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ACADEMY PROSPECTUS



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## Welcome

### Welcome from the Head of School

Welcome to The Academy of St Francis of Assisi

Our Academy prides itself on the mission statement of 'Success For All', we are a diverse learning community that enables all our individuals to achieve. We are a truly inclusive Academy where every member is of great value. We learn together in our Christian community and our students follow a personalised pathway leading to them achieving their true maximum potential.

At The Academy of St Francis of Assisi, we encourage all our students to achieve success, to be self-motivated and to aim high to fulfil their dreams for a rewarding future career. Our aim is to ensure that all our students are well educated, confident, respectful, caring, hardworking and aspirational.

In order that we reflect our mission, the core ethos of our community is based on our values, which provide hope for all.

In addition to these values, we also take great pride in our environmental specialism, which offers a wide range of learning opportunities for our students and staff, as we strive to preserve and respect the earth's resources in order to secure sustainable living well into the future.

Ensuring that we are true to our values and living them out each day, is a basic expectation for every member of our community. Our values and our specialism are key to creating a safe, future proof learning environment where both our staff and students thrive, flourish and enjoy their learning.

Finally, as you can probably sense, I am immensely proud of The Academy of St Francis of Assisi. It is my passion and I believe in this community whole heartedly. I am deeply committed to ensuring that every child leaves us at the end of his or her Academy life with the brightest of futures and the happiest of memories. I hope you enjoy reading this prospectus and I look forward to welcoming you into our community.



### Our Vision

Success for all

### Our Mission

A diverse learning community, that enables individuals to achieve.

### Our Values

Respect, Ambition  
Pride, Happiness, Peace  
& Reconciliation

**Mrs Greenough**  
Head of School

**Mrs A Pontifex**  
Executive Headteacher

## Our Curriculum

**At the Academy our teaching staff share a passion to raise achievement and have a clear understanding of how to develop students' learning.**

This is reflected in a diverse but structured curriculum which is adapted to suit each student's needs. Our students choose their curriculum pathways in Year 8 from a full complement of GCSEs, BTECs and Cambridge Nationals.

All of our students have the opportunity to study for the English Baccalaureate, giving them access to our exciting new Sixth Form facility and then on to the very best universities or world of work.

### Homework

Homework is an essential part of any student's progression and teaches important skills related to future employability.

These include: organisation, meeting deadlines, independent action and developing resourcefulness.

Each student will receive a homework timetable and homework should also be recorded in a personal student planner.

“There is a positive culture for learning within the academy.”

### OFSTED

The Academy offers the very best learning resources for the students in our care. We are very proud of our state-of-the-art facilities. Classrooms are bright, modern and well equipped to provide a stimulating learning environment for our students. Our ICT facilities include a Virtual Learning Environment through which all of our students can access their learning from home. The Academy also benefits from a modern, spacious sports hall, high specification technology rooms and fully equipped science laboratories.



The Academy of St Francis of Assisi is a learning resource like no other and comprises:

- A solar atrium
- Rain water collection
- Year 7 gardens
- A weather station
- Roof gardens

The building allows students to learn about the world around them in a way that cannot be matched anywhere in the UK.

### Key Stage 3

At Key Stage 3 all students study the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- Computing
- Art
- Design Technology
- Geography
- History
- Music & Theatre Studies
- Spanish or French

### Key Stage 4

There are some subjects that all students must study. These are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education
- Physical Education

Students will be able to choose 3 additional subjects from a wide variety of traditional and vocational subjects including:

- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Childcare
- Computing / Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Engineering
- Food Technology
- French
- Geography
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Music
- Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Spanish
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education / Health & Fitness
- Psychology



## The Academy Day

### Experience excellent teaching and learning

Achievement and learning is at the centre of all we do at the Academy. Our staff understand that it is their duty to develop our students, not just educationally but socially, morally and spiritually and that is why they care for each young person they meet on a day to day basis.

