

Principal's Welcome

Exceptional, every day.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our website for The Morley Academy. Our school website is a place where students, parents and prospective parents can access a wealth of information about the school as well as providing you with a sense of what life is like in one of the highest achieving schools in the country.

As the Principal at The Morley Academy I feel privileged to lead what is not only an Outstanding and World Class school but one which is also the founding academy of The GORSE Academies Trust. A Trust, led by Sir John Townsley, which prides itself on providing the highest standard of education to all students, regardless of their background. Indeed, we believe that those who have the least should be given the most. We achieve this through providing all students, but particularly those who have the most challenging and complex backgrounds, with a rigorous and academic education which challenges them, not only academically, but also in terms of their place in society. We believe that this will prepare them for life not only in Britain, but across the world.



In March 2009 we were judged to be 'Outstanding' by OFSTED and in May 2013 we were re-designated as Outstanding in all aspects of our provision. Furthermore, in December 2016 we were officially designated a World Class School. We would encourage you to read a copy of the 2013 Inspection report and to explore the academy's website further, to give you a sense of the remarkable things that take place in our school on a daily basis. All of our work is about providing an outstanding experience for all of our students both inside and outside the classroom. As a consequence of the rich learning environment provided at the academy,

student performance is extremely impressive. The results from the 2017 and 2018 GCSE examination series have seen The Morley Academy consistently perform as one of the highest achieving schools nationally.

As part of The GORSE Academies Trust, The Morley Academy is in the vanguard of educational developments in Leeds, Yorkshire and on a national level. As a result of our work, students who attend The Morley Academy benefit significantly by attending a school which provides:

- A safe and happy environment in which to learn;
- Exceptional standards of behaviour, self-discipline and personal organisation;
- Brilliant and innovative teaching, every day;
- An exciting and engaging array of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom;
- Opportunities for students to develop leadership and independent learning skills;
- A track record of performance at the highest level.

As you would expect, our curriculum provides students with a personalised learning experience. Our Key Stage 4 programme of study commences in Year 9 and whilst the English Baccalaureate (E-Bacc) will be the qualification of choice for most of our students, our curriculum remains comprehensive and inclusive. We are most certainly not driven by politics but by doing the right thing for our young people. As an organisation, working within The GORSE Academies Trust, we utilise our national connections to ensure we stay abreast of educational policy and are well placed to ensure our learners thrive within the ever changing educational landscape.

Our staff body is a dedicated team of professionals, all of whom play their part to ensure students are happy, safe and successful. Our approach to discipline is based upon traditional values of hard work, self-discipline and respect. Alongside this we provide an excellent standard of pastoral care to ensure that students are well looked after and cared for.

We understand and recognise the enormous role that our parents and carers play in realising the true potential of all of our young people. Therefore, we will always seek to work in close partnership with you to support not only the young people who attend our academy but also to support, when appropriate, the entire family unit.

If you would like to find out more about our academy or would like to arrange an appointment to visit our academy so that you can see for yourself the exceptional work that is taking place, then please contact us. We look forward to meeting you.

Adam Ryder
Principal