

ATLANTIC ACADEMY

Prospectus

2026



Welcome

Welcome Parents, Carers, and Prospective Students!

Please use this guide to locate our subject areas, meet our dedicated staff, and learn about the opportunities available to our students.

WELCOME TO ATLANTIC ACADEMY

At Atlantic Academy, community, inclusion, and success for all lie at the heart of our vision. We are committed to providing world-class educational opportunities that widen horizons and enable every student in our coastal and rural community to achieve their full potential.

We offer an exciting, ambitious curriculum, strong vocational and academic pathways, and exceptional facilities—including our sports hall, theatre, outdoor tarmac courts, playing fields, on-site cross-country route, art studios, and fully equipped science laboratories. While we provide comprehensive opportunities, we value every student as an individual. Everyone matters, and can feel safe, valued, and very much part of our learning community.

Head of School Welcome

I am incredibly honoured to be Head of School at Atlantic Academy and we are delighted to welcome you to our fantastic school.

As a proud educator and a mum of two boys, I know first-hand the mix of excitement and high expectations we hold for our children's education. My leadership approach is simple and deeply rooted in three core principles: to dream big, take responsibility, and be kind. Rooted in the belief that mighty oaks from little acorns grow, it takes our entire school community working together to provide the right environment, care, and challenge for every child to reach their potential. .

Over the past several years, I have worked closely with schools across the southwest as a School Improvement Lead, and previously as a Vice Principal. My career has been dedicated to raising academic and vocational standards while keeping safeguarding, mental health, and inclusion at the very heart of everything

I do.

With its beautiful coastal location and incredibly strong community spirit, Atlantic Academy has a fantastic foundation. I am determined to build on this success to ensure our school becomes the undeniable top destination for local families.

This evening, as you visit our school, please use this guide and map included to enable you to locate areas, and to learn of the wonderful opportunities to experience. Some of our students are available to guide you and they are supporting you in subject areas for you to learn of their positive experiences in our school.

We are proud of our school and the ethos we have created for achievement, inclusion and success. Everyone matters, and can feel special, valued and very much part of our learning community.

Fiona Rowles - Jane

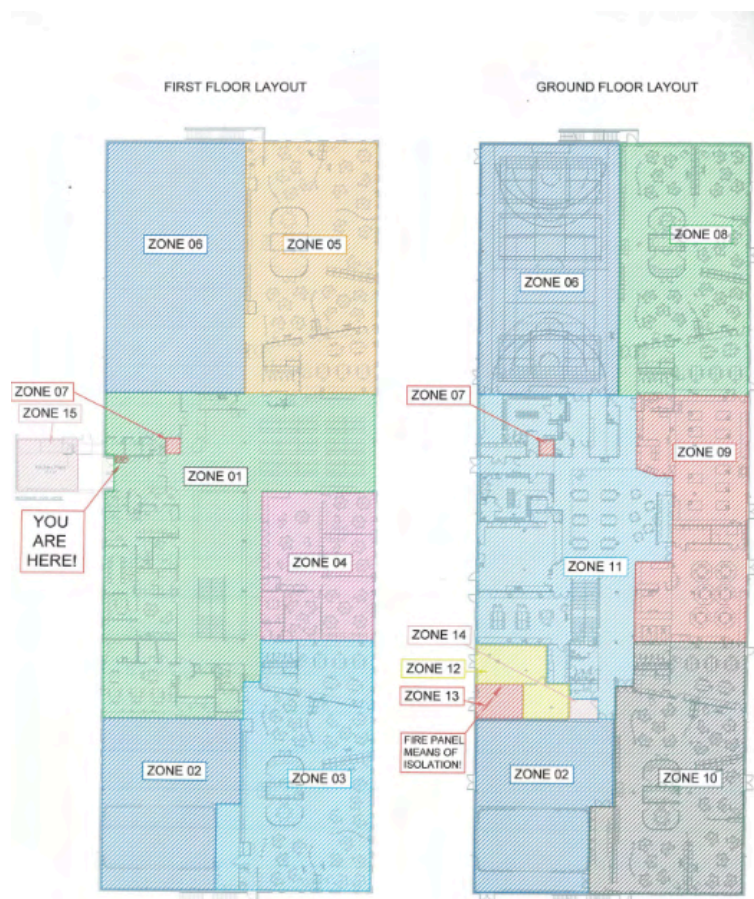
Head of School



Find out more

Please get in contact if you would like to book a tour with one of our staff members, we would love to welcome you and show you the following:

- **Subject Areas:** Explore every department and watch lessons in action delivered by our amazing teachers.
- **Sports Hall:** Come and see our state of the art facilities for Sports and PE.
- **Performing Arts:** Listen to live student music and learn about our drama productions.
- **The Wave & Ocean Centres:** Visit our dedicated pastoral and wellbeing hubs to learn about our student support interventions.



