time studying overseas, I've really enjoyed school life in the UK and appreciate how Cardiff Academy

have really supported me throughout this study year.

Teachers and students are very welcoming and helpful, it was a great opportunity for me to study abroad and learn.

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YEE TUNG CHAU - MIGI
International Student from Hong Kong



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Studying at Cardiff Academy was a wonderful experience, and one of the best I have had. I can now say I have great friends from all over the world. I believe that the college has

excellent teachers

who are not only great at teaching but very encouraging and great at maintaining a happy atmosphere daily. I thoroughly enjoyed the many extra curricular activities that I got to participate in whilst studying here, it was a great ice breaker.

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PHUC XUAN NGUYEN
International Student from Vietnam



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Studying in Cardiff Academy was my most unforgettable experience ever in my life. When I first got there, students and staff were cordial towards me and I felt like the school is formed as a unity. The average class size is small so that teachers can provide enough individual supports to every student according to their different progress towards academic prospects. Most of the teachers are even examiners of the wales exam board, students can avoid common mistakes in the exams as teachings going through. Students work hard to achieve grades with a decent competitive environment regardless of internal or external examinations. School closes at half-past 3 every day, it provides enough flexibility for students to focus not only on their academic side but also pursue their unique interests. The student accommodations here is the best among all those in Cardiff with excellent geographical location and all are self-serviced furnished apartments with food served to rooms 2 meals a day for those international students. Due to the COVID-19, Cardiff Academy responded earlier than everyone else, they closed the school before the announcement by the Government and they continued the course teaching remotely, via Google classroom and/or Skype, during normal lesson times while all teachers are available to students (via e-mail) for personalized support. This shows how smoothly and how Cardiff Academy treated students healthcare in the first place, getting back on track without any postponement.

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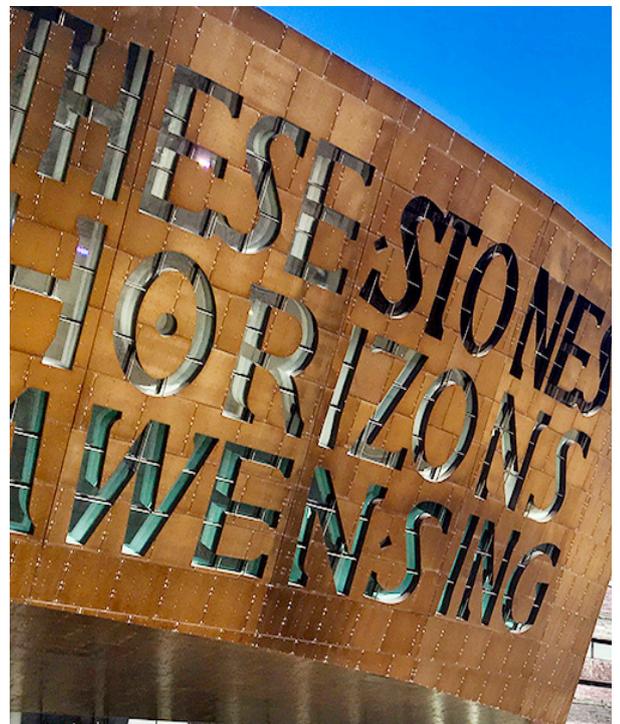
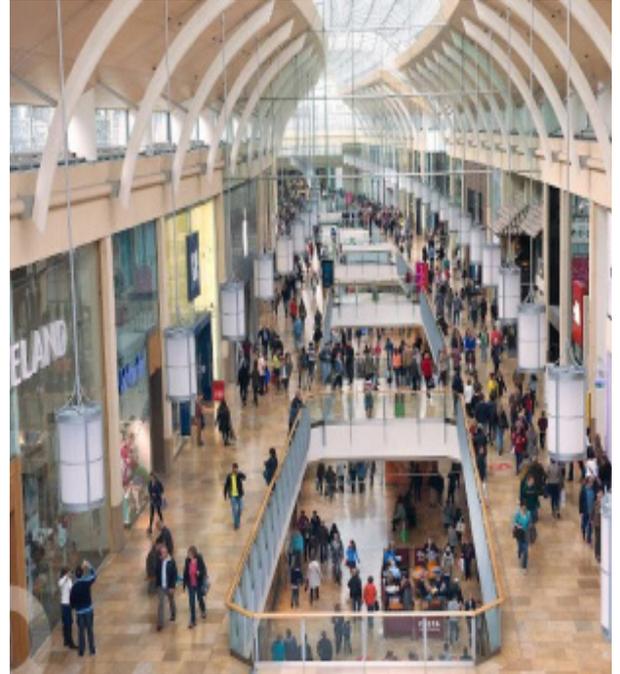


Darren Tsz Tao But
International Student from Hong Kong

Why Cardiff

Cardiff, Wales' capital city, offers an exciting range of unique attractions, top class entertainment and quality shopping with a difference – all within walking distance of the Academy.

