

Join us.....



FINHAM PARK
SCHOOL

FINHAM PARK SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025
5-7PM





Headteacher Mr Bedford's address in Sports Hall for parents and prospective new entrants

- 5.15pm
- 6.15pm

A wide range of activities and displays are available around the school, including, Admissions located in the Library and Duke of Edinburgh located in the J Block courtyard. Our staff and students are on hand with workshops and events to show you just a sample of some of the work here at Finham Park School. Please use the map on the next page, or ask one of our friendly guides.

Refreshments are available all evening at The Tuck Inn and E Block Canteen.

Fire Evacuation

In the unlikely event of a fire on site, a continuous siren will sound. Please evacuate the buildings and assemble on the tennis courts.



Music

As you make your way from the main site to the **Peter Burns Performing Arts Centre**, enjoy the sounds of our talented bands performing live on the veranda. Head inside and down to room **E11**, where you can try your hand at rocking out on the piano or drums — get a taste of the exciting Rockschool pieces our students learn in Key Stage 3. Then pop next door to **E12**, where students will be showcasing their creativity using Flat.io to compose their own **music**.



Physical Education

Come and see what PE has to offer: See our talented trampolinists in the **Gym** and athletes taking part in a fitness training in the fabulous **Fitness Suite**! Talk to our friendly staff and students and find out about the wide range of extra-curricular activities and teams that are available.

Geography

Come and join in the fun exploring the different aspects of geography. Whether it is discovering unknown locations, considering the options for sustainable living or testing your knowledge of ecosystems through the medium of Disney, Geography is a place to investigate **D12**.



History

The History Department are bringing some of their favourite topics to life in **D14**. Come and talk to our GCSE students who will be able to tell you what life was like in the American West around 1840. You can build a tipi and put your knowledge to the test by guessing how the Native Americans used the buffalo. Our medieval doctor will be available to offer you a diagnosis, and you can determine whether you'd have made a good surgeon before the discovery of anaesthetics! Some of our Key Stage 3 students will be on hand to help you find your way around a medieval map of the world and will be offering insights into their studies in History. It will be an interactive experience – come and join us!

Social Sciences

Are you interested in the world around you, and in finding out why people do the things they do? Visit us and learn about Psychology, Sociology, Criminology and Law, and discover what these very popular subject areas are all about, that you'll be able to study for your GCSEs or A Levels in a few years' time. Join us in **D13!**



Religious Education

The RE department would like to invite you to their subject area where you will be able to see a Mehndi henna hand painting demonstration. Visitors will be able to have their hands painted for a small charitable donation for Myton Hospice. Enjoy food from a range of cultures and have a go at answering our “big” ultimate questions! Join the fantastic activities in C25.

Drama

Come and join one of the highest achieving Drama Departments in the UK! Mrs Spokes and Ms Bartlett will welcome you to the **Theatre** and share all the exciting opportunities Drama at Finham offers you! From developing your confidence and communication skills to help you ace interviews and get your dream job, to taking part in theatre trips, industry expert workshops and world class performances. Head on over to meet our talented students, try on costumes, play drama games and see just how rewarding Drama at Finham can really be!



Modern Foreign Languages

Can you speak another language? Français, Español, Deutsch or 中文? Please come and join us in **B11** (Mandarin) and **B25** (French, Spanish & German) to find out more about the work of the department. Take part in interactive language activities and meet our hard-working and talented students. Discover Mandarin and try your hand at paper folding and the 'Chopstick Challenge!' Have a go at tongue twisters in a variety of languages, calligraphy and poetry. See how languages fit into the curriculum of Finham Park School and the exciting extra-curricular events we have to offer.

Media Arts

Want to see why Finham Park's Media and Film Department is one of the best in the country? Come and find out! You'll find students at the heart of what we do. Our state-of-the-art facilities in **A35**, **A37** and **A38** are the backbone of support for our hard-working students, but their talent and dedication are the bedrock of our success. Come and have a go if you think you're good enough...



Radio FPS

Will be broadcasting live from **A35**, showcasing equipment whilst students edit, mix and entertain!

