



**LYNN GROVE
ACADEMY**
*Creative
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**Resourceful,
Resilient & Ready**


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A message from the **Principal**

Welcome to Lynn Grove Academy, where pupils can flourish to the best of their abilities and are encouraged to celebrate each other's interests, achievements and differences.

Our teaching fosters a creative approach to learning so that pupils discover what they are good at and their education is a rewarding experience.

With the support of our sponsor, the Creative Education Trust, we strive to develop creative thinkers who are imaginative, resourceful and resilient and who emerge from our school as well-rounded, confident individuals ready for life after Lynn Grove.

We invite you to visit and see for yourselves.

Alison Mobbs
Principal

Discovering what **you're good at**

We guide Lynn Grove pupils to discover what they are good at so that their education is a rewarding experience.

The curriculum is broad, balanced and responsive to individual needs and interests. In Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils will follow the National Curriculum, studying English, Maths, Science, a Modern Foreign Language, PE, RE, Design Technology, History, Geography, Music, and Drama. In year 10 pupils begin to study GCSEs in English Language and English

Literature, Maths, Double or Triple Science, RE, French or German and further subjects chosen from a wide range of academic GCSEs and vocational courses enabling them to follow their interests and aptitudes. At the end of year 9 pupils choose four options from an extensive offer that currently includes Art, Photography, Music, Media Studies, PE, Catering, Fashion and Textiles, Materials, History, Geography, and Business Studies. All pupils participate in core PE.

Extensive enrichment activities enlarge the scope for pupils to discover what they are good at: regular sports fixtures, theatre visits, trips to historic locations, concerts, scientific conferences and residential experiences.

In form groups, with their Form Tutors, pupils celebrate success, focus on achievement and reinforce all that is positive in our community.

Excellent progress from any starting point

Lynn Grove is an inclusive community committed to the provision of appropriate support so that every individual can realise their full potential. Whatever their starting point, Lynn Grove pupils make excellent academic progress.

We work closely with the young people and their families who experience particular challenges at school. Our SEND department is led by a dedicated SENDCO supported by a talented team of experienced and well-qualified learning support assistants.

We create extension and enrichment challenges within and beyond the curriculum to allow the most able learners to realise their potential and take advantage of local and national opportunities to extend their learning.

The involvement of parents in their sons' and daughters' learning is fundamental to the success of the school. We understand that excellent communication is vital to our collaboration with parents and we make it a priority to keep parents informed. Parents get termly progress reports, regular newsletters, updates via our website and a warm welcome when they visit us. In addition to the parents' consultation sessions, information evenings help parents guide their children's choices at key points in their secondary school career.



“Pupils are confident and polite.”

- OFSTED MAY 2017

Celebrating differences

Ofsted quoted a pupil at Lynn Grove who said ‘you feel accepted for just being yourself’: Lynn Grove pupils celebrate each other's differences and achievements.

New pupils participate in an extensive range of transition and induction activities so that they feel confident and are ready to make the best of their opportunities at secondary school from day one. Pupils joining us at other stages benefit from an individually tailored induction programme to help them settle in.

First class pastoral care is the foundation for personal development. At Lynn Grove Academy, positive relationships between Form Tutors and the pupils in their care are a priority. In addition to monitoring individual pupils'

well-being and academic progress, Tutors offer support when our young people face challenges.

High standards of behaviour and clear expectations support the learning environment. Our behaviour policy not only ensures the safety of all members of our community, but supports the development of excellent interpersonal skills that young adults need.

All pupils have regular opportunities to develop their leadership skills and take responsibility for shaping the school experience for themselves and their peers. Through the Learners' Voice Forum, through charity work, as Prefects and as mentors and sports leaders, pupils learn to be active, contributing citizens.



“Pupils are keen to succeed and show positive attitudes to learning.”

- OFSTED MAY 2017



Make learning **exciting**

A dynamic team of teachers are making learning exciting for everyone.

Lessons are challenging, engaging and exciting, and pupils respond by working hard. We ensure that all pupils know exactly how they are getting on and what they need to do to improve. Lynn Grove pupils develop the confidence to aim high, work independently and take setbacks in their stride.

We give all pupils a detailed planner that they use to record homework, targets for improvement and current grades. Homework helps pupils become self-disciplined and organised and we ask parents to support them with it.

Lynn Grove pupils have earned a reputation for their ICT expertise. They have access to excellent ICT resources and a first-rate Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) to support their learning.

Community partnerships enhance the educational experience. Good relationships with the local business community enable us to bring the world of work into school to motivate pupils and help them anticipate life after Lynn Grove.

Lynn Grove has an excellent record in preparing pupils to follow their ambitions post-16.



Outstanding **facilities**

Our outstanding facilities give pupils a wealth of opportunities to explore their talents. Good readers are good learners. Staffed by highly qualified and dedicated librarians, the wonderful Lynn Grove library is open for reading and homework from 8.00am until 5.30pm. The library hosts a book club and regular special events throughout the year to help inspire everyone to develop a lifelong love of reading.

From rugby and football to table tennis and trampoline, we encourage the sporting talent in Lynn Grove pupils. While our strongest players compete at county and national level, regular in-school competitions and after-school clubs manifest our commitment to sport for all. Lynn Grove's all-weather pitch and tennis courts are a coveted asset that we happily share with the community.

Excellent music facilities and dedicated staff, supported by a team of peripatetic instrumental teachers, provide outstanding opportunities for our pupils. Music is a very popular Key Stage 4 option and our young musicians contribute generously to the cultural life of the school.

We strive to prepare pupils for adult life in a global community. We have travelled far and wide in recent years: visiting our partner school in the USA, improving our language skills in France and Germany, showing our sporting prowess in Spain and Italy, and developing pupils' skills more locally on our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.





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The Creative Education Trust

The educational vision of our sponsor, the Creative Education Trust, is 'Knowledge Connected'. The Trust and its member schools believe that creativity is the ability to recognise and make new connections between the things we know. Furthermore, that connecting knowledge needs to be at the heart of education because it is vital to improving standards and will make young people resourceful and employable in tomorrow's knowledge economy.

At Lynn Grove and other CET schools, six concepts connect what students know and do: Structure, Pattern, Meaning, Performance, Human Interaction and Practice. These concepts are recognised by educationalists, universities and

employers as characteristic of successful employees, responsible citizens and resourceful adults. We use the concepts to link subjects across the curriculum and to foster personal development and employability.

The six concepts also underpin the thinking of professionals in engineering, architecture, design, construction, manufacturing and the digital industries, and they are the foundation of our unique Key Stage 3 design programme.

Watch *Knowledge Connected*, our short animated film, on the home page of our website:

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