We have the highest expectations of our students in regards to their progress and aspirations. They are the future of this community and the staff are dedicated to preparing students for this challenge. We are committed to making learning a positive and engaging experience and ensure this by tailoring it to the needs of each and every child.

All our staff help and support international new arrivals to acquire the language skills needed to settle into the Academy and into life in the UK. However, we also work with those who have been here longer but still need to develop more accurate and academic English to succeed in all their subjects. The overall percentage of bilingual students is above 50%. The main languages spoken at the Academy are English, Polish, Arabic, Urdu, Czech, Slovak, Romanian and Portuguese.

The Academy identifies learners by their English proficiency at the time of their admission. When a new student is interviewed, a range of assessments are carried out. Based on this, the need for support is assessed.

Support can vary from in-class support to carefully planned withdrawal intervention. Bilingual students are also prepared and entered for their home language GCSE exams dependent on their ability in their first language.

We are the first port of call for many parents who require help with translation and interpreting, plus we are able to provide links to services to help them settle in the UK.

The Academy provides a safe, welcoming environment where all students are valued and appreciated.

### What our students say

"I feel cared for and enjoy being part of our Academy community."

"The Academy of St Francis of Assisi makes me feel safe. I like to study so that I can achieve great results. I want to get a good job when I leave."

"I enjoy coming to school to learn about new things, It has a friendly atmosphere and I have good relationships with my teachers."

"Being a part of the Hero journey has helped me to build my confidence and it has provided me with some ideas of how to be a suitable role-model and support people outside of the school community as well as inside the school community."

### Extracurricular activities

Table Tennis

Drama Club

Netball

Basketball

Football

Trampoline

Board Games Club

STEM Club

Samba Band

Debate Mate

Homework Club

Vocalize Choir

"The governors and academy leadership have an aspiration for their students to become ambassadors of their community."

**OFSTED 2016**

## Our Chaplaincy

### Our distinct Christian ethos underpins every aspect of life at The Academy of St Francis of Assisi. It is an ethos which is felt, lived and experienced by all.

The everyday life of our Academy is firmly rooted in our four unique values, based on the Gospel message which provides hope for all.

Students and staff put these values of Respect, Peace and Reconciliation, Care and Compassion into action on a daily basis – in their words, attitudes and actions as well as in the classroom, corridor and community.

"Christian values are very important to the school... we are caring and compassionate"  
**Victor**

Collective worship is at the heart of daily life in the Academy. Students engage in daily acts of worship and prayer, in form time and during year group assemblies. Our beautiful chapel offers students and staff the opportunity to take time out for a moment of reflection, prayer and quiet time.

Our Chaplain leads whole school collective worship, works ecumenically with local churches and other faith groups and enhances the spiritual, moral, cultural and social development of all through retreats, choir and a variety of events throughout the liturgical year.

The Chaplain supports and nurtures our Chaplaincy Team. Collaboratively they raise awareness of current global, national and local issues by campaigning and supporting a range of charities.



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## Where are they now?

The Academy of St Francis of Assisi is the perfect launch pad for our students to follow their ambitions or continue their education. The following are just a few examples of our former students and what they are studying at university.



**Felix Quarcoo** was one of our first students to attend university and graduated with a **BSc (Hons) Internet Computing**



**Leah Gould**  
**Primary Education**



**Kacper Rurarz**  
**Computer Game Technology**



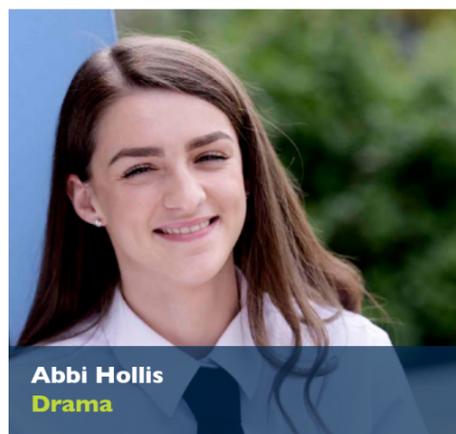
**Bethany Rees**  
**Fashion Buying and Merchandise**



