



The Haberdashers' Adams' Federation

**ABRAHAM DARBY ACADEMY**

Collaborating with Adams' Grammar School

*Confident - Calm - Caring*

**CONFIDENT  
CALM  
CARING**

*Our mission is to develop pupils and staff who recognise and aspire to academic, sporting and creative excellence, so as to enable them to achieve their potential and lead fulfilling lives.*

# WELCOME

The Academy opened on 1st September 2008 as a new independent school serving the community of South Telford. It is part of the Haberdashers' Adams' Federation and has links with Adams' Grammar School in Newport. The Haberdashers' Company and Telford and Wrekin Local Authority jointly sponsor the Academy. The Haberdashers' Company, the Academy's principal sponsor, is one of the twelve "great" Livery Companies of the City of London. It was established in 1371, and its main concern today is the administration of the many charities, primarily concerned with education, of which it is trustee. One of these charities administered is that of William Adams, after whom the Grammar School and the Federation is named.

The Academy has the highest expectations of its pupils and staff. The main priority is to continually provide challenges to raise standards, improve academic progress and support the development of every pupil. We pride ourselves on the simplicity of our expectations. All pupils can achieve them every day and they are captured with the mnemonic NUHOPE.

**N**ice to others  
**U**niform  
**H**omework  
**O**n-task  
**P**unctual  
**E**quipment

All good schools seek to develop the character of its pupils. We have very clear aims for all members of our community.

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**CONFIDENT, CALM AND CARING**

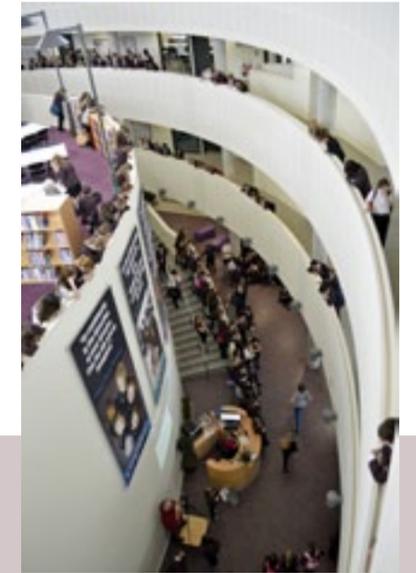
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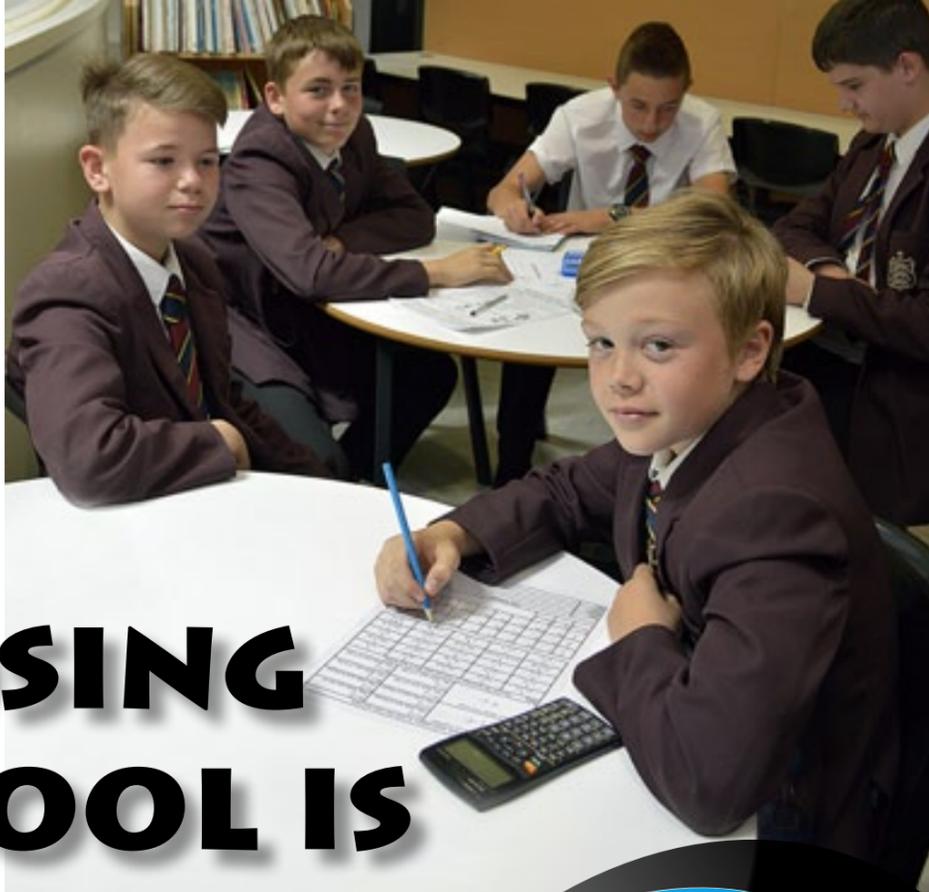
**IMPRESSIVE AND EMPLOYABLE  
PEOPLE**



