



# Principal's Welcome

## Ian Moore



St James Academy is a friendly school with a lively but polite atmosphere in its classrooms and corridors. Nevertheless, we are determined to become a centre of excellence for young people who live in central Dudley and the surrounding areas of Dudley and Sandwell.

The philosophy is simple: we will ensure the success of all our learners through outstanding teaching and positive behaviour.

Over the past three years, our GCSE results have improved significantly, with particular success in English, Mathematics and the sciences.

There is also a strong caring ethos here, which ensures high levels of support for students and creates an atmosphere of mutual respect throughout the school. Our students are challenged to extend their interests through a wide programme of extra-curricular activities, sports teams and enrichment activities.

I like to know the names and personalities of all the children in the school, and St James is small enough to do that. We are strict on discipline, but we are also passionate about rewarding learners who make an extra effort, show kindness, display great teamwork or achieve beyond expectations.

St James Academy makes a real difference to young people and is a great place to be! We are a short walk from Dudley centre and all the main bus routes, but away from the hustle and bustle. Please take a good look at what we can offer you.