

KS3, KS4 & POST 16



ACADEMY PROSPECTUS

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Courage to Innovate. **Curiosity** to Discover. **Compassion** to Lead.

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WELCOME

BOA Digital Technologies Academy is a specialist 11–19 academy in the heart of Birmingham, where technology, creativity and innovation come together.

From Year 7 through to Sixth Form, students develop their knowledge and technical skills through a combination of academic study and practical, industry-focused projects. Our curriculum spans computing, coding, software development, digital content, games, data and cybersecurity, supported by specialist facilities and industry-standard technology.

Our Sixth Form offers academic, technical and vocational pathways, giving students the flexibility to choose the route that best suits their interests and ambitions, whether progressing to university, an apprenticeship, further study or employment.

We are committed to developing confident, curious and capable young people who can solve problems, embrace new technology and turn ideas into reality. At BOA Digital, students gain the skills, experience and confidence to shape their future in a rapidly evolving digital world. **Your digital future starts here.**

Dr J Morris

Principal



ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

Courage. Curiosity. Compassion.

Students at BOA Digital Technologies will become the digital innovators, creators and leaders of the future. We are committed to providing an exceptional education that prepares every young person to thrive in an ever-changing digital world, guided by our values of **Courage to Innovate**, **Curiosity to Discover**, and **Compassion to Lead**.

Our curriculum combines creative teaching, state-of-the-art technology and meaningful industry partnerships to deliver engaging, relevant and ambitious learning experiences. Students are encouraged to think differently, explore new ideas, embrace innovation and develop the confidence, empathy and integrity to lead positively.

We empower every student to challenge themselves, learn from failure and realise their full potential, preparing them to succeed in future education, employment and beyond.



DIGITAL FUTURES

The UK's digital economy is one of the fastest-growing sectors, creating exciting career opportunities across a wide range of industries. From software development, cyber security and data analysis to gaming, digital media, marketing and emerging technologies, there are countless pathways for young people to explore.

At BOA Digital Technologies, our specialist curriculum, industry partnerships and employer links give students the knowledge, skills and experiences needed to thrive in this fast-moving sector. We encourage students to be ambitious, creative and curious, developing their confidence, problem-solving skills and resilience.

Through high expectations, excellent teaching and strong pastoral support, we provide a stimulating, challenging and safe environment where every student is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.



Our aim is for BOA Digital to be at the forefront of this digital revolution.



FOOD AND WELLBEING

Good food is an important part of a successful academy day. Our catering partner, Aspens, specialises in school food and brings together nutritious choices, familiar favourites and flavours inspired by food from around the world. The result is a food offer designed for busy minds, growing appetites and a wide range of tastes.

CHOICE THAT FEELS LIKE CHOICE

The BOA Digital menu is built around variety. Students can choose from rotating hot mains, vegetarian dishes, chef specials, deli-style options, loaded potatoes and pasta, rice or noodle pots, alongside familiar classics. Mid-morning break choices provide additional options during the day, and fresh fruit and yoghurt are available daily.

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THOUGHTFUL, INCLUSIVE AND STUDENT-FOCUSED

Our current menu includes a wide range of clearly labelled halal choices alongside vegetarian dishes, vegetables and salads. Aspens places strong emphasis on food safety, allergens and dietary requirements, while student feedback helps shape the food experience. We want lunchtime to feel welcoming and social, with food that supports healthy minds and bodies as well as a positive school day.



INCLUSION AND INCLUSIVITY

At BOA Digital Technologies Academy, inclusion is at the heart of our community. We want every young person to feel safe, known and valued, while being supported to be ambitious, whatever their starting point or individual needs.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS, RIGHT SUPPORT

We believe support should remove barriers, not lower ambition. Quality-first teaching makes learning accessible, purposeful and challenging, with staff responding to students' strengths and needs. Our SEND, pastoral and safeguarding teams work with students, families and external professionals to provide the right support.

KNOWN, HEARD AND SUPPORTED

Young people learn best when they feel they belong. Form tutors, pastoral and inclusion teams provide consistent support, while strong transition, student voice and family communication help us understand each learner. We value neurodiversity and difference, helping students feel confident being themselves.

