



Welcome to  
**Atlantic Academy**



**From Tiny Acorns, Mighty Oaks Do Grow.**



Prospectus





## WELCOME From the Principal



**W**elcome to **Atlantic Academy**, located in one of the most breath-taking settings for a school. We are a proud member of Athena Learning Trust, dedicated to empowering individuals through education. Our unique approach combines the support of a small community school, with specialist teachers and resources, to create a truly special secondary school experience.

At Atlantic Academy, we take the time to get to know our students, understanding that every student is an individual who learns and excels in their own unique way. By providing a broad range of opportunities and experiences, we aim to excite students in their learning and make sure they enjoy coming to school.

Our vision for education is clear, we believe that great education combines effective teaching, rigorous curricula, positive

culture and strong community. This empowers students with knowledge and values that allow them to participate in humanity's adventures and make a positive impact on the world.

Our curriculum is designed to develop the knowledge, character, contributions and wisdom of teachers, leaders, staff and students. A positive school culture and community encourages interaction, friendship, understanding and cultural diversity among students and staff.

We are committed to ensuring that no one is left behind and we are passionate about helping students reach their full potential. The ultimate goal of education is to provide knowledge, character, and values that lead to a fulfilling life. Knowledge brings freedom from limitations and the ability to contribute to the world, character helps us make ethical choices, and values guide

us in how we interact with others and the world.

We would love to welcome you to Atlantic Academy to work and learn with our dedicated team of Athenian educators. We look forward to welcoming you into our school community and hope to see you soon.

**Lynsey Slater**  
Principal



## **CONNECTED SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

At Atlantic Academy, we consider small to be beautiful. The combination of a small school community with subject specialist teaching ensures we offer our students and families excellent pastoral care, strong relationships between school and home, as well as develop pathways to post-16 learning. Our staff get to know our students and their families exceptionally well, ensuring we can identify the needs of our learners, and work collaboratively to meet these.







## OUR MISSION

*From tiny acorns, mighty oaks do grow.*

**Our mission is for all pupils within our community to achieve their aspirations.**

We focus on ensuring excellent progress for all pupils, with an ethos of providing opportunities and encouragement for all.



# OUR VISION

All of our students deserve a world-class education, where they follow a broad and balanced curriculum, taught by experienced subject practitioners in a disruption-free environment. All students are supported to develop the excellent characteristics needed to achieve their goals.

Community, kindness and aspiration lie at the heart of our vision. We care deeply about our pupils, working tirelessly to ensure that all young people have the opportunity to become the very best they can be.



*Every child is valued.  
Every child matters.*



## OUR VALUES

### Be Kind

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*The best part of life is not just surviving, but thriving with passion and compassion and humour and style and generosity and kindness.*

Maya Angelou

Kindness is vital to successful communities. We want all members of our community to be kind to each other, and kind to themselves. We believe that everyday acts of kindness, of politeness, and care enable all students and staff to lead better lives.



### Take Responsibility

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*You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.*

Abraham Lincoln

Responsibility is empowering, liberating, life-changing; responsibility is required for any success. Our students have the right to a great education, in an environment free from disruption and discrimination.



Atlantic Academy is a learning community that allows all of our students to succeed.



## Dream Big

All of our students deserve the best education, in order to achieve their goals and dreams. By attending well and focusing in lessons, all students will have the knowledge and skills to pass all subjects, including English and maths, with a good GCSE grade.

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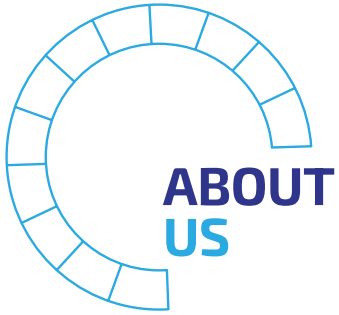
*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*

Nelson Mandela

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*It's hard to know what is possible until you start. You have to be able to dream big and be prepared to work towards your dreams.*

Marcus Rashford



## At Atlantic Academy, we prioritise understanding and celebrating the uniqueness of each student.

We offer a diverse range of opportunities and experiences to foster a love for learning and create an enjoyable school environment.

*Learn more, remember more,  
succeed more.*







## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFER**

All staff contribute to our range of extra-curricular activities, many of which are student-led. We have a vibrant school council who contribute to all aspects of school life, including shaping the extra-curricular offer.

Many of our students get involved with wider leadership opportunities, including Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Sports Leadership qualifications, environmental ambassadors to

name a few . Our talented performers share their talents in our annual soundwave performance.

We are excited to develop our links with schools in Uganda – helping our students to become global citizens.

We aim for all our students to get involved in clubs or wider extra-curricular activities to enhance their skills and experiences.

## CAREERS DEVELOPMENT



Students at Atlantic Academy follow an ambitious careers program providing an excellent range of employer interactions and experiences to help shape post-16 choices. Our students progress into a range of different post 16 options, from local

sixth form centres and FE colleges to apprenticeships with local and national employers. Additional support is provided to ensure the smooth transition into post 16 education for those who need it the most.



## What is it like to attend this school?



*Pupils enjoy attending Atlantic Academy. They are polite and welcoming. Leaders ensure that there are high expectations for pupils in everything they do. Pupils appreciate this. They learn well in a respectful environment.*



*Pupils feel safe. Staff know pupils well. Bullying is rare and not tolerated. When it does occur, staff deal with it swiftly and effectively. Staff ensure that pupils receive the support they need, which stops any recurrence.*





***There are a range of clubs at lunchtime, many of which support key stage 4 studies. There are some sports and computing clubs, too. However, pupils say they would like more clubs that better reflect their talents and interests.***

***Pupils have clear routines which they follow throughout the day. There are simple systems in place for when a pupil does not follow procedures correctly. Pupils reflect on what is the right thing to do. As a result, there is an orderly and calm feel to the school. They show care when using community spaces at break and lunchtime to eat and socialise. Pupils enjoy spending time together making models or playing chess.***





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