Atlantic Academy Values and Ethos

Our Mission

Atlantic Academy seeks to create a safe, caring, and supportive learning environment that allows for individual differences and learning styles to be celebrated.

Each student's confidence, resilience and enthusiasm for learning is fostered by positive relationships with fellow students, staff and our broader community.

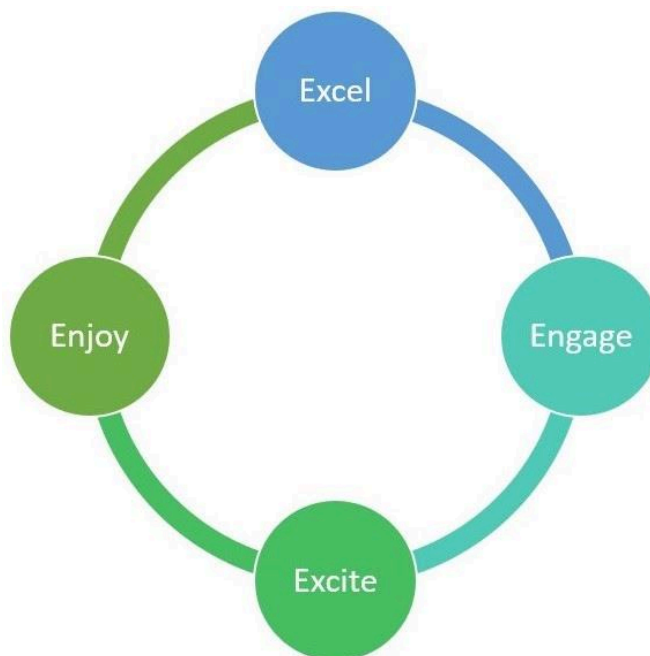
Our Values

Our students excel in individual ways.

Our students engage with their school community.

Our students are excited by opportunity and experience.

Our students enjoy looking after their wellbeing.



Excel: Valuing Education and Lifelong Learning

- Cater for all interests in the school environment and beyond, allowing students to develop a passion for creative and academic subjects.
- Provide an environment that recognises and rewards success, and encourages students to take pride in personal achievements.
- Help students recognise the purpose and value of education.



Engage: Valuing Respect

- Ensure every student and staff member has the respect to listen and has the opportunity to be heard.
- Support equality, and embrace individual strengths and differences within the school community.

Excite: Valuing Curiosity and Adventure

- Encourage confidence, resilience and enthusiasm for the world beyond the classroom through participation in every opportunity and experience.
- Encourage students to become global citizens.



Enjoy: Valuing Wellbeing

- Provide a nurturing and caring environment to equip students with the skills and strategies for living a healthy, safe and responsible life.
- Surround students with nature to boost creativity, enjoyment, motivation and positivity.

INCLUSIVE SUPPORT SPACES: THE WAVE & OCEAN CENTRES

At Atlantic Academy, student wellbeing, mental health, and inclusive support are at the core of our daily practice. Our support spaces are designed to guide students toward emotional regulation, confidence, and classroom success.



1. The Wave Centre

- **Role & Vision:** Serves as the central hub for transition, movement, and energy transfer.
- **Breakfast Club:** Hosted every morning from **8:20 AM to 8:39 AM** in The Wave Centre. Starting the day with a nutritious meal boosts concentration, memory retention, and peer social wellbeing.
- **Port & Anchor:** Providing comfort zones, initial check-ins, and adult-led emotional support workshops.
- **Harbour 1 & 2:** Safe-haven sanctuaries offering specialised regulation space for students with EHCPs or specific SEN needs.
- **Careers Hub:** Located next to the Wave Centre, featuring weekly visits from our dedicated Careers Advisor (Ms Robins) every Tuesday to support students with personalized career guidance.



