



THE ADEYFIELD ACADEMY

Prospectus



Learning Without Limits



Headteacher's Welcome

The Adeyfield Academy is proud to be part of the Ambition Education Trust, a partnership of eleven Hertfordshire schools committed to delivering outstanding education through challenge and excellence.



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Adeyfield Academy is a fully inclusive 11–18 mixed school, rated ‘Good’ by Ofsted and located in the heart of the Adeyfield community in Hemel Hempstead.

As part of the Ambition Education Trust, we share a vision of Learning Without Limits. This partnership has helped us create a vibrant learning environment focused on high standards and shared values. Our growing Year 7 and 8 cohorts reflect the school’s popularity and the strength of our tailored, knowledge-rich curriculum.

Academic progress is central to our work. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum that engages and challenges all students, regardless of their starting point. We work hard to remove barriers to learning and support every child to become the best version of themselves.

Personal development is equally important. Daily tutor sessions build confidence and resilience, and students benefit from a wide range of enrichment opportunities—from student leadership and the Duke of Edinburgh Award to clubs such as boxing, cheerleading, cookery, music, and art.

We are proud to hold the School of Character Kitemark, recognising our commitment to developing the whole child. We aim to nurture students who are courageous, respectful, dignified, compassionate, and ambitious—young people who show humility, empathy, and good manners in school and beyond.

Our culture of high expectations encourages every student to take responsibility for shaping their future. The Adeyfield Five Star Student embodies this ethos, contributing positively to both school life and the wider community.

We value strong communication with parents and carers and welcome regular contact to support learning and wellbeing. If you would like to visit the Academy during a normal school day or arrange a personal meeting, please contact our reception on 01442 406020.

Warm regards,

Miss D Mason
Headteacher



Learning Without Limits

Our vision, ‘*Learning Without Limits*’, creates an environment where ambition, curiosity, and enthusiasm for learning thrive.

We promote five core values that shape our students into confident, respectful and compassionate individuals:

- Courage**
To encourage all students to continually challenge their own curiosity and thinking skills
- Dignity**
To inspire a culture of polite, engaging young people who are proud of their school
- Ambition**
To support all our students in their desire and determination to achieve their dreams
- Compassion**
To ensure the individual needs of every one of our students is constantly met
- Respect**
To instil a culture of value and support for each other as individuals

Ofsted: Rated GOOD

In our latest Ofsted inspection (January 2023), The Adeyfield Academy was rated GOOD. Highlights from the report include:

- Students at Adeyfield enjoy being part of a close-knit school community.
- Expectations for behaviour, courtesy and personal presentation are high. These are both modelled and applied consistently by staff.
- In lessons, pupils benefit from consistent routines and knowledgeable teaching.
- Trust and school leaders are ambitious and have raised expectations for what pupils can achieve.
- Pupils’ character and resilience are developed very well.
- Working relationships in classrooms are strong, characterised by mutual respect between teachers and pupils.



Celebrating Our Achievements

At The Adeyfield Academy, we are proud to be recognised for our commitment to excellence across a wide range of areas:



School of Character Kitemark

Awarded for our planned and reflective approach to developing positive character traits that support lifelong success.



Music Mark

Awarded for creating an inclusive, accessible and high-quality music education.



Silver Artsmark Award

Accredited by Arts Council England, this recognises our dedication to delivering high-quality creative and cultural education.



All Together Gold Award

Demonstrates our strong stance against bullying and our commitment to pupil wellbeing.



Healthy Schools Award

Highlights our efforts to support pupils' physical health and wellbeing through healthy eating and active lifestyles.



SENDIA Inclusion Award

Provides a national framework for creating an inclusive LGBTQ+ environment for all students and staff.



Sports Leadership School Status

Acknowledges our commitment to developing leadership skills through sport.



I Belong Champion Certification

Awarded by the National Centre for Computing Education, recognising our work to improve gender balance in computer science.



Behaviour Hubs

Recognition for commitment to improving behaviour culture.



School Games Gold Award

Celebrates our extensive sports programme, including clubs, fixtures, and competitions that promote enjoyment and participation.



Eco-Schools Silver Award

Recognises our students' active role in protecting the environment and promoting sustainability.



Equal Access School Award

Awarded in 2024, celebrates our equal access opportunities in girls' football.



Joining Adeyfield

Starting secondary school is a big step, and we're here to make it a smooth and exciting transition. Our exemplary transition programme and summer school help Year 6 students settle in, make friends, and feel confident from day one.