ACCESS TO THE FULL BOA EXPERIENCE

Inclusion means access to opportunity. Every student can take part in an ambitious curriculum and the wider life of BOA Digital, from clubs and visits to sport, careers and creative experiences. Reasonable adjustments and targeted support help students participate, build independence and develop their aspirations.



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Education is about more than lessons and examination results. We want students to take their place in the wider community, try new things, develop their talents and build the confidence to pursue ambitious next steps. Enrichment and engagement are therefore an important part of the student experience from the moment they join us.

SOMETHING TO DISCOVER

Our enrichment programme gives students opportunities to explore new interests and develop their talents. Clubs and activities span subjects, digital and creative interests, music and sport, with competitive fixtures, team activities and academy events helping students build confidence, teamwork and belonging.

LEARNING BEYOND BOA

Educational visits bring learning to life, from exploring Birmingham and the local area to travelling further afield. Our central Birmingham location also gives students access to universities, employers and the city's growing creative and digital sectors, helping them connect learning with the world beyond school.

COMMUNITY, CHARACTER AND CAREERS

We encourage students to contribute through charity work, fundraising, social action and community events. Careers education is woven throughout the student experience, with impartial guidance, employer encounters and industry insight helping students explore routes into further education, apprenticeships and employment, particularly within the fast-changing digital sector.



PASTORAL CARE

We understand that students achieve their very best when they feel safe, supported and valued, which is why pastoral care sits at the heart of the BOA Digital experience.

Our dedicated pastoral and inclusion teams work closely with students and families to ensure that every young person is known, understood and supported throughout their BOA Digital journey.

We take a proactive approach to wellbeing, providing timely interventions, mentoring and personalised support to help students overcome barriers to learning and flourish both academically and personally.

Strong communication between home and school enables us to work in partnership with families, ensuring that students receive the guidance they need at every stage of their development.

Whether supporting attendance, wellbeing, emotional resilience, safeguarding or academic progress, our aim is to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where students feel confident to seek help, celebrate success and grow in self-belief.

By combining extremely high expectations with enhanced levels of care and support, we create a community in which every student has the opportunity to thrive and fulfil their given potential.

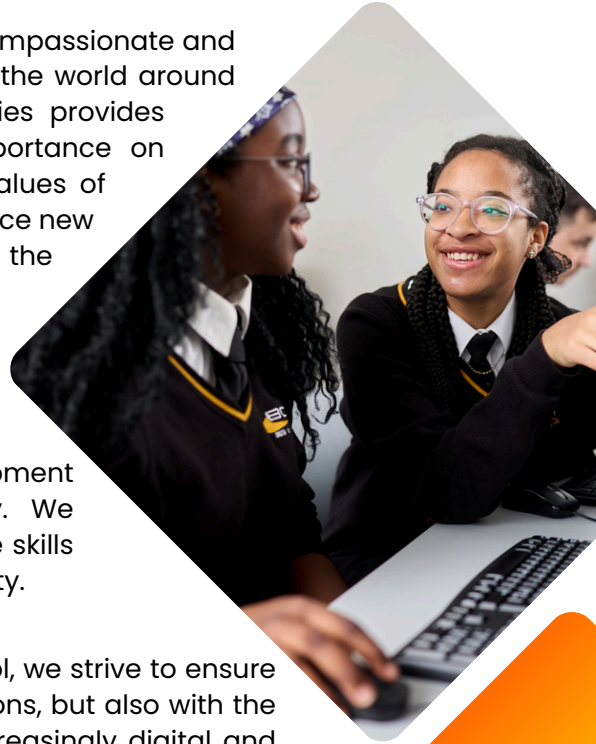


PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

We are passionate about helping young people grow into confident, compassionate and resilient individuals who are ready to make a positive contribution to the world around them. While our specialist focus on digital and creative technologies provides exciting opportunities for academic success, we place equal importance on character development and personal growth. Guided by our core values of courage, compassion and curiosity, students are encouraged to embrace new challenges, think creatively, collaborate effectively and develop the confidence to express their ideas and opinions.