2. The Ocean Centre

- **The Ocean Centre:** Dedicated to targeted referrals, individual self-regulation, and specialist academic and wellbeing interventions.



Student Wellbeing & Mental Health Initiatives

Led by our **Designated Mental Health Lead & Head of School (Fi)** and supported by student counsellors in partnership with Devon County Council, our support centers deliver wide-ranging interventions:

- **Emotional & Mental Wellbeing:** Mindfulness-Based Art Therapy, Reading Therapy, and the Inspires Project.
- **Building Resilience & Self-Esteem:** The Lemonade Project, The Dove Project, and Head's Out (teamwork and resilience).
- **Targeted Support:** Youth Sport Trust - Active in Mind, The Explosive Child (anger management), and dedicated Young Carers support groups.
- **Peer Leadership & Family Support:** The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and SPACE programmes supporting both parents and children emotionally.



"The Bus Stop & Journey" Inclusion Initiative

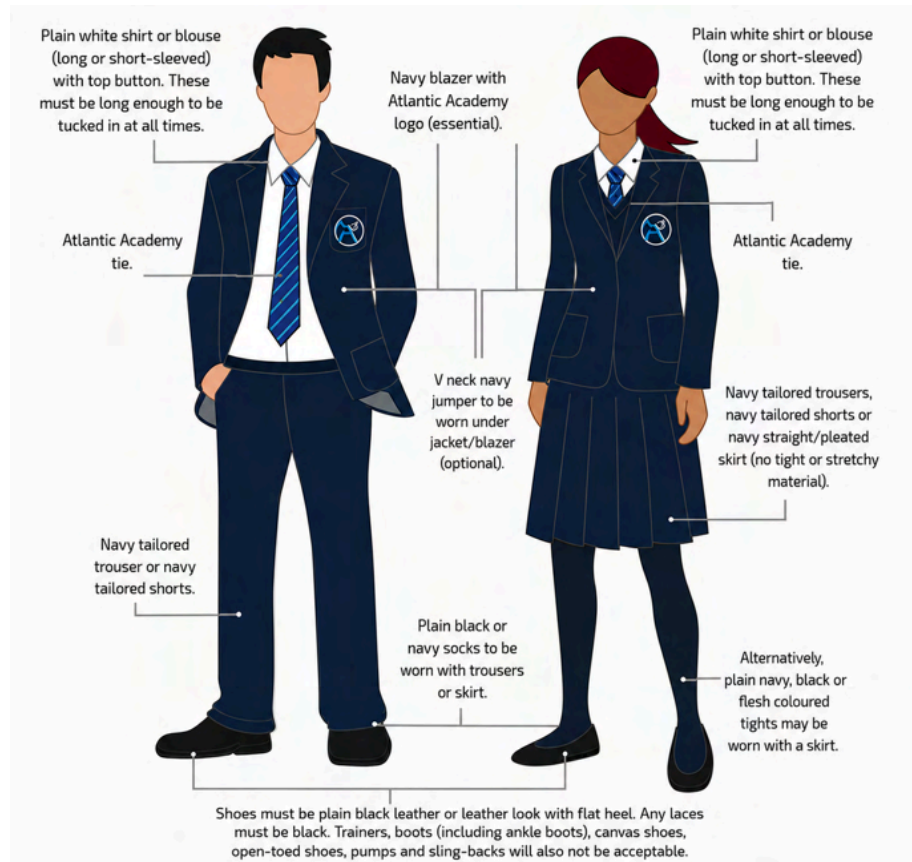
Located at the bottom of the main stairs, **The Bus Stop** is a purpose-built space designed to eliminate transition anxiety between lessons or during breaks:

1. **Calm Space:** Students experiencing sensory overload or high anxiety take a brief, dignity-preserving pause.
2. **Co-Regulation:** Pastoral staff apply restorative techniques to help students regulate their emotions.
3. **Supported Drop-off:** Staff escort the student back to their classroom with a "ticket to learn," ensuring a smooth, welcoming re-engagement into mainstream lessons.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Atlantic Academy, we take great pride in our smart appearance, which reflects our high standards and equality. All students are expected to wear full school uniform correctly at all times.



- **Navy Blazer:** Navy blazer with the essential Atlantic Academy logo.
- **White Shirt or Blouse:** Plain white shirt or blouse (long or short-sleeved) fastened to the top button. Shirts must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.
- **Academy Tie:** Official Atlantic Academy tie.
- **Trousers, Shorts, or Skirt:** Navy tailored trousers, navy tailored shorts, or navy straight/pleated skirt (no tight or stretchy materials permitted).
- **Jumper (Optional):** V-neck navy jumper to be worn under the jacket/blazer.

