



SUCCESS FOR ALL. OPENING DOORS. UNLOCKING MINDS.
A COMMUNITY WHERE WE FLOURISH, THRIVE & SHINE







WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

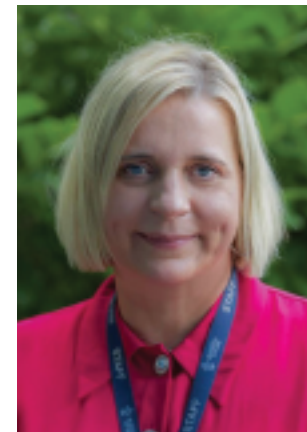
The Academy of St Francis of Assisi is a family, guided by Christian love and following in the footsteps of Christ. Our school is laying the foundations for pupils to flourish and **'Live, love and learn together in the light of Christ'**. We are inspired by the teachings of Christ and the example of St Francis who said, **'Don't change the world, change worlds.'** We strive for excellence, cherishing every child in our care as a unique thumbprint of God, enabling all to realise their full potential.

We are proud to say that the Academy of St Francis of Assisi is on a journey of improvement. We are committed to providing a quality education to all our students. Creating a caring and supportive school where students feel happy, safe, and welcomed is one of our strengths. Whatever their ability, each child is valued as an individual and encouraged to be the best they can be. Our strong academic courses run alongside a wide range of extra curricular activities. Everyone has a chance to flourish, thrive and shine.

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 family.

Jo Leech
Headteacher



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"All staff are committed to the school's moral purpose. Leaders have created a multicultural and inclusive school in which every pupil really does matter."

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Heather Duggan
CEO / Executive Headteacher



PART OF THE ALL SAINTS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Breaking Barriers, Creating Opportunity
Breaking Barriers, Building Lives
Breaking Barriers, Raising Aspiration

Our Vision

All Saints Multi Academy Trusts' Vision is inspired by the ecumenical work of Bishop David Sheppard and Archbishop Derek Worlock in Liverpool in the 1980's which focussed on breaking down barriers that may stand in the way of progression, but that ultimately communities and groups are 'stronger together'. Our aim is to create a Multi Academy Trust of exceptional and distinctive Christian schools which deliver outstanding education and learning, who share best practice to raise standards and build aspiration for the children and members of its community, maintaining the positive diversity and choice for parents.

'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks they should do as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides' 1 Peter 4:10-11

Community is at the heart of our academies. Together we challenge social inequality and enhance social mobility, as our partnerships of schools' act as the springboard from which ambition is cultivated and our students thrive.



YOUR JOURNEY WITH US

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today”

Our vision and curriculum intent

Our mission of ‘Success for All’ is delivered through our challenging, and engaging curriculum. This reflects and celebrates our distinctive, richly diverse, and vibrant community. The primary purpose of our curriculum is to equip every child with the knowledge, skills, and personal qualities so that they reach their full potential, regardless of their background, experience, or social privilege, to achieve success now and in the next phase of their education and life, making a positive contribution to society.

Our curriculum is designed to **open doors** and **unlock minds** to ensure that all our students are given opportunities to thrive and shine.

“Leaders’ strong vision of ‘no child left behind’ is brought to life in this diverse community where all pupils feel welcome and able to achieve their goals.”

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Our Facilities

We have good facilities at the academy and all students get the opportunity to use them. We have a chapel that can be used for prayer and reflection. Classrooms are bright, modern, and well equipped to provide the best learning experience for our students. Our ICT facilities include access to MS Teams through which all our students can access their learning from home. We have a library and resource base, two dedicated canteen spaces, outdoor sports spaces, and lockers for students to use. The Academy also benefits from a modern, spacious sports hall, high specification technology rooms and fully equipped science laboratories.





TAKING CARE OF YOU

We know moving to secondary school can be a daunting prospect, particularly when the school is much larger than you are used to. At our academy we go out of our way to make the transition from primary school to secondary education as easy as possible. We pride ourselves on working in partnership with our families and primary schools to ensure that a student's transition to us is a positive experience.

Once students have accepted a place at the Academy of St Francis of Assisi, they are invited to an induction day in the summer term before their September start date. A welcome evening for parents is held around this time too so parents have plenty of time to prepare. Details about school uniform, equipment, and other useful background information is provided.

The Academy of St Francis of Assisi is a happy, caring, and supportive school. We work hard to ensure that all students are treated with compassion and respect. Our specialist staff work hard to support our students to become independent, resilient, and confident learners. We have a very strong and committed pastoral team to guide and support our students.

Every child is allocated to a form class with a form tutor and a Head of Year. Our students are given lots of practical help and advice from our staff, Chaplain and Student Leadership Team, to make sure that the transition goes as smoothly as possible.

We are proud to say that we are a school of sanctuary. We welcome children from all backgrounds and culture. 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. 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 around 50%. The main languages spoken at the Academy are English, Arabic, Urdu, Czech, Slovak, Romanian, and Portuguese. Our academy provides a safe, welcoming and nurturing environment where all students are valued and appreciated.