Through our behaviour curriculum, a rich programme of enrichment activities including trips and after-school clubs, student leadership opportunities, project-based learning, careers programmes and PSHE topic days, students learn to take responsibility for their own development while being fully supported by the wider Academy community. We encourage students to build meaningful relationships and develop the skills and qualities valued by employers, universities and the wider community.

As part of our commitment to preparing students for life beyond school, we strive to ensure that every learner leaves BOA Digital not only with excellent qualifications, but also with the character, independence and ambition needed to succeed in an increasingly digital and interconnected world. We also aim to provide a range of further education opportunities for those who wish to continue their BOA Digital journey through the launch of our sixth form in September 2027.



TEACHING AND LEARNING APPROACHES

At BOA Digital Technologies Academy, **we are committed to educational excellence through high-quality teaching and learning** that enables every student to thrive academically, personally and professionally. Our Inclusive Classroom Charter is built on positive relationships, calm and consistent routines, and high expectations for all, ensuring every student feels known, valued, supported and challenged.

Through evidence-informed approaches such as explicit instruction, modelling and scaffolding, effective questioning, responsive assessment and feedback, and metacognitive strategies, we help students develop the confidence, independence and resilience needed to succeed.

As a specialist digital technologies academy, we combine academic excellence with industry-focused learning, equipping students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed in a rapidly evolving digital world. Through real-world projects, employer partnerships and hands-on industry experiences, we prepare young people for the next steps in education, apprenticeships and future careers.



DIGITAL SKILLS FOR TOMORROWS WORLD

At BOA Digital Technologies Academy, students develop the knowledge, and adaptability needed to succeed in an increasingly digital world. From Year 7 onwards, students learn to think critically, solve complex problems, analyse information, communicate effectively, and use technology with confidence and creativity.

As they progress through the Academy, students build expertise in areas such as computer science, cyber security, data systems, digital media, game development, and emerging technologies. Whether studying academic, vocational or technical pathways, students learn how to apply their knowledge in real-world contexts, preparing them for higher education, apprenticeships and careers within the fast-growing digital sector.

Beyond the classroom, students benefit from a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including clubs, industry projects, competitions and our dedicated Tech Hub, where they develop practical technology skills. Together with our specialist curriculum and industry-informed learning, these experiences equip young people with the skills and confidence to succeed in the digital world.



KEY STAGE 3

At BOA Digital Technologies, Key Stage 3 students follow a broad and engaging curriculum that is designed to develop a wide range of skills, knowledge, and interests.

The programme encourages curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking while providing a strong foundation in both academic and practical subjects.

Students will study:

- Mathematics
- English
- Science
- Drama
- Humanities
- Computer Science
- Art
- Music
- PE
- Spanish

All learners will also undertake **Digital Technical** and **Digital Design** delivered via our industry partners.

This learning will enable students to work in collaboration on real, relevant work-based projects and give them invaluable work experience with leading industry contacts.



