



JACK HUNT ACADEMY

# PROSPECTUS



Hard Work, Integrity and Kindness

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# A Warm Welcome to Our Academy

At Jack Hunt Academy (JHA), we have a strong ethos centered on the belief that every student has the right to a first-class education, and we consistently promote high expectations for all our students. We want all our learners to leave JHA well educated; of good character; and ready for ambitious next steps.

Our core values are:

- Hard Work
- Integrity
- Kindness

Jack Hunt Academy is a vibrant place of learning, underpinned by expert teaching of a challenging and broad curriculum. We provide high levels of pastoral care and support, as well as a comprehensive PSHE programme.

We think that enrichment opportunities are important for all students, and our offer in this area is extensive.

We believe in high standards of behaviour and conduct, and our academy is a happy and calm place to learn. We are a diverse and inclusive academy, and we are committed to comprehensive education. Academic success is very important to us, and we have a strong track record. Our students achieve well and many progress into our successful and flourishing Sixth Form. Our students have strong destinations after leaving Jack Hunt School.

However, academic success is only part of our purpose. We also provide excellence in music, drama, sport, and the arts and we value all practical and creative pursuits. We also develop the qualities that are important in any young person such as self-reliance, courtesy, respect, initiative, and determination.

We are an outward facing school. We are proud to belong to Keys Academies Trust, and this gives us the opportunity to collaborate with other schools. We also work with an extensive network of education providers, businesses, and charities. These networks allow us to offer our students a rich blend of opportunities.

It is a privilege to be Headteacher of Jack Hunt School and I would love to show you around

To book a Headteacher's tour, please contact me on [headteacher@jhs.pkat.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@jhs.pkat.co.uk)

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Headteacher





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## Making the Transition from Primary to Secondary

We know that transition from primary to secondary school is a big event for families. Jack Hunt Academy works closely with all our partner primary schools to ensure that students are familiar with our key staff, aims and values prior to starting in September.

We have a team of staff who support the transition from primary to secondary school by working with Year 6 Teachers, students, parents and carers.

We liaise with our primary colleagues so that we can share as much information and knowledge with staff at Jack Hunt Academy.

We also visit each primary school to answer questions about being a student at Jack Hunt Academy. We also have a dedicated transition page within our website that new students and parents can access.

All students will visit Jack Hunt Academy for a transition day where they get to experience being a Jack Hunt student and what to expect for the new academic year. We also arrange some additional visits for students where we feel it would be most helpful in settling them into life at Jack Hunt.

At the start of Year 7 we invite all parents and carers for a primary transition evening so that they can meet key staff and gain further insight into the pastoral support system and our expectations.





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# The Curriculum

The curriculum at Jack Hunt Academy is rich and varied; created to produce a broad and balanced experience for our students.

We adhere to the national curriculum ensuring depth and breadth in learning. All the students build new skills and acquire new knowledge through high quality learning experiences both inside and beyond the classroom. We believe every student is capable of excellence and Jack Hunt Academy will provide the learning environment for them to achieve their potential.

We regularly celebrate success and progress through our pastoral system. We recognise the importance of examination results in enabling our young people to move to the next stage of their learning to prepare them for life beyond education.

We value community and celebrate the diversity of our school to ensure all students feel welcome.

## Key Stages

### Key Stage 3 – Years 7-9

Every child has a wide experience across a range of subjects. These include art, drama, design & technology, languages, physical education, personal development education, music and humanities whilst maintaining a strong focus on the core subjects of English, maths and science.

Students in Year 7 also study My World. The purpose of this subject is to reinforce and further develop a passion for learning, prepare students with the skills and behaviours for GCSEs, and embed high expectations and aspirations.

### Key Stage 4 – Years 10 & 11

Students will study English, maths, science, religious education, personal development education, and physical education. Students also opt for up to four other subjects.

### Key Stage 5 – Years 12 & 13

The Sixth Form curriculum offers a wide range of subjects and students can study both A-Level and vocational qualifications. Sixth Form students also follow a core programme that provides support and development for life beyond secondary education.





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# Pastoral Care

Our values of Hard work, Integrity and Kindness are a crucial element in driving the outstanding pastoral care that we provide at Jack Hunt Academy. We place great emphasis upon the central role that the tutor and Head of Year plays in upholding our values and supporting your child's academic, emotional, social and developmental development.

Our Heads of Year all lead a dedicated pastoral team (Deputy Head of Year and Student Support Officer) and tutor team who have a deep understanding of every student in our care. In year 7, the Year 7 Pastoral Team will support the transition of our students from primary into secondary. From year 8 until Year 10, your son our daughter will stay with their tutor group and Head of Year as they develop further academically and are given an extensive range of extracurricular opportunities. In Year 11, a crucial year for GCSE exams, students will be placed in Year 11 form groups with a specialist Year 11 tutor to enhance their study skills and develop their independent study habits for their summer exams.

In the Sixth Form, students will be placed into dedicated Year 12 or 13 form groups. Students across all years are given leadership and students voice opportunities such as our sports leaders and student mentors.

