



**NORTH LIVERPOOL
ACADEMY**

Prospectus 2016-17





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WELCOME FROM THE HEAD

It is with great pride I welcome you to North Liverpool Academy.

As Liverpool's fastest improving school, there has never been a better or more exciting time to join the North Liverpool Academy. In 2016, we achieved our highest ever GCSE results, showing the biggest increase in the city for students achieving 5 GCSEs at A* to C, including English and maths.

Alongside our success at GCSE, our young people achieved incredible results at the end of their sixth form experience, allowing them to access top university courses, employment and apprenticeships.

We pride ourselves on the work we do to support our young people in preparing for the opportunities and challenges of the years ahead. Whether your son or daughter is looking to be a doctor, teacher, lawyer, and electrician or work in performing arts, we will stop at nothing to ensure their ambition is realised.

My commitment to you as your new Principal is to ensure that all our students are successful, confident and happy. My commitment on behalf of the North Liverpool Academy team is to provide the mentoring, support, care and encouragement needed to provide our young people with a rewarding, enjoyable, life changing experience.

I urge you to visit us to feel for yourself our passion for learning, our drive for change and see how we are working to deliver significantly improved results and outcomes for all of our students. We very much hope that you will join us to find out more and share in the opportunities that come from being a North Liverpool Academy student.

Mr M. Westerdale
Principal



VISION AND AIMS

North Liverpool Academy provides an aspirational education.

Our vision is to be the first choice school for children, an exceptional place of learning for everyone. Our curriculum challenges the gifted and talented and more able students as well as providing enhanced teaching for those with special educational and complex learning needs.

We pride ourselves on being an Academy that is happy and driven by our core values. Every student

is developed as a confident learner and our inclusive curriculum has been structured through strong partnerships locally, nationally and internationally.

Students who come to North Liverpool Academy come to learn and succeed as well as developing the skills to shape their own future. From this ethos the students aim high and achieve at all levels.

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

North Liverpool Academy is located at the heart of the community.

We are committed to working with local businesses and residents to be a true community Academy. Our relationship with the community has strengthened within the last few years and we are consistently working to create new opportunities for both the communities and our students.

We work closely with our partner primary schools to ensure relationships with the Academy are built in advance of each intake and to ensure a smooth and safe transition into North Liverpool Academy.



CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is broad, balanced and cohesive and builds confidence and a sense of achievement for students.

Students follow personalised learning pathways that will empower and prepare them for the 21st century.

Core examination subjects are:

English Language

English Literature

Mathematics

Science

Core non-examination subjects are:

Physical Education



Optional subject GCSE subjects:

Art and Design

Computing

Design and Technology

Economics

Food Technology

Geography

History

Media Studies

Modern Foreign Languages

Music

Psychology

Applied Learning subjects are:

Art and Design

Business Studies

Children's Play and Learning
and Development

Engineering

First in Sport

Health and Social Care

Hospitality

Music

Performing Arts

Travel and Tourism

We use a wide range of teaching and learning methods to ensure that all students make good progress and develop independent thinking, learning and personal organisation skills. We work with students to ensure that the teaching they are receiving is the very best. We are relentless in our quest to ensure effective learning is at the centre of all activities in every lesson.

Assessment of learning is key to ensuring the success of every student. Regular assessment activities based on classwork, home learning, independent research and formal written examinations allow the Academy to ensure that all students are making progress towards meeting and exceeding their potential. The feedback that students receive will make clear the focus for further development of learning.



FACILITIES

The academy occupies a state-of-the art building with unrivalled facilities including:

- 12 dedicated science labs
- Spacious art studios
- Music, radio, television and recording studios
- Well equipped technology rooms
- A theatre and dance studio
- An engineering centre
- Fully equipped centres for Child Care
- A motorcycle engineering centre
- Library
- Sixth Form area

Sport and Leisure Facilities

The academy is situated on a 34 acre site boasting state of the art sport and leisure facilities such as:

- 3 full size football pitches
- Flood lit astro-turf playing field
- Tennis courts
- Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs)
- 4 court indoor sports hall
- Fitness Suite
- A dedicated Sixth Form area and Learning Resource Centre



WELFARE AND SUPPORT

The safety and welfare of our students is of paramount importance to us. We have an excellent pastoral team in place to support your child. Your child will belong to a form group with a year 7 manager and a year 7 progress leader who will ensure that your child makes the very best of every day in the Academy. There is also a senior leader attached to the year group.

We have a Child Protection Policy which puts the welfare of all children at the centre of what we do.

We encourage students to tell us when something is wrong.

We give students information to keep them safe.

We place high expectations on our students and their behaviour is exemplary.



STARTING OUR ACADEMY

Travel

The Academy is served by several different bus routes which come from a wide range of areas across Liverpool. Bus routes will be listed in your welcome pack.

We also run a range of travel activities including the Walksafe Project, Road Safety and Cycle Proficiency training.

Lunch & Breaks

Students will have a morning and a lunch break. We know how important it is that students maintain their energy levels throughout the day and the school meals provided are of an excellent standard every day

There are a variety of hot and cold meals for students to choose. If students have any special dietary requirements, the school will accommodate wherever possible, please do not hesitate to let us know.

All students remain on site during all breaks.

Uniform

All students attending the Academy are expected to wear uniform. The Academy is a non-religious organisation and welcomes students from any background. Because of this we require that all students follow the strict dress code.

All uniform is available to purchase from Lisa's Schoolwear, 72 Priory Road, Liverpool.

For a full list of the uniform requirements, please refer to the information on our website.

ENRICHMENT



Students are constantly encouraged to take advantage of a wide range of opportunities which enhance the work within their chosen courses.





Life Skills

New learning experiences come in a variety of forms ranging from conferences to trips. Students attend lectures, seminars and workshops related to their subjects across the country in preparation for exams and to develop their personal skills.

Entrepreneurship

Exciting opportunities for students to work with Academy staff and our business partners during the academic year.

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh award is currently offered in two year groups at the Academy. Students in Year 9 complete the Bronze award and those students in Year 12 then complete the Silver award.



SIXTH FORM

As a student at North Liverpool Academy Sixth Form you will experience an extensive curriculum, with clear advice and information about all the options available. We will support and guide students to make choices and complete a career plan for the future.

We offer a range of A Level options at AS and A2 along with a variety of Applied Learning courses to ensure students reach their full potential.



Subjects offered include:

Art and Design

Business Studies

Children's Play Learning and Development

Economics

English Language

English Literature

Engineering

Film Studies

Food Science and Nutrition

Geography

Health and Social Care

History

ICT

Mathematics

Media

Music

Performing Arts

Physics

Product Design

Psychology

Public Services

Science

Sociology

Spanish

Sports Studies

Travel and Tourism

Vehicle Technology

HOW WE PERFORMED

This year we have seen continued improvement on our results. Record numbers of Year 11 students stay on at Sixth Form to continue their studies, with the majority moving on to top university places at the end of their time with us.

GCSEs



52% of pupils achieved a C or above in GCSEs (or equivalent) in 5 or more subjects including English and Maths.



65% of students gained a C or above in GCSE Maths



65% of students gained a C or above in GCSE English Language

A Levels



66% of students gained 3 or more A*-E grades or equivalent



44% of students gained at least a grade B or equivalent

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply to North Liverpool Academy online at www.northliverpoolacademy.co.uk/how-to-apply

You will also need to complete a local authority preference form with your top three school preferences.

<http://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

If you do not have access to the internet at home, please contact Anne Collins on 0151 260 4044 and we will arrange a time for you to come to the North Liverpool Academy to complete your application.



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