## PASTORAL CARE AND WELFARE

The Student Welfare Team is integrated within the House system and supported by Attendance, Inclusion and Child Protection personnel.





# CHOOSING A SCHOOL IS AN IMPORTANT DECISION

Abraham Darby Academy opened in September 2008 and it remains both a privilege and source of great joy to be its second Principal. It is important to me that all students reach their full potential, regardless of their ability, or background. Our Academy will seek to raise aspirations and achievements through the highest quality academic, personal and vocational teaching and guidance.

My staff are excited and committed to the challenge and opportunity this presents.

**WE AIM FOR EXCELLENCE IN ALL THAT WE DO AND ARE STRIVING TO CREATE AN OUTSTANDING ACADEMY, WITH A NATIONAL REPUTATION, WHERE STUDENTS CAN PURSUE INDIVIDUAL LEARNING ROUTES APPROPRIATE TO THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS**

Choosing a school is an important decision. I am confident that as you come to know Abraham Darby Academy you will find that choosing us was the right decision. Your sons and daughters will be challenged by an exciting academic curriculum and enjoy the richness of a wealth of sporting, dramatic, musical and cultural activities.

With a Sixth Form which is growing in reputation, we are able to offer a broad variety of subjects and qualifications. Standards are rising such that increasing numbers of students are gaining University places of first choice.

I would like to share my aspirations of the Academy with you:

- I WANT STUDENTS TO BE AMBITIOUS, HARDWORKING AND SUCCESSFUL.
- I WANT STUDENTS TO HAVE AN INTELLECTUAL INTEREST AND CURIOSITY IN THEIR STUDIES.
- I WANT STUDENTS TO BE FULLY INVOLVED IN A WIDE RANGE OF CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.
- I WANT STUDENTS TO ASPIRE TO THE HIGHEST VALUES AND STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR.

Growth in all ways, the willingness to adapt and embrace change and crucially the development of leadership potential and humanity are goals to which we all aspire. I hope you will sense some of this energy and drive when you come to visit us. Do so soon. You are assured the warmest of welcomes.

If you would like to visit the Academy and meet our staff and students, I will be delighted to arrange a tour for you and your child. Please telephone the Academy and we will make the necessary arrangements.

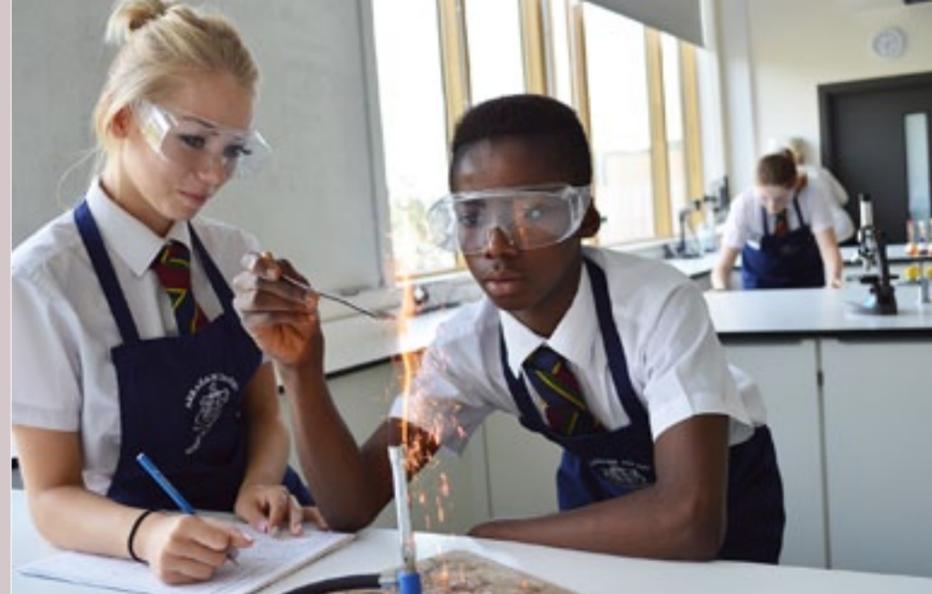
We look forward to welcoming you.