Innovative architecture sits alongside historic buildings, while Cardiff Bay offers entertainment for everyone. Rich in ancient history, sporting excitement, romantic ambience, eclectic culture and exciting activities, Cardiff is the perfect destination for students.





KEY FACTS

- Cardiff has been rated best student city in UK (QS Best Student Cities 2017)
- Cardiff has been rated 3rd-best capital city in Europe to live in, with 97% of residents saying they were satisfied with living in Cardiff
- Cardiff is considered one of the safest cities in the UK and is ranked as the number one most peaceful major urban area in the UK (UK Peace Index 2013)
- Cardiff was recently named the 6th best shopping destination in the UK



Application Process

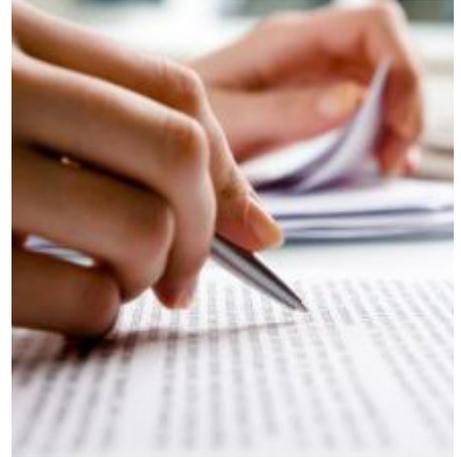
DIRECT APPLICATION

Visit our website and complete the application form.
www.cardiffacademy.co.uk

APPLYING VIA AN AGENT

Download an application form from our website and submit to your local representative. Please ensure you include complete transcripts, school reports and English language qualifications.

For details of your nearest representative, please email us with your name, date of birth and home city where you reside. Please send your request to admissions@cardiffacademy.co.uk



A-LEVEL APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1

Complete application form and submit with supporting documents



STEP 2

Complete entrance tests followed by an interview (in person or online)



STEP 3

Cardiff Academy process the application



STEP 4

Notification of acceptance via offer letter



STEP 8

Apply for your Visa



STEP 7

Cardiff Academy send out pre-arrival documentation followed by a CAS



STEP 6

Cardiff Academy send confirmation of placement & accommodation arrangements



STEP 5

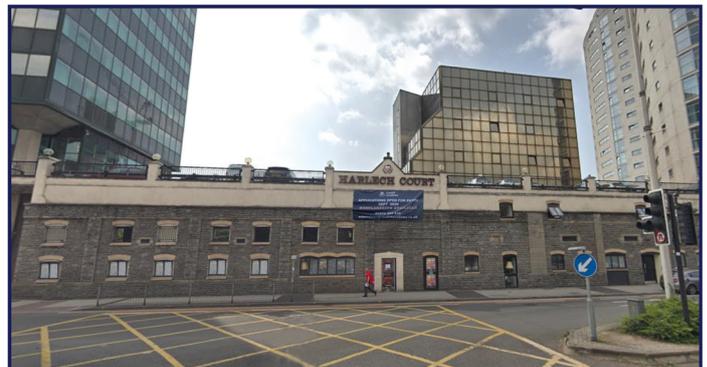
Complete acceptance of formal offer and pay deposit



Cardiff Academy

STEP 9

Welcome to Cardiff Academy



UK Resident Fees

STUDENT FEES - UK RESIDENTS

Two Year A Level Course (AS in year one and A2 in year two)

2 YEAR A-LEVEL	PER ANNUM
Tuition	£13,500.00
Registration Fee (non refundable)	£150.00

*Based normally on 3 or 4 subjects

Tuition fees are payable at the start of each term for UK based students.

1 YEAR INTENSIVE A-LEVEL	PER ANNUM
Tuition	£15,000.00
Registration Fee (non refundable)	£150.00

*Based upon maximum of 2 subjects

Tuition fees are payable at the start of each term for UK based students.

2 YEAR GCSE	PER ANNUM
Tuition	£13,500.00
Registration Fee (non refundable)	£150.00

*Based upon minimum of 5 subjects

Tuition fees are payable at the start of each term for UK based students.

1 YEAR INTENSIVE GCSE	PER ANNUM
Tuition	£15,000.00
Registration Fee (non refundable)	£150.00

*Based upon Maximum of 6 subjects

Tuition fees are payable at the start of each term for UK based students.

International Fees

STUDENT FEES

Two Year A Level Course (AS in year one and A2 in year two)

A-LEVEL	
Tuition*	£15,000.00
Boarding**	£20,000.00
Accommodation Only 18 years and over	£12,000.00

* WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Books and stationery
- Examination re-sit fees
- Uniform

**BOARDING FEE INCLUDES

- Meals (3 per day)
- Complimentary guardianship
- Complimentary airport pickup (specified dates)
- Exam fees
- Complimentary bedding pack
- Leisure Facilities

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

Tuition fees are payable biannually or annually for overseas students.





Cardiff to London in 2 hours



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