"When I first started Year 7, I was really worried—even though I already knew nearly all the teachers and where the classrooms were. However, after a couple of days, I stopped worrying because the teachers are all funny and friendly, and the other students are kind. The school itself is great and I've already made many friends."

— Sonny H, Year 7

"Adeyfield offers so much more than primary school—clubs, leadership roles, and the chance to be a 5 Star Student. Whether you love sports, reading, or performing, there's something for everyone. My advice? Be yourself. Don't change to fit in—being the same as everyone else is boring!"

— Olivia E, Year 8



How to Apply



Admissions at The Adeyfield Academy are maintained by Hertfordshire Local Authority, which manages admissions in accordance with the published admissions criteria. The school admits 180 students into Year 7 each academic year.

[Apply now](#) for a Year 7 secondary school place to start in September 2027.

The deadline for on-time applications is **31 October 2026**.

Character Education & Personal Development

Our students' personal development journeys extend beyond the academic, vocational and technical to encourage responsible, respectful and active citizens who are able to play their part and become actively involved in public life as adults.

We support our students' understanding of the fundamental British values of democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law and mutual respect and tolerance, to help shape each student's character; which informs their motivation and guides their conduct so that they reflect wisely, learn eagerly, behave with integrity and cooperate consistently well with others.

We ensure that students are confident, resilient, and knowledgeable so that they can keep themselves mentally healthy. Alongside this, we ensure students understand how to keep physically healthy, eat healthily and maintain an active lifestyle, including giving ample opportunities for students to be active during the school day and through extra-curricular activities. Students receive age-appropriate understanding of healthy relationships through appropriate relationships and sex education.

"Much work has been done on character development, rightly earning the school external recognition. The fruits of this work can be seen not only in pupils' behaviour but also in their increasing confidence and articulation when speaking."

— Ofsted Report 2023



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Curriculum & Learning

At The Adeyfield Academy, we deliver a broad and balanced curriculum designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences they need to thrive in modern British society.

Our passionate teachers plan engaging lessons that spark curiosity and foster a love of learning beyond the classroom. Home Learning supports independent study and reinforces classroom learning.

At The Adeyfield Academy we believe that fundamental to effective learning is providing engaging and enjoyable learning experiences which challenge all students at all levels. Our vision for teaching and learning is rooted in high expectations and an unconditional belief that every child can achieve their potential regardless of starting points. Teaching and learning embodies our school ethos 'Learning without Limits' and students strive to be 5-Star Adeyfield Students. It is centred on the quality delivery of a broad, balanced and coherent curriculum progressively building on knowledge and skills. We pride ourselves on delivering exciting learning experiences, which challenge curiosity and thinking skills. We are committed to providing an education where young people can have their eyes opened to new experiences and skills that enrich their lives and open doors for them. Learning at The

Adeyfield Academy has a clear purpose with exciting and stimulating activities to further the progress of each individual, and ensure they are supported to 'Learn without Limits'. Our staff work tirelessly to ensure they are delivering a high-quality curriculum with specialist knowledge and varied activities to support, stretch and challenge all students in all subjects. At The Adeyfield Academy we know that 'if it's not excellent, it's not finished' and we will uphold this expectation for our whole school community so all can achieve their dreams.

At The Adeyfield Academy, inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. We welcome students from all backgrounds, identities, and abilities, and ensure every child feels part of our community.

We make reasonable adjustments to meet individual needs and ensure all students can access a rigorous and relevant curriculum. Our high expectations apply to every learner, and we believe that—with the right support—every student can succeed.

We prioritise emotional wellbeing and mental health, helping students develop a growth mindset and the resilience to face life's challenges.

Blended Learning

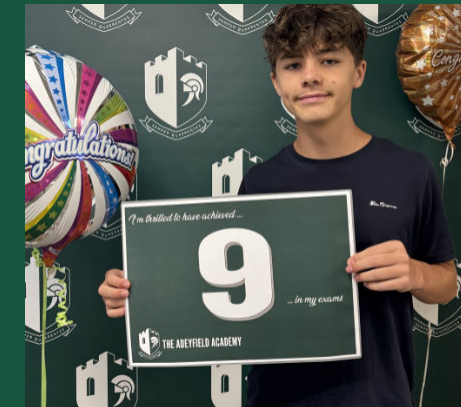
Blended learning at Adeyfield enhances access to educational resources through the use of Chromebooks. Students use their devices for research, organising work via Google Classroom, and accessing tools like dictionaries and read-aloud functions.