Lee Hadley (Principal)

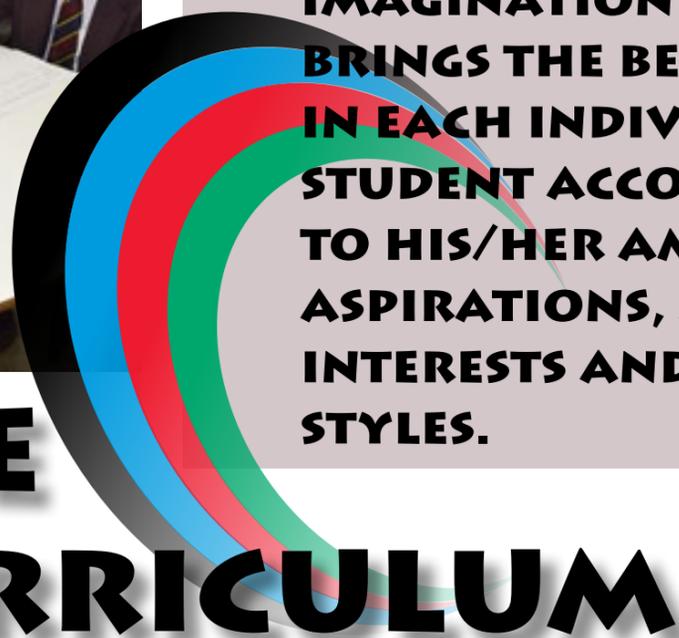




**THE ACADEMY HAS DEVELOPED A CURRICULUM THAT MEETS THE NEEDS, SPARKS THE IMAGINATION AND BRINGS THE BEST OUT IN EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ACCORDING TO HIS/HER AMBITION, ASPIRATIONS, ABILITY, INTERESTS AND LEARNING STYLES.**



# THE CURRICULUM



Abraham Darby Academy will ensure that all young people will respond to challenge as long as that challenge is relevant to their individual needs and aspirations.

All students at Abraham Darby will be offered the National Curriculum although it will take full advantage of the new national flexibility in order to provide students with a personalised learning experience. All students will also experience a range of different learning styles appropriate to the courses they are studying.



In year 7, we deliver a traditional curriculum that will begin the preparation for exam success in Maths, English, Science, the Humanities and Foreign Languages. There will be a significant focus on spelling, grammar and reading across all subject areas. Transitional provision is available in Year 7 and 8 to support vulnerable students and provide intensive literacy teaching. Distinct and different learning pathways will be developed in Key Stage 4 in order to best meet individual needs and ensure that all students are both supported and challenged. Our Key Stage 4 is three years in duration which allows this theme of distinctive learning pathways to be developed further through a range of academic and vocational learning routes.



## THE ACADEMY SIXTH FORM

Abraham Darby Sixth Form continues to go from strength to strength. Our aim is to get our students prepared for the next stage of their lives. We work closely with Universities and employers to ensure that our students have the skills needed to be successful now and in the future. In addition to striving for academic excellence, we provide many opportunities for our students to develop their resilience, resourcefulness and leadership skills. Our links with Adams' Grammar School and the rest of the Haberdashers' family means we are in a unique position to be able to offer a fantastic experience for all our Sixth Form students.



## EDUCATING THE WHOLE PERSON



The Academy will educate the whole person. Our extra curricular programme is wide and varied. It builds and enhances students' personal confidence and skills through participation in outdoor activities, music, dance, drama and sports. Personal responsibility will be developed through involvement in schemes such as the Junior Sports Leaders Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and a range of educational excursions and sports tours.





# PERFORMING ARTS

**A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**



For a long time Abraham Darby has been recognised as a leading school for the Performing Arts. We offer courses leading to qualifications in both Performing Arts and the individual disciplines of Dance, Drama and Music. Outside the formal curriculum we aim to build on the excellence of the band and the growing reputation of our dance and drama performances. The band enjoys both national and international reputations. Our music provision is held in high esteem and makes available to all students free instrumental tuition both during the school week and as part of the Saturday Music College. We are now broadening the range of opportunity within the Performing Arts with the addition of BTEC and A Level courses.

**STATE OF THE ART PERFORMANCE FACILITIES: A PROFESSIONAL RECORDING STUDIO AND AUDITORIUM**

At Abraham Darby Academy, our House system is an integral part of your child's whole educational package. It enables us to enrich their learning experiences through the following:

- Sport
- Arts
- Music
- Academic and pastoral interventions
- Emotionally and socially
- Public speaking (confidence)
- Lifeskills.

We believe that this will provide a healthy and balanced life and make your child more employable, and learning more enjoyable. Each House has its own ethos and aims to develop important qualities such as resilience, determination and courage.

# THE HOUSE SYSTEM



# ENRICHING THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE



Each child will have their own Head of House, Deputy Head of House and Academic Head of House and these key people will work alongside your child/children throughout their time at Abraham Darby Academy. The Houses manage the numerous number of rewards such as trips, points, vouchers and every child works to gain points for their House.

**THEIR HOUSE BECOMES THEIR ACADEMY FAMILY.**



**WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY PROMOTE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AS HEALTHY AND ENJOYABLE, ENCOURAGING TEAMWORK, BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND PROMOTING FITNESS.**

# SPORTS

Our pupils represent the Academy, the Telford and Wrekin district and the County in Basketball, Rugby, Netball, Rounders, Football, Athletics, Cross Country, Cricket, Badminton, Trampolining, Hockey, Swimming and Tennis. We have regular fixtures against other schools and our teams are making an increasing impact at both local and regional level. The department continues to develop an extensive Saturday fixture programme competing against other high performing schools throughout the country.



**WE STRIVE NOT ONLY FOR EXCELLENCE BUT FOR BREADTH OF PARTICIPATION**

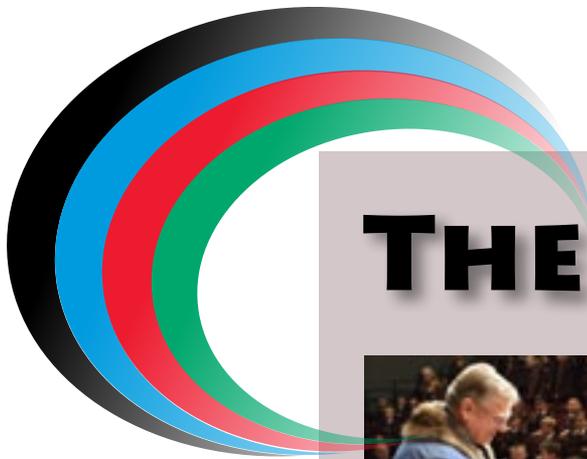
In this context, our wide range of inter-house competitions enable large numbers of pupils to compete against their peers. Many pupils take advantage of our superb modern indoor and outdoor sports' facilities for recreational activity and exercise.





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# THE FEDERATION



The Federation between Abraham Darby and Adams' Grammar School is a catalyst for improvement in Teaching and Learning, creating new ideas and leading change and development in both schools via the sharing of best practice. Departments across both schools share good practice and expertise.

The Federation is very powerful in other ways. It supports a sharing of school cultures, the provision of Gifted and Talented opportunities, the staging of joint events and activities for students, and the sharing of joint student support services.