



EASINGTON
academy

2019 Prospectus





WELCOME

Welcome to Easington Academy, where I am privileged to have been headteacher for the past 11 years.

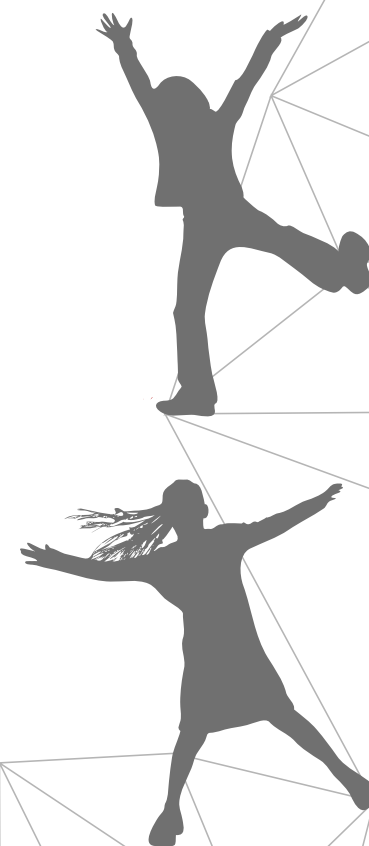
At Easington Academy we have high expectations of our students and staff. We believe students have the right to a first class education, delivered by teachers who are committed to making learning challenging and rewarding.

Ours is a caring community, one based on mutual respect, a school where students feel safe and supported throughout their time with us. The emphasis on good behaviour means that lessons are taught in an ordered and encouraging learning environment. Students are treated as individuals and we recognise and celebrate their different abilities.

Students will have access to the latest technology and will benefit from innovative teaching strategies, designed to engage their interest and make the learning experience a positive one. They will also be given the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities. In this we hope to ensure that all of our students achieve their full potential, academically and socially.

When our students leave us, we want them to have enjoyed their five years at Easington Academy. This means leaving with the best possible results and taking with them a store of happy memories.

T. Sporns



ABOUT EASINGTON ACADEMY

Set in the heart of Easington Village, on the Durham coast, Easington Academy's aim remains constant, to provide the best education possible for the children of our communities.

Rated 'good' by Ofsted in 2016, our school is judged to be providing well for students and is exceeding expectations in many areas. Inspectors commented that: "the leadership team has sustained the good quality of education in the academy", and added that "a strong, well-communicated determination to provide high-quality education and promote the well-being of all pupils characterises the work of governors, leaders and staff."

Our aspirations are high and our performance remains consistently good. In particular, students make better than average progress during their time here. You can access our full performance tables and Ofsted reports on our website.

Our uniform also reflects our continued drive for high standards and the ambitions of the school.





TEACHING & LEARNING

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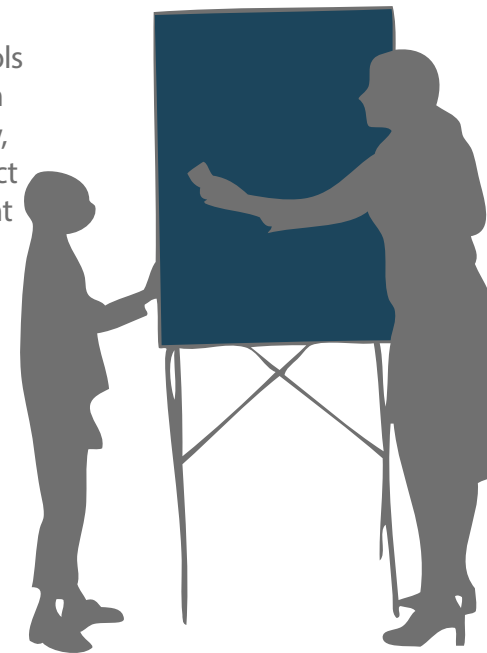
We provide high quality teaching and, in return, expect a high standard of learning in the classroom. This is evident in the excellent work you will see from our students. Teachers continually strive, through quality professional development and training, to deliver challenging lessons that engage students and drive them towards excellence.