Chromebooks also support assessment and feedback through self-marking quizzes and verbal feedback tools.



Celebrating Success

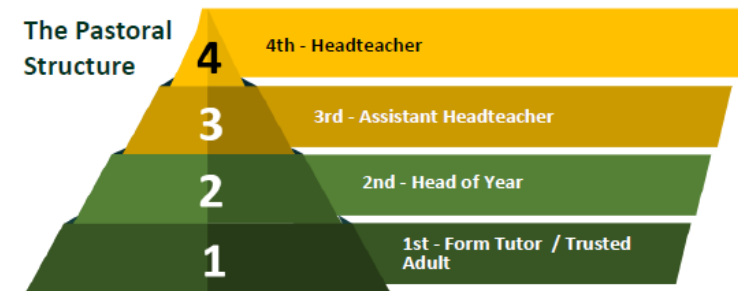
Key Stage 4 outcomes improved across all performance measures, reflecting our continued drive for academic excellence. We are immensely proud of our students' achievements and are confident that they are poised for even greater accomplishments in their future endeavours. We are therefore delighted to confirm that the majority of our students have secured their first-choice destination.





Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is central to our ethos of 'Learning Without Limits'. Our dedicated team ensures every student feels safe, supported, and valued.



Each student is assigned:

- A Form Tutor – their first point of contact.
- A Head of Year – who works closely with the tutor to guide and support.
- A trusted adult – someone they can turn to for help and advice.

We are proud to hold the All Together Gold Award for our commitment to anti-bullying. Staff monitor wellbeing daily, and any concerns are addressed promptly and restoratively.

We aim to maintain and embed a positive and open culture of safeguarding to ensure our students and staff are safe at all times.

Parent and student feedback consistently highlights our pastoral care as one of the Academy's greatest strengths. We encourage families to stay in close contact with us to ensure every child thrives.



“Pupils and students at Adeyfield enjoy being part of a close-knit school community. They are well known and well cared for by staff.”

- Ofsted Report 2023

Beyond the Classroom

To enable our students to break the glass ceiling, opportunities to develop leadership skills are provided across all year groups.



Student Leadership

We believe in empowering students to become confident, informed citizens and future leaders. Student voice plays a vital role in shaping school policy and development.

We have a variety of student leadership opportunities for students in every year group at The Adeyfield Academy. Including Head Student, Sports Leaders, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, and more. These roles help students build communication, responsibility, and leadership skills. Our enrichment programme encourages ambition, broadens horizons, and prepares students for higher education and beyond.

“It’s wonderful that you have appointed such an active Eco-Committee. This shows your school’s excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause.” — Eco-Schools Green Flag Award Report



Community Spirit

Throughout the year, The Adeyfield Academy hosts a variety of charity events, shows, competitions, and activities that allow students to showcase their talents beyond the classroom. Recent highlights include: Dragon’s Enterprise Challenge, Adeyfield’s Got Talent, We Will Rock You, Technology Rotary Competition, Adeyfest, The Adeyfield Academy Sports Awards, Sports Fixtures and Community Carol Concerts.

These events often involve the wider community and give students the chance to shine. Our Parents and Teachers Association (Adeyfield PTA) actively supports school events and hosts activities for families to enjoy.

Extra-Curricular & Enrichment Opportunities

The Adeyfield Academy prides itself on the quality and diversity of its extra-curricular programme. We offer a wide range of activities during lunchtimes and after school to enrich the curriculum in creative and challenging ways. Clubs and enrichment activities are a vital part of school life, often unlocking hidden talents students didn’t know they had.

We offer over 50 different clubs at the Adeyfield Academy, including: Debate Club, Film Club, Sports Teams, Home Learning Club, Textiles, BSL, Computer Science and Performing Arts.

We expect all Key Stage 3 students to attend at least two clubs each week.



“An increasing range of extra-curricular activities is on offer. These include sport, the arts and the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award scheme.”

— Ofsted Report 2023

Students have the opportunity to learn a wide range of musical instruments, from orchestral options like trumpet and flute to guitar, drums, and vocals. These lessons support creativity, confidence, and personal expression. Students also have regular opportunities to showcase their performing arts talent through events such as Open Evening, Adeyfield’s Got Talent, Adeyfest and the annual school musical.



