



Welcome to Open Academy



Thank you for taking the time to find out about the fantastic community that is Open Academy.

Whether you are carrying out the crucial research about the next stage of your child's educational career, or perhaps you are a visitor to our community who would like to find out more, please find an overview of our work here in this prospectus.

Although new to the Academy myself for September 2018, I have known the Academy through its people and its growing reputation since it opened in the inspiring new building in 2010. It is therefore with a sense of excitement and privilege that I would like to introduce you to our learning community.

Our purpose and vision statements, summarised, highlight our commitment to delivering a constantly improving education in this small, inspirational community, where we pride ourselves on getting to know all our students as individuals.

My experiences of Open Academy have inspired me to join it. I hope that you will feel the same way too.

Jon Ford



Our Vision

Open Academy is a beacon of hope for success in inclusive education inspired by our Christian ethos. As an institution, always exemplifying learning excellence, we are our core values:

HARD WORK and **PERSEVERANCE** evidenced by our continually improving outcomes show our commitment to educating for wisdom.

The celebration of our students' successes provides the narrative of how we educate for hope showing our values of **ASPIRATION**, **THANKFULNESS** and **COURAGE**.

The positive impact we have across our wider community is a testament to how we value **SERVICE**, **HUMILITY** and **LEADERSHIP**.

And the **RESPECTFUL** relationships evident across the Academy show how we educate for dignity by valuing **INTEGRITY**, **FORGIVENESS** and **TEAM WORK**.

Learning Excellence

Inside and Outside the classroom

From the moment your child is offered a place at Open Academy you are part of the Academy community.

Starting secondary school can be a daunting prospect for all concerned and you will have our guarantee that we will make the transition as easy as possible.

Our dedicated team liaises with primary school staff to ensure that the needs of every student, both academic and social, are met.

In addition, taster events give all students the chance to experience a typical day at the Open Academy.

Once they begin, all students experience a broad and balanced range of learning opportunities which extend beyond the timetabled daily curriculum. These experiences, provided within a caring Christian setting, support an environment which ensures that all have the opportunity to develop as capable, confident and reflective individuals with the awareness both of themselves and the needs of others.



Dream, believe, achieve:

If you believe in yourself,
anything is possible

Plan for today and achieve tomorrow

Curriculum

Underpinning the achievement of our students lies our belief that we have a duty to provide a curriculum at which all students can succeed.

Open Academy offers a broad, balanced curriculum that enables every child to follow a range of subjects across a three year key stage three, before selecting a pathway to follow for a two year GCSE offer. Students are then able to consider our Sixth Form as a natural stepping stone into key stage five. There is a broad entitlement at key stage three, including the arts, languages, religious studies and personal, social and health education. At key stage four we broaden the offer to include a range of GCSE and vocational courses. Post 16 offers a range of subjects and includes our highly successful Football Academy.





Sixth Form

Our vision for the Sixth Form involves each and every student fulfilling their potential.

We are committed to providing the best possible opportunities for our students to achieve, to be prepared for their next steps, to grow as people and to excel in their chosen field.

At Open Academy the focus is on the individual where both excellence and progress are celebrated. Join us if you want to be part of a vibrant Sixth Form which aims to:

- Provide exciting teaching.
- Provide a broad range of subject choices and extra-curricular activities.
- Provide numerous leadership opportunities.
- Treat you as an individual young adult.
- Equip you for the world of work, university, internships, apprenticeships or indeed your gap year.
- Support you with strong pastoral care.
- Empower you to take advantage of opportunities in life.
- Develop you into a person who will contribute to society as a student, in the workplace, at home, locally and even nationally and internationally.
- Fully prepare you for your all-important UCAS statement.
- Support you in your preparation for Oxbridge if that is your University choice.

For more information about what we have to offer, please visit our website.

Facilities

Students and staff work in outstanding facilities.

They include a stunning Atrium, a spacious library, fully equipped drama studio, dance studio and a recording studio. Whilst our sports facilities include a multi-purpose sports hall and our highly acclaimed 3G artificial football pitch. The lecture theatre, state of the art science laboratories, class rooms, and break out areas ensure high quality teaching, but also provide opportunities for a wide range of activities before, during and after school. Everyone in the Open Academy community is committed to achieving their best.



A final word from our students

"What makes the Academy special is that as soon as you walk in, you get a burst of positive energy. The school community strives to be better; the commitment and hardworking nature of the teachers are amazing. Open Academy gives us confidence, courage and drives us to achieve our best."



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