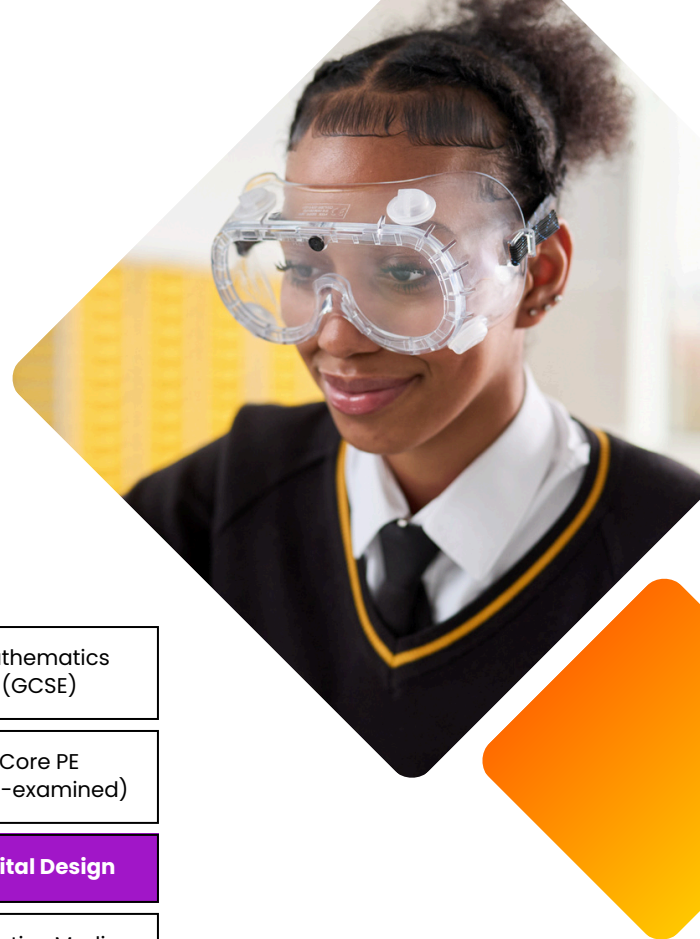
KEY STAGE 4

At BOA Digital Technologies Academy, our curriculum combines a strong academic foundation with specialist digital education, preparing students for further education, employment and the rapidly evolving digital world.

Students study a broad and balanced core curriculum alongside two digital qualifications: a technical course and a digital design course. This ensures every student develops the knowledge, creativity, technical skills and problem-solving abilities needed for future success.

CORE CURRICULUM	English Language (GCSE)	English Literature (GCSE)	Mathematics (GCSE)
	Combined Science (GCSE)	PSHE (non-examined)	Core PE (non-examined)
DIGITAL CURRICULUM	Digital Technical (one of the below)		Digital Design
	Computer Science* (GCSE)	Digital Information Technology (BTEC)	Creative Media Production (BTEC)

** This will be an option for those students who have been identified as having an aptitude for this subject*



OPTION SUBJECTS

At BOA Digital Technologies Academy, we provide a diverse selection of subjects whilst maintaining our digital specialism.

While we make every effort to ensure that students study the course they opt for, we are constrained by timetable construction, staffing and group sizes. With this in mind, we ask that you list subjects in order of preference and please note students may not get their first or second preference.

Students will select two additional subjects:

OPTION CHOICE 1

Triple Science*
(GCSE)

History
(GCSE)

Geography
(GCSE)

OPTION CHOICE 2

If not selected in Option 1

If not selected in Option 1

History
(GCSE)

Geography
(GCSE)

Spanish*
(GCSE)

Photography ^
(GCSE)

Hospitality & Catering
(GCSE)

Fine Art ^
(GCSE)

* This will be an option for those students who have been identified as having an aptitude for this subject , ^ Students cannot study both Fine Art and Photography



SIXTH FORM

Academic knowledge matters. But what you can do with it matters too.

The next generation will need more than qualifications. They will need to think critically, solve problems, work independently, understand technology, communicate ideas, analyse information and adapt confidently to change.

That's why BOA Digital will combine academic study with something different: a specialist environment where digital technology, creativity and real-world application are part of the Sixth Form experience.

Study Mathematics and explore the thinking that underpins AI and data science. Study Physics and connect scientific principles with engineering and emerging technologies. Study History and learn to navigate digitised archives, misinformation and AI-generated content. Combine Computer Science and Digital Games Production and begin turning technical knowledge into interactive experiences. Whatever your pathway, digital won't simply be another subject on your timetable.

Digital isn't an extra here. It's part of how we think about education.



POST-16 PATHWAYS

A Sixth Form designed for what comes next. Academic knowledge matters. But what you can do with it matters too.

Academic Courses (A Levels)

- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- History
- English Literature

Vocational Courses

- Creative Digital Media Production
- E-Sports
- Digital Games Production
- Digital Systems & Data

T-Levels

- Digital Support & Security

Foundation Courses

- Digital Systems & Data



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Meet the minimum requirements

For T-Levels and above you need **5 GCSEs** at **Grade 4/5 or above**, including Mathematics and English.

For a Foundation course, you need a minimum of Grade 3 in Mathematics and English.

Programmes you can study

Your GCSE results are combined to give you an Average Point Score (APS).