AN INCLUSIVE AND ENGAGING CURRICULUM DESIGNED TO OPEN DOORS, AND UNLOCK MINDS

Our curriculum

- Is underpinned by our Christian ethos and values;
- Meets the needs of all our children regardless of their starting points so that they can achieve success;
- Sets high expectations
- Is broad and ambitious for all students;
- Is focused on reading, literacy and developing a rich vocabulary;
- Supports students to become resilient, confident and happy learners;
- Prepares students for the opportunities and responsibilities of life in the 21st century by offering a broad and balanced curriculum;
- Will create global citizens of the future who can make a positive contribution to society;
- Builds confidence and character in every student by encompassing academic subject knowledge and skills alongside a relevant programme of personal development.

Assessments and regular feedback from teachers will help to guide every student's educational journey. Our children are encouraged to make the most of their talents and abilities. 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. They are the future of this community, and our staff are dedicated to preparing students for the challenges ahead.

In short, our curriculum is taking students beyond qualifications, we are educating them for life. Our curriculum is for **our** students.

Key Stage 3

All students study the following subjects:

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| • English | • Technology |
| • Maths | • Geography |
| • Science | • History |
| • Religious Education | • Music |
| • Physical Education | • Spanish or French |
| • Computing | • Drama |
| • Art | |

Key Stage 4

Our students choose their curriculum pathways at the end of Year 9 from a full complement of traditional GCSE subjects and vocational qualifications.



“The curriculum is broad and balanced. It is tailored to meet pupils’ diverse needs. The formal curriculum is augmented by a vibrant range of extra-curricular opportunities that provide pupils with valuable opportunities for enrichment.”
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SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

At the Academy of St Francis of Assisi, we work tirelessly to give any pupil with special needs the opportunity to learn and achieve at their own pace. We have a dedicated area known as the Hive which includes a sensory room, counselling space, small teaching space and sensory circuit.

For those with English as a second language, they may have additional Literacy lessons to help them assimilate into mainstream lessons quickly. Some children access extra tuition in basic Maths and English language skills to help them to access the full curriculum.

“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.”

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





OUR EXTENDED CURRICULUM

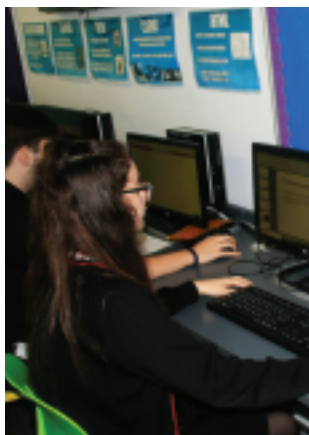
Activities outside the classroom play an important role in providing a wide range of opportunities for students to explore their talents and skills. We have lots of extracurricular activities such as:

- Table Tennis
- Netball
- Basketball
- Football
- Board games
- Chess
- Debate Mate
- Homework
- Gospel Choir
- Chaplaincy group
- Feminism Club

Trips, expeditions, and workshops help to enhance life skills and learning experiences. We organise theatre visits and educational visits abroad to exciting destinations such as Paris, and Germany. Each year many of our students successfully complete the Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver awards.

Sport, drama, and music give our students the opportunity to shine individually, as part of a team or competitively against other schools and students.





READY FOR THE FUTURE: ALL SAINTS SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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

The 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 faith's high quality careers advice, UCAS, guidance and pastoral support.

Once again, there have been huge successes across A-Level and Vocational subjects which is reflective of continued improvement and success At All Saints Sixth Form College which serves students from both schools across the Trust.

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.





HOW TO APPLY

We are delighted that you are considering the Academy of Saint Francis of Assisi as an option for your child's secondary education. We are confident that your child will be happy and safe during their time with us as we strive to ensure all our students achieve their potential and go on to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Applications for Y7 September 2024

All applications will be considered in line with the coordinated admissions scheme for the Liverpool Local Authority and our academy's Admissions Policy which is available on our website.

Applications for a place at the Academy of St Francis of Assisi:

Parents whose children are currently in Year 6

Parents who wish to secure a place at the academy are encouraged to do so as early as possible (from September of Year 6). Parents need to apply online via <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/> and complete a supplementary form available from the academy or online and return it to the academy either by hand or email.

Please note, without both actions above completed, we are unable to apply our admissions criteria and therefore your child could miss out on a place at the academy.

We were oversubscribed in September 2023 and anticipate being oversubscribed in September 2024. We request that you complete the council's online application form and return the supplementary form to the academy at your earliest convenience.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy via telephone on **0151 260 7600** or info@asfaonline.org

Please ensure that you have completed the online preference form **AND** returned any supplementary paper forms by the closing date.

You can apply online from 1st September 2023

Closing date for Year 7 applications: 31st October 2023





THE ACADEMY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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RESPECT FOR ALL



AMBITION FOR ALL