- **Socks & Tights:** Plain black or navy socks worn with trousers or skirts. Alternatively, plain navy, black, or flesh-coloured tights may be worn with a skirt.
- **Footwear:** Shoes must be plain black leather or leather-look with a flat heel. Laces must be black. *Note: Trainers, boots (including ankle boots), canvas shoes, open-toed shoes, pumps, and sling-backs are not acceptable.*

House System

Every member of the school community is assigned a house. We have recruited House Captains and Vice Captains who are there to support.

- Weekly meetings after assembly.
- Weekly House quizzes
- Lots of events throughout the year for you to get involved in at lunchtime, full day events and afterschool.
- Photography competition
- House connect 4 competition
- House rubik's cube competition
- House Free basket throw event
- Design the School Christmas card event
- House Creative arts Day
- Staff Christmas jumper competition
- Inter House Quiz
- Christmas Baked Creations event





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GCSE RESULTS 2026

**RISING HIGHER
EVERY YEAR!**

70%

of our students achieved
a grade 4 or above in
BOTH English and Maths
this year.

48%

two years ago



70%

this year



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GCSE RESULTS 2026

ENGLISH & MATHS

E&M 5+ : 61%

of our students achieved a grade 5 or above in both English and Maths

29%

two years ago



61%

this year

ACADEMY CURRICULUM & DEPARTMENTS

English

Locations: Rooms E1 (Mrs Kemp), E2 (Miss Atkinson), E3 (Mrs Brown)

Exciting, engaging, and enthralling: welcome to English at Atlantic Academy! The English village is painted yellow to represent the sands of our beautiful North Devon beaches and coastline.

- **KS3 Curriculum:** Origins of English, Julius Caesar, Freedom Poetry, Frankenstein, Romeo & Juliet, Oliver Twist, Romantic Poetry, Lord of the Flies, Animal Farm, The Crucible, and War Poetry.
- **KS4 Curriculum:** An Inspector Calls, Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, Power & Conflict Poetry, and Fiction/Non-Fiction writing skills.
- **Enrichment & Adventure:** Last year, Year 8 students took an exciting trip to London alongside Bideford College, visiting the Natural History Museum, touring Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, and seeing the musical *Hercules*.



Mathematics

Location: Maths Suite

Welcome to the Mathematics Department, where everybody counts! Atlantic Academy prides itself on supporting learners of all abilities to achieve their absolute best.

- **Bespoke Curriculum:** We follow the Sparx Maths curriculum, utilizing Sparx online platform for weekly targeted homework, assessment revision, and fix-up tasks.
- **Progress & Tiers:** We run Foundation and Higher tier groups at GCSE with continuous movement supported in KS3 to ensure every student is placed in the best group for their growth.
- **Exam Success:** Following the EdExcel examination board, our results show consistent year-on-year improvements at grades 4+, 5+, and 7+.



Science

Location: Science Laboratories

This evening, step inside our modern science laboratories to experience the joys of active discovery!

- **Hands-On Experiments:** Create colourful fizzy potions, test flame colours with different metals, create moving dyes, and use microscopes to explore cellular structures.
- **Curriculum Integration:** Delivered across Biology, Chemistry, and Physics modules, our curriculum demonstrates how science explains the world around us.



History & Religious Education

Location: Humanities Classrooms

History: Journey into the past! Our history curriculum enables students to explore societies and events that shaped the modern world.

- **KS3 Topics:** Anglo-Saxons, Crusades, Black Death, Reformation, Tudors & Stuarts, Witchcraft, British Empire, Industrial Revolution, Suffragism, WWI, WWII, the Holocaust, and the Vietnam War.
- **KS4 GCSE (AQA):** Health & the People (c1000–present), Elizabethan England, Conflict & Tension (1918–1939), and USA: Opportunity & Inequality (1920–1973).