Scholars & The Brilliant Club

As part of our programme for our Gifted and Talented students, the Scholars Initiative enhances engagement and achievement across all subjects and year levels. It includes:

- Specialised workshops and seminars
- Advanced projects and research
- Mentorship and guidance
- Collaborative learning
- Cultural and academic enrichment

The Brilliant Club is a prestigious programme delivered by an external agency, offering university-level learning and assessment. It challenges our most academically capable students with supra-curricular topics designed to stretch their thinking and raise aspirations.

Key features include:

- Expert-led sessions
- University-style learning
- Impressive academic achievements
- Exposure to higher education

Last year's cohort achieved outstanding results on their projects, with grades ranging from First Class to Upper Second Class: our highest-achieving group so far.



“The Brilliant Club programme is wonderful. It’s opened my eyes to university-standard work and supported me throughout. I’ve made new friends, stepped out of my comfort zone, and grown significantly.”

— Emily B Year 9



Trips & Visits

We believe that extending learning beyond the classroom is essential to developing well-rounded students. Across all year groups, students enjoy a wide range of enrichment opportunities designed to build knowledge, confidence, and help them make informed decisions about their futures. From Duke of Edinburgh expeditions fostering resilience and leadership, to local trips to the theatre or London museums, and even adventurous experiences like skiing in Italy, there is something for everyone.

In Key Stage 4 and 5, students benefit from university visits that broaden their horizons and provide valuable insight into higher

education options. They also have access to work experience placements, giving them practical skills and firsthand understanding of the professional world. These varied experiences not only build students’ cultural capital but also create lasting memories and strengthen peer connections.

During the Summer Term, all Key Stage 3 students participate in Curriculum Enrichment Week, engaging in a wide array of on-site activities and trips, including residential stays for Years 7 and 8. Additionally, we maintain a full calendar of external visitors and speakers who bring real-world expertise directly to our students, enriching their learning journey.

The House System



Our house system is named after six influential figures: Attenborough, Hawking, Kahlo, Parks, Seacole, and Turing. It provides a supportive environment that encourages friendly competition, provides opportunities for students to assume responsibility and develop leadership abilities and enables students to make a positive contribution to their local community.



We promote achievement of all students in a positive way, from the classroom to the sports field and from helping out around the school to taking part in school productions. It is also a way of developing vertical integration in the school to complement the horizontal integration that the year system provides.

The House system supports and enriches the lives of students whilst they are at school and any house activities that are participated in will be rewarded. House activities take place

throughout the year and students have involvement in participation and the organisation of these events. House Representatives liaise with staff regarding the organisation of House Competitions working together to make these events a success.

The House system is an integral aspect of life at The Adeyfield Academy. Students are allocated to a House when they enter the school based on their form group.

Careers Education & Guidance

At The Adeyfield Academy, we are committed to raising aspirations and helping students achieve their potential without limits. Our careers programme empowers students to plan and manage their futures with confidence. We use the Unifrog careers platform to provide tailored support, resources, and opportunities, helping students explore pathways and make informed decisions.

We prepare students for life beyond school by:

- Providing unbiased information about future pathways
- Offering high-quality careers guidance
- Facilitating meaningful encounters with employers, universities, and training providers
- Organising work experience and workplace visits to build employability skills

Our staff support students with:

- Application writing
- Interview preparation
- CV development
- Career planning



We work closely with parents, employers, and the wider community to ensure students develop the skills, attitudes, and confidence needed for a successful future.

“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”

— Michelangelo





Sixth Form

We are proud of our dynamic Sixth Form, which offers both academic and vocational pathways to suit all learners.

Students can choose from:

- Level 3 A-levels
- Vocational courses

Teaching is rigorous and engaging, helping students reach their full potential. Sixth Formers benefit from dedicated facilities including the Centurion Building, a new Independent Study Room and full access to our Learning Resource Centre. Our structured tutor programme and regular progress meetings ensure every student is closely supported. Sixth Formers also take part in our Personal Development Programme, which includes:

- Mentoring for Success – supporting younger students’ literacy
- Student Leadership – organising events and acting as role models
- Careers Advice & Guidance (CAIG) – supported by Hertfordshire Youth Connexions

Most students progress to university, and we provide tailored support throughout the application process.

“Sixth-form students learn about important personal, social and health issues in an age-related context. They also thrive on the additional autonomy and responsibility offered..”

- Ofsted Report 2023



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