**Declan Carr**  
**Business Management**



**Lewis Hughes**  
**Game Development**



**Abbi Hollis**  
**Drama**



**Jake James**  
**Computer Information Systems**



**Sergejus Malinovskij**  
**Computer Development**

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## All Saints Sixth Form College

### A joint faith college for the community and cornerstone in post 16 provision

The all new All Saints Sixth Form College is a collaboration between The Academy of St Nicholas and The Academy of St Francis of Assisi, as part of The All Saints Multi Academy Trust.

The dedicated Sixth Form College is an innovative hub for post-16 education, offering young people from all faiths high quality careers advice, UCAS guidance and pastoral support.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in the prestigious University Scholar's Programme (USP) with Trust bursaries available to high attaining students to support them through university. The dedicated Scholar's initiative will also support applications to Oxford and Cambridge, Russell Group Universities and higher level apprenticeship programmes.

The Sixth Form has celebrated record results at A Level. As well as beating the national average for A\*grades, 50% of students achieved A\*, A, and B grades with 100% pass rate at BTEC. 100% of students were accepted at their preferred university with 28% of students securing places at prestigious Russell Group universities.

At All Saints Sixth Form College we realise that every student is different. Everybody has their own talents and interests. As a College our purpose is to ensure that all our students discover, explore and reach their full potential.

Winners of a national careers award, we are committed to developing a strong community, supported by education and business links which will enable students to prosper in the competitive world of work and achieve their aspirations.

Each student will be valued as an individual. At All Saints we want all students to experience success academically and personally.

If you would like to visit All Saints Sixth Form College please contact Jacqui Lawson on **0151 230 2570 ext: 412** or [enquiries@allsaintssixthformcollege.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@allsaintssixthformcollege.org.uk) to arrange a visit.



"I came back to sixth form here because I got an A in my GCSE and I know I can get an A in my A level. This is because of the one to one support I get."

**Year 13 student Liam**



"The all new, innovative Sixth Form College will focus on quality post-16 education in a caring and nurturing environment."

**Executive Headteacher, Mrs Anne Pontifex**



## Admissions

### Applications for All Years

All applications will be considered in line with the coordinated admissions scheme for the Liverpool Local Authority.

### Applications for an In Year Transfer to The Academy of St Francis of Assisi

#### A) Parents whose children are already registered at a Liverpool school.

Parents applying for a local school to school transfer to The Academy of St Francis of Assisi must contact their child's existing secondary school to discuss the proposed in year transfer application in detail.

All the necessary background information requested on the Liverpool Local Authority in year application form must be provided in order for the application to be considered for a permanent place at The Academy of St Francis of Assisi.

The form must be signed by parents/carers and the existing school before being sent to the Local Authority by the current school.

The Local Authority will inform you of the outcome of your application. This process can take up to 20 school days.

#### B) Parents who have recently moved home or are intending to move home within the city where transport to their child's existing school is no longer practical.

Parents applying for an in year transfer in these circumstances must contact Liverpool Local Authority on 0151 233 3006 to ensure that they receive the appropriate guidance.

#### C) New residents to the city whose children are not currently registered at a Liverpool school.

Parents applying for an in year transfer in these circumstances must contact Liverpool Local Authority on 0151 233 3006 to ensure that they receive appropriate guidance.



#### D) Neighbouring Local Authority residents (e.g. Sefton and Knowsley).

Neighbouring Local Authority residents who have not moved home and wish to transfer to The Academy of St Francis of Assisi must comply with the Liverpool Local Authority in year transfer arrangements, i.e. an application submitted in conjunction with their existing school.

All the necessary background information requested on the Liverpool Local Authority in year application form must be provided in order for the application to be considered as valid for a permanent place at The Academy of St Francis of Assisi.