

Unacceptable that he entertained the suggestion that they could be better off going to a faith school. His words insinuated students were intolerant and that they should go to a faith school where their intolerance would be accepted.

## USEFUL LINKS



### Registration

<https://forms.gle/D6ASECNecLvaEW3E6>



### Questions

<https://forms.gle/NGa4LS9UukZjHc2Y7>



### WGA Complaint Form

<https://forms.gle/7VDA1v2XvM4F7Mjj6>



### Ofsted Complaint Form

<https://contact.ofsted.gov.uk/online-complaints-schools>



### Ofsted Parent View

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## Labelling as homophobic

Members of staff called students "homophobic" because they were trying to explain how same-sex relationships are impermissible in Islam. Had students argued that LGBTQ+ people have no protections under the law, this would've deserved a correction. They were speaking from their moral perspective, not a legal or rights perspective. Therefore, it is unacceptable for teachers to impose their own value positions on our children. These are the actions of educational institutions in a democracy.

Students felt victimised by being labelled homophobic by a member of staff. Some felt that they are unable to come to school as they were casted as an aggressor.

They were silenced by staff. This is unjust to students because the school is not allowing them to have their own voice in an environment where they are supposed to feel safe. Whilst the speaker was levelling unfounded claims about Islam, students felt the need to make a correction and they were painted as aggressors by members of staff! This clearly violates the right of students to freedom of speech.



### Wood Green Complaint Form

<https://forms.office.com/r/6NJjdgQ36A>



### Islamophobia Response Unit

<https://www.theiru.org.uk/>



## WGA NEWSLETTER

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### Who are the WGA Action Group?

The WGA Action Group consists of parents, carers and students who work coherently with a legal team and various organizations to ensure the safeguarding and wellbeing of our children at Wood Green Academy is at its upmost priority.

### Why was the WGA Action Group formed?

We were formed as a result of an incident on the 15th of November 2022.

On the 15th of November 2022, Wood Green Academy invited a speaker to speak about equality and diversity. However, he challenged students' beliefs. This was done by infringements between a student's religion and sexuality by spreading false information predominantly about Islam and some mentions of Christianity. Students spoke up and defended their faiths but in doing so was labelled as homophobic for calling out the misinformation being taught within the school.



They raised one equality (sexual orientation) over another (faith and belief) therefore students speaking up was clearly defined as the school fell short of following the law.

The school fell foul of the Public Sector Equality Duty and various other laws.

Therefore, as a result of this incident, The Wood Green Academy Action Group was formed.