We believe that the spiritual, social, moral and cultural

elements of students' education are crucial to their development and are committed to embedding these themes across the curriculum.

The Government encourages schools to 'promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs'.

At Easington Academy these values form part of the school ethos and are embedded throughout our curriculum.



"The teachers here are great people to work with and are **happy to be here.**

The students are fantastic, they enjoy school and value their education. Because of this, I am motivated to come to work every day and be the best teacher I can possibly be."

Sally Hall- Second in Technology

A HISTORY OF TALENT

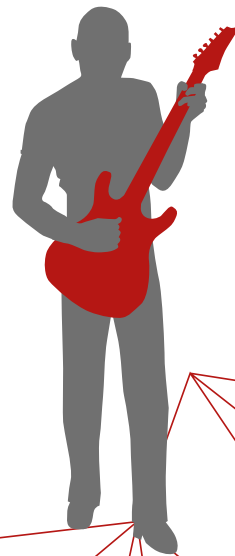
As well as excelling academically, Easington Academy has a long tradition of nurturing our many talented musicians, actors, artists, and sportsmen and sportswomen.

Our forward-thinking art department caters for our exceptionally creative students in 'The Studio', a well resourced building, which houses a host of specialist equipment, led by dedicated specialist practitioners.

Sporting success is also a top priority, where we encourage excellence and promote participation, providing extensive opportunities for everyone to join in competitive sports - not just our future superstars.

Recent successes include regional champions in cricket, basketball, mountain biking, table tennis and netball.

Easington Academy is home to many talented musicians, including those in our orchestra. Our school has a long tradition in the arts, with students performing in both national and international venues.





AIMING HIGH

Students are encouraged to aim high and reach their potential through hard work and tenacity.

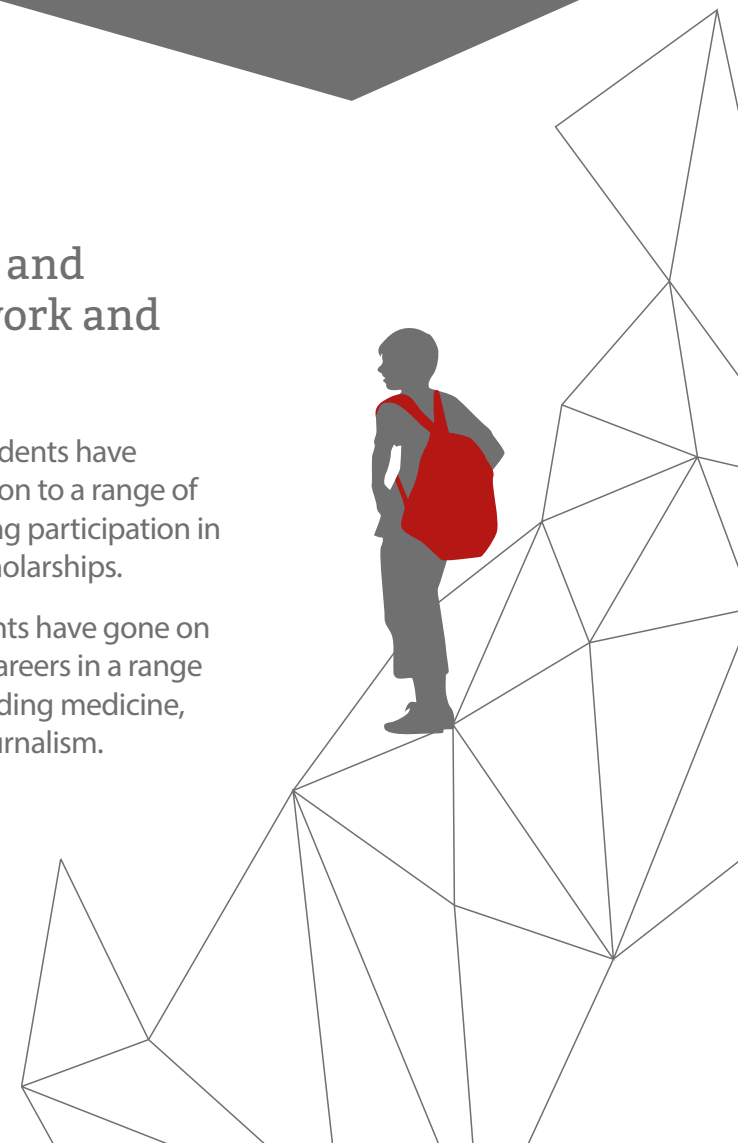
Students at Easington Academy make excellent academic progress from their starting points, well above the national average.