APS 7.0+ ADVANCED ACADEMIC You can study: 4 A Levels	APS 6.0+ ACADEMIC You can study: 3 A Levels	APS 5.5+ ACADEMIC VOCATIONAL You can study: 2 A Levels & 1 Vocational qualification
APS 5.0+ ADVANCED VOCATIONAL You can study: 2 Vocational qualifications & 1 A Level	APS 4.5+ VOCATIONAL You can study: 3 Vocational qualifications	APS 4.5+ VOCATIONAL You can study: T Level
APS 3.5+ FOUNDATION You can study: Level 2 programme		



PICKING YOUR PATHWAY

PATHWAYS


A LEVEL
(LEVEL 3)


VOCATIONAL
(LEVEL 3)


TECHNICAL
(T-LEVEL)


FOUNDATION
(LEVEL 2)


**DIGITAL
TECHNICAL**

- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics


**DIGITAL
DESIGN**

- English Literature
- History


**DIGITAL
HYBRID**

Mixture from both pathways


OPTIONAL

 Extended
Project
(EPQ)


**DIGITAL
DESIGN**

- Creative Digital Media
Production
- Digital Games Production
- E-Sports


**DIGITAL
HYBRID**

Mixture from both pathways

 Extended
Project
(EPQ)


**DIGITAL
TECHNICAL**

- Digital Support & Security


**DIGITAL
DESIGN**


**DIGITAL
HYBRID**

 Extended
Project
(EPQ)


**DIGITAL
TECHNICAL**

- Digital Systems & Data


**DIGITAL
DESIGN**


**DIGITAL
HYBRID**

 Higher
Project
(HPQ)

APPLICATION PROCESS

YEAR 7

As a selective academy, places at BOA Digital Technologies Academy are offered through a Fair Banding process. To apply, you must complete both stages of the admissions process.

From 1st September, you must list BOA Digital as a preference on your Local Authority Secondary School application. You must also complete our online registration form to take part in the Fair Banding Test.

Only students who have completed both stages will be invited to sit the test.

SIXTH FORM

Applications open on 1 October and must be completed through our Applicaa application portal.

With Applicaa, you can complete your application, track your progress and receive important updates from our Sixth Form team, including key dates, interviews, open events and offers – all in one place.



IN-YEAR

If you wish to apply for a place in one of our current cohorts, please complete an application via our Academy Admissions Portal.

OUR LEARNING SPACES

Discover our future specialist learning spaces

At BOA Digital Technologies Academy, we're creating an exciting vision for learning that reflects the fast-moving world of technology and the creative industries. As part of our proposed Sixth Form development, we are exploring a range of specialist teaching environments designed to inspire innovation, creativity and collaboration.

These dedicated spaces have been imagined to mirror modern industry workplaces, giving students the opportunity to learn in professional, engaging and technology-rich environments.

Our ambition is to create more than just classrooms. We want students to learn in environments that encourage curiosity, problem-solving and innovation, while reflecting the professional settings they may go on to work in. Combined with strong employer partnerships, industry projects and expert teaching, these specialist facilities will help prepare students for careers.

This is just the beginning — and we can't wait to share the journey with you.

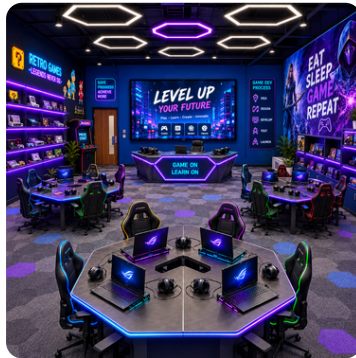


OUR LEARNING SPACES

Our Vision Is Taking Shape. Step Into Our Future.

The images shown on this page are concept designs created to illustrate the exciting direction of our Sixth Form development. They are not final room designs, and the layout, furniture, equipment and overall appearance may change as we continue to develop our plans and work with industry partners. As our vision evolves, we will continue to refine these spaces to ensure they provide the very best learning environment for our future students.

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OUR BUILDING

BOA Digital Technologies is situated in the heart of Birmingham, surrounded by the city's thriving technology and innovation community. Our modern specialist academy features dedicated digital learning spaces, industry-standard technology and even our own retro arcade and VR Room, creating an inspiring environment where students can learn, experiment and bring their ideas to life.





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