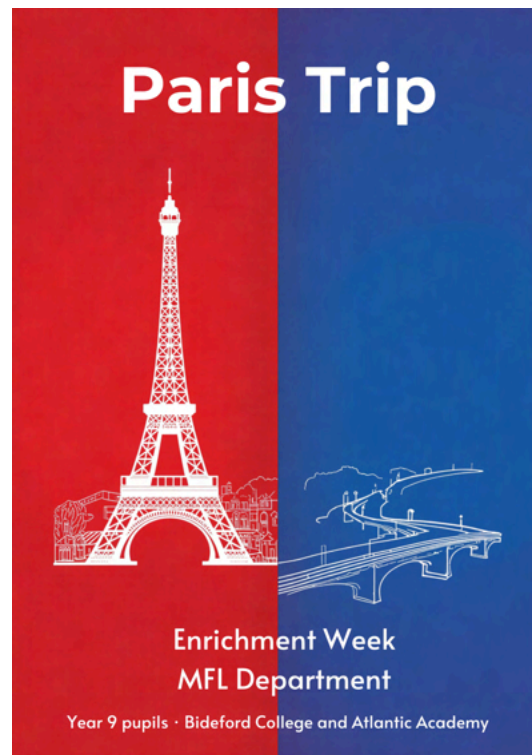
Religious Education (RE): Explore diverse worldviews, ethics, and contemporary issues including Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism, Christianity, Humanism, Peace & Conflict, and Social Justice.

Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish)

Location: MFL Room

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español! Learning Spanish unlocks major career, travel, and cognitive advantages, enabling communication with over 600 million people worldwide.

- **Interactive Activities:** Test your Spanish counting speed, try color-by-numbers, or match up Mr. Men characters. Correct answers will be entered into a prize draw!



Performing Arts (Music & Drama)

Location: Theatre & Music Suite

Head of Department: Keri-Anne Pentecost (BA Hons Music Jazz, PGCE Secondary Music)

A welcoming, creative space designed to build confidence, practical performance skills, and self-expression.

- **KS3 (1 hr/week):** Music covers keyboards, ukuleles, percussion, singing, composition, and our *VEGA* music competition. Drama covers devising, physical theatre, internet safety (*Cookies*), and production pitching (*Shark Tank*).
- **KS4 (Eduqas Performing Arts):** A practical, vocational qualification covering three units: Create, Performance, and Performing Arts in Practice.
- **Extra-Curricular:** Weekly music groups, choir (who recently recorded a charity single for YoungMinds), school productions, and individual instrumental tuition (drums, keyboard, guitar, bass, and voice).

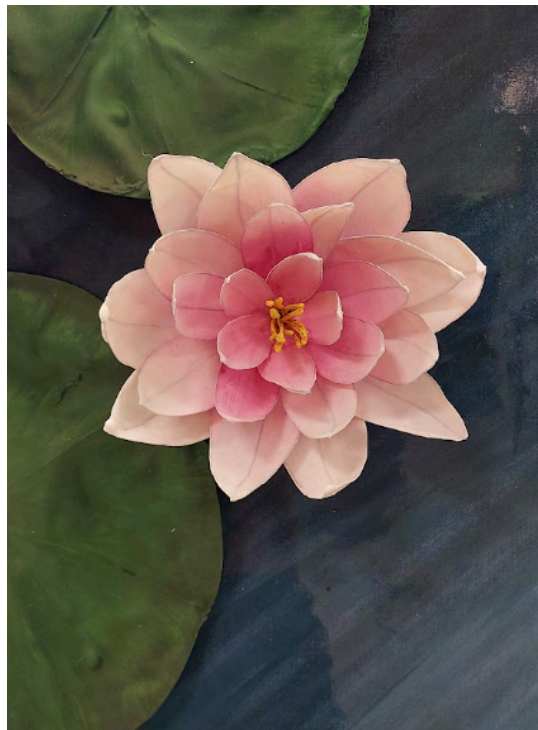


Visual Art

Location: Art Studio

In Art, students build core creative skills—such as observational drawing, painting, and printmaking—while exploring key periods of art history.

- **KS3:** Year 7 explores formal elements, composition, and the color wheel. Years 8 & 9 explore still life, portraiture, Cubism, and Protest Art.
- **KS4 GCSE Fine Art:** Develops student independence through portfolio projects and board-set exam assignments.



Design & Technology (DT)

Location: DT Workshops & Textiles Room

In KS3, students rotate termly through Textiles, Food Technology, and Product/Graphic Design.

- **Product & Graphic Design:**

Students learn about the iterative design process, workshop safety, and hand tools to manufacture