Many of our students move on to further education and, ultimately, higher education at their chosen sixth forms, colleges and universities and into a range of exciting and rewarding careers.

Former students frequently come back to school to celebrate their success and are keen to tell us all about their journey since leaving school and their plans for the future.

Recently, former students have successfully moved on to a range of universities, including participation in the Ogden Trust Scholarships.

Other former students have gone on to have successful careers in a range of professions, including medicine, engineering and journalism.



SUPPORT & GUIDANCE

We believe that everyone has the right to be respected and to be treated fairly and equally. We are committed to creating a caring and inclusive environment where diversity is valued and where everyone feels secure, listened to and taken seriously.

Our experienced pastoral team support all aspects of our students' needs. We have a dedicated team of specialists, including a full time nurse, counsellor, attendance officer and home school liaison officers. Our staff are friendly and approachable and will ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

Regardless of their starting points or individual abilities, students

are given equal opportunities to excel and are encouraged to be ambitious and to aim high.

We also believe that looking after the individual means that success looks after itself, so we place much emphasis on personalised support.





“My daughter has settled well into the school. I feel she is well supported and is continuing to learn.

Very happy mam!”

PRIMARY TRANSITION

Moving from primary to secondary school is a big change in any child's life, which is why we take great care to make sure it is stress-free.

Successful adjustment from a small primary to the hustle and bustle of 'big school' begins in Year 5 with a variety of exciting and engaging activities delivered by Academy staff. These activities introduce children to new types of learning.

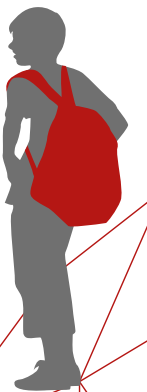
Our structured programme of primary transition includes events such as Junior Sparkies, Let's Get Cooking, sporting events and engineering challenges. However, the highlight is our themed 'transition day', which is attended by over 200 local primary children.

In Year 6, children are invited to 'taster days' where they follow a

typical Academy timetable, giving them a real understanding of how the school looks and feels as well as a chance to meet their new teachers and fellow students.

We also offer 'Moving Up' sessions for parents and students. These informal meetings focus on the pastoral and academic aspects of the school as well as study skills.

There is also a popular induction evening where students can meet their tutors and the rest of their tutor group.



INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS

To complement their learning within a small community, students at Easington Academy are encouraged and enabled to become global citizens through our exciting international links.

With a constantly developing international programme of in-school projects and overseas trips, students have been able to experience life beyond the UK, opening their minds and learning about different cultures, traditions, languages and customs.

Through ongoing connections with our two partner schools, College Maeterlinck in France and Heinrich Boll Gymnasium in Germany, students have been able to share their views on a number of topics ranging from youth culture to

global citizenship. Regular writing to each other, as well as reciprocal trips to each others school, have seen our students at Easington expand their understanding of the world.





“My school is amazing; I like the range opportunities which gives people a chance to pursue their dreams.”
Hallie Williamson, student

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

After school, what’s better than relaxing on the sofa. Right? Wrong! With our range of enrichment activities, it’s ‘no’ to the sofa and ‘yes’ to:



Science club	Homework club & buddies club	Netball	Football	Let’s get cooking
Badminton	Table tennis	Trampoline	Art club and Art Sparks	Duke of Edinburgh
Social action group	Orchestra & rock band	Charity events/ fundraising	Music lessons & choir	Basketball

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