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Joining the G.R.A. consortium of Academies will assist your Academy to improve career and economic opportunities for your students and prepare them to be the next generation workforce. As Richard Wiley points out, the top ten 'in demand' jobs in 2010 did not exist in 2004. We should be preparing our students for jobs that do not yet exist, using technologies that have not been invented in order to solve problems we did not even know were problems yet.

The world's leading IT companies have developed and embarked upon a range of educational initiatives to deliver information technology, business and communication skills to improve student's career and economic opportunities around the world. It is therefore possible to give your students a valued skill base with international credence within the global community.

G.R.A. Training

Greensward Regional Academy became the first Cisco Regional Academy based in a school in 1998. In 2009 G.R.A. again broke the mould and became the first VMware IT Academy and Cisco Entrepreneurship Institute Academy in the UK. In conjunction with Leigh Technology Academy and Carmel RC Technology College we are now the UK's largest Regional Academy and able to offer expertise and impartial advice in the Cisco, CompTIA, Microsoft, Oracle and VMware academy programmes.

Our mission is to change the world for the better through effective training and technology. Let us help guide you through the process to enable your institution to make a change and offer your student's internationally recognised certifications that can lead to real job outcomes.

Make a difference to the future and help your students stand out amongst the crowd. Give them a head start!

Call or email to arrange a meeting.



“ As Principal of an Academy and previously a specialist school, I am interested in offering a broad range of courses to meet individual needs. It is important to offer both community clients and students alike, the opportunity to gain skills and qualifications that will enable them to gain and enhance employment prospects in both the present and future economies. ”

Andy Schofield
Principal of The Wellington Academy,
Wiltshire

Approved courses

The courses within the Academy programmes form integral parts of a range of examinations within City & Guilds e-quals, Edexcel BTEC Nationals, e-skills PROCOM, IT Diploma and OCR iPRO courses levels 2, 3 and 4. This facilitates funding and promotes the courses within DCSF attainment tables and the UCAS points system.

Entrepreneurship

A series of business related courses offer the students a chance to experience working with a range of entrepreneurs and content from some of the worlds leading business colleges whilst gaining experience of business practicalities and requirements.

IT courses

Led by Cisco in 1997, world leaders in the IT industry have developed Academy programmes which offer students theoretical knowledge and practical skills. The courses are instructor-led but also have their content available online and training is combined with practical labs and assessments. The aim of the programme is to fill the industrial skills gap which is evident even at times of economic difficulties. Students completing the courses can go straight to work or on to higher education with an advantage over others.

Academy programmes



Microsoft IT Academy Program



“ I have always strongly believed in the value of teaching students the theoretical and practical skills needed in order to gain a job. What I obtained from participating in the academy programme equipped me to walk into a meaningful and well-paid job. I have never looked back! ”

Matthew Poxon
Senior Network Analyst Southend
University Hospital Trust