English

Come along to the English department where you can join us in search of adventure, explore Shakespearean insults or take part in giant Scrabble. There will be displays of students' work and the exciting resources we use as well as the opportunity to talk to our friendly and enthusiastic staff. We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms. **M23, M24 & M25.**



Business and Economics

The world around us is full of businesses, whether it's the cinema, shopping, eating out or booking your next holiday – all of us will either work in, or own our very own businesses. We teach students all about how to start up and run businesses – we even run our own pop up businesses at Finham Park School. Although these subjects are for GCSE students in year 10 + - come to see us in **H14** to see what your future could look like if you choose to study Business or Economics at Finham Park

Computing (H14)

“Coding is today's language of creativity. All our children deserve a chance to become creators instead consumers of computer science.” Do you want to a taste of the future by exploring virtual reality and coding? Then join our Computing department in H block and allow us to take you into a different world showcasing how Computing is changing the way we live and learn.

- Get close up and personal with the world of AI and see for yourself how an AI model works
- Go hands on with Micro Bit computers and try programming yourself

Come along and meet our enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff (and some of our amazing students) and find out all about Computer Science at Finham Park.



Mathematics

Come and see what we do in the maths department! Which of the Maths department are square, prime or irrational, challenge yourself to beat the world's standing jump record, have a go at some puzzles and games (with prizes). We would love to see you in the maths department this evening to see how we teach the maths curriculum and how our team represents Maths in different ways! Come and chat to us about the curriculum and the excellent Maths lessons at Finham in **H17**.

Science

Come and join us in **J23, J24 and J25** to find out about the largest department in the school, the Science department! Take part in our fun filled Biology, Chemistry and Physics experiments. Be wowed by our explosions and in awe of our breath-taking dissections. Find out if you are you more of a biologist, chemist or physicist. Or just an all-round Scientist. You will have the opportunity to talk to staff and students about their experience of Science at Finham Park School.

Technology

The Design and Technology Department welcome you to look around both our food preparation room and multifunctional workshops in H and K block.

Throughout the evening, there will be practical demonstrations of baking in our food room, robotics, laser cutting, 3D printing and electronics by some of our current students. We will have displays of some of our fantastic student products as well as further information about the department and our various courses on offer. **H13 (Food), K12, K13, K14, & K15.**



Art & Design

Make sure you visit our thriving art department in room's **K16** and **K17**. We look forward to the opportunity to welcome you into our department teaching spaces face to face. You will be able to view creative art works that represent all year groups including our outstanding GCSE and A Level portfolio's for fine art, photography and graphic communication courses. You will be able to see our exhibition and visual displays first hand, and very importantly you will have the opportunity to talk to our students. Year 6 visitors will be able to participate in image making workshops with Finham artists. There will be a team of dedicated art specialist teaching staff on hand for you to meet and talk to during your time with us. Come along to our art space to join in our creative activities through the evening.



The Gateway

Come and meet our SEND Leadership Team in the **Gateway** to find out how all students are supported to access Finham's full and exciting curriculum. Learn about how a range of Gateway staff and outside agency specialists work alongside students, parents and carers to personalise learning and support students' social and emotional well-being.



Starting Secondary School in September 2026

Apply online at
coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions
by **31 October 2025**

for children born between
1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015

31 October 2025	Closing date for all applications
31 December 2025	If you move house before the 31 December 2025 you MUST contact the School Admissions Team to update your address
2 March 2026	Result emailed by 5pm or details available in your online account
4 March 2026	Parents who submitted a paper application will receive the result by letter



Key facts about the application process

- All parents of Year 6 pupils must apply for a school place through their Local Authority (the city where you live)
- Non-Coventry schools and Grammar schools can be listed on your application
- Even if you already have an older child at the school you must still apply for your younger child
- You should list three schools in order of preference, by not including three realistic preferences, it could result in your child being allocated a school some distance away. There is no advantage in listing fewer than three schools or including the same school more than once.
- If you live within a school catchment area you have more chance of your child being offered a place at that school if you request it and make your application on time. Information regarding the catchment area for your address can be found at **coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas**

**School Open Days
are advertised at
[coventry.gov.uk/
openevenings](https://coventry.gov.uk/openevenings)**

**Make your application on time
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A copy of the secondary school admissions booklet is on our website at **coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissionsbooklets**

Please consider each school's specific admissions arrangements carefully when making your application.

- Look at the over-subscription criteria in the policy to work out which priority would be given to your application
- Check how places have been allocated in the last 3 years
- Check your distance from the school. The Admissions team can confirm this for you, please email: **11plus@coventry.gov.uk** stating 'distance query' in the subject box
- Compare your priority and distance with how places have been offered in previous years to get an indication of how successful your application might be
- Please check the details on applying for a faith school as they may require you to provide additional information as part of the application process