Alongside our dedicated pastoral team we have a range of intervention groups who support our learners. They include but are not limited to: our mentoring groups, EAL assistance groups, Forest School, Think for the Future, Safeguarding Team and our dedicated Family Support Officer.

Through our pastoral system we encourage high expectations, good behaviour and a strong parental partnership. We are very proud of our school and welcome opportunities through parent/carer consultation evenings, curriculum evenings, one-to-one meetings, students exhibitions and school events. This contact is crucial to ensure a successful and supportive path through secondary school.





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# Inclusion

**Jack Hunt Academy recognises that the learning journey and process is unique to every individual.**

We ensure all SEND students are fully supported and challenged in their lessons, as well as providing individual and small group support when required. The SEND team work closely with parents/carers and external agencies to ensure that provision is excellent.

We also have a specialist HUB provision for learners with a physical disability. The Hub is well-resourced and staffed to support learners to access a broad and balanced curriculum as independently as possible, whilst meeting physical access needs within the whole school environment. The Hub is supported by a range of external services including Occupational & Physical Therapists.

The Academy strives to meet the needs of all students, amongst whom are a number of students whose first home language is not English. A specialist team of language support staff work alongside teachers to ensure that all students, whatever their stage of learning in English, are given access to the full curriculum.





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## Enrichment & Extracurricular

We keep our students busy out of the classroom. We run a lot of extracurricular clubs and competitions that students can access all through the year.

Students can take part in a range of clubs, for instance, sport, music, drama, science or young inventors. We also run house competitions and run activities to support local and national charities. Extracurricular activities are a great way of meeting new people and developing friendships, learn something new or master existing skills.

Students can also represent Jack Hunt Academy through inter-school sport in activities including football, netball, basketball, dodgeball, rounders and athletics.

We want all students to make the most of these excellent opportunities. Many universities ask for students to develop their learning beyond the classroom and to be inquisitive and thoughtful.

We offer a two-week work experience through our curriculum and have an extensive careers programme that supports students to achieve their future aspirations through study at university, apprenticeships or employment.





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# Student Leadership

**At Jack Hunt Academy we develop the leadership potential and skills of all our students.**

Leadership develops crucial skills that are so important for learning personal development. Leadership plays a vital part of sporting events, house activities, school performances and school events.

Some other examples of student leadership in Jack Hunt Academy include:

- Students running sports events and festivals for primary school pupils.
- Students organising and running city wide sports events through our sports partnership.

- Sixth Form students mentoring GCSE students in a range of subjects.
- Supporting Year 6 students during transition events.
- Organising events to raise money for local and national charities.

Student voice is also extremely important, and this is empowered through our student council who meet on a regular basis to discuss all aspects of academy life including teaching and learning, rewards & sanctions and the school site and environment





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## High Attainers

**Jack Hunt Academy provides high quality teaching in a caring environment. We encourage high attainers with programmes that provide stretch and challenge across the curriculum.**

Our teachers provide teaching and learning at the highest levels within and beyond the curriculum. The highest expectations encourage attainment to the highest levels for high attainers aiming for top grades at GCSE and A-Level

In the Sixth Form students are exposed to a wide variety of universities, apprenticeship providers and employers. Students all experience a mock workplace interview in Year 12 and a Higher Education interview in Year 13. Whilst many of the experiences we offer in school are face to face, students also have access to a variety of internships and experiences through our LinkedIn style digital platform Globalbridge.

We work closely with the East Anglian University Consortium and all students have a one-to-one meeting with a Higher Education Champion. In the Sixth Form we also collaborate with Growth Works, a company who connect schools with the local labour market and offer presentations from apprenticeship providers, this, alongside connection with Baker Perkins and Saffery Accounting, we ensure that students are exposed to a variety of employers.

In the application process, whether for apprenticeships, university, or employment, students are supported by their form tutors, the Sixth Form Team, and our dedicated Careers Co-ordinator. Many students also benefit from opportunities such as Summer Schools and Sutton Trust Events, where they are further supported through e-mentoring by undergraduates.

Our Careers Co-ordinator works with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge to provide tailored support for students considering Higher Education. We regularly invite representatives from these institutions to deliver workshops and sessions focused on university applications, personal statements, and insight into student life.

In addition, our students gain first-hand experience through visits to the University of Cambridge, where they explore the campus, attend taster sessions, and experience aspects of student life.





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## Parent Partnership and Homework

Working with parents is very important to Jack Hunt Academy so we can all support academic performance, support wellbeing and working together to help everyone achieve their chosen progression route through and after school. From parent/carer consultation evenings, to meeting key staff before students enter Year 7, this contact is vital to ensure a smooth and successful journey through school.

We engage parents in many different ways to support students, including:

- Personal tutor evenings.
- Curriculum information events.
- Year 7 exhibition events.
- Careers and options evenings.

Homework and Independent study are habits that will help our students achieve success.

Students are encouraged to try their best on their homework and to try and produce work they are proud of.

As students enter their examinations, we offer extensive support with revision including support sessions after school, on Saturdays and during the holidays.













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