

# WELCOME

#### WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY FOR YOUR CHILD.

In a rapidly changing society, we believe it is essential to equip our students with the right skills, knowledge and experiences, preparing them for the world of work.

We are frequently praised for our very positive ethos. Our students are well behaved, very much valued as individuals and they have a positive attitude to learning. They are proud of our academy and feel safe and supported here.

The students are the reason for our existence and the best advert for the school. As well as encouraging our students to reach their academic potential, we provide opportunities for them to develop their sporting, cultural, artistic and musical talents to the full.

All of our teaching staff are well qualified and experienced practitioners who fully support our guiding principles and help to engender this culture of mutual respect, guiding students towards success.

We offer a broad and rich curriculum. but we don't believe in a "one size fits all" approach for education. Personalised learning lies at the heart of what we do, and all students are encouraged and supported to achieve their personal best. Through this guiding and nurturing approach and a combination of high expectation and personal support, all students are encouraged to achieve academic excellence.

We understand how important it is to relate our students' education to further and higher education and have strong links with colleges and universities. Beyond this we forge links with the world of work to signpost pathways into future careers and to give students the best chance to succeed.

This is a remarkable school: a very happy and welcoming community. Come and see for yourself.

Mrs G F Gorman, Principal



"THIS SCHOOL CONTINUES TO BE GOOD...

OVERALL. PUPILS MAKE GOOD PROGRESS AND REACH STANDARDS THAT ARE HIGHER THAN SEEN NATIONALLY"

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secondary school committed to equipping our learners with knowledge, skills, values and behaviours to achieve their full potential in a safe, stimulating and supportive environment. Our students will be proud to achieve a successful career path through transition into work or training in all walks of adult life.

Malcolm X

### LEARNING EXCELLENCE

#### AT LOSTOCK HALL **ACADEMY TEACHERS AND** STUDENTS APPROACH LEARNING WITH A **GROWTH MINDSET.**

Staff believe in their students and teach students to believe in themselves. Although lessons are challenging, teachers deliberately employ metacognition methods that enable students to gain a deep understanding of how they learn, personally. These reflections encourage hard work and resilience, nurturing independent learners equipped with the skills for life beyond the school gate.

- The Global Faculty consists of English, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages, Media and Philosophy, Beliefs and Ethics.
- Creative Faculty brings together Music, Performing Arts, Art and Design, Photography, Design Technology, Drama and Life Studies.
- The STEM Faculty integrates the areas of Science, Food Technology, Engineering, Maths and Physical Education, creating critical thinkers and fostering the next generation of innovators.

Although these subjects are taught as distinct and separate subjects, the Faculties represent larger teams with a shared intent: to nurture students' thirst for knowledge about the world we live in now and empower students to believe that they can contribute to and influence the future. Specifically, alongside subject-specific content, the Faculties aim to ensure that students gain a deep understanding of diverse cultures, human behaviour, societies in their context, the planet we share and tomorrow's world.









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Our facilities support excellence in teaching and learning. The school has enjoyed significant investment in its fabric over recent years creating wonderful teaching and recreational spaces.

### CARE

**BECAUSE EACH OF OUR STUDENTS ARE** INDIVIDUAL, WE **UNDERSTAND THAT EACH HAVE THEIR** OWN PARTICULAR **NEEDS, TALENTS AND** APTITUDES.

At LHA, we have developed a culture and structure that supports individuals in a happy and safe environment in which to learn and grow.

This care and support is integral to our ethos and visitors to the school often comment on our happy and caring environment, praising the level and quality of the support for students' safety and well-being.







### **CHALLENGE**

## TEAMWORK, LEADERSHIP, CONFIDENCE, COMMUNICATION:

many of the skills most important to our students' future success are developed outside the classroom.

Students at Lostock Hall Academy are provided with many opportunities to develop socially and as fully rounded individuals and citizens. Students broaden their horizons through a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

We promote fitness and opportunity for all, offering a wide range of activities including: Athletics, Football, Badminton, Table-Tennis, Netball and a host of other sports.

Music and Drama also flourish at LHA. Several groups and ensembles rehearse each week, and our talented students give stunning performances and productions.

For many of our students their appetite for learning is further supported through UK based fieldwork in Geography, Science and the Arts, visits to the theatre and museums, an outdoor activity residential in Year 7, as well as international trips, most recently to Iceland, Belgium and Poland.

There is also a full programme of lunchtime and after school activities and clubs; Lego Robotics Club, Science Club, Eco Club, Drama and Dance Clubs, Sculpture and Sewing Clubs, Photography, Choir and Brass Band as well as charity based projects within our local community. Whatever your child's interests and abilities are, they will be encouraged to find their niche.

LHA is hugely successful at nurturing the character attributes of our young learners and equipping them with the skills, resilience and emotional intelligence necessary for them to make a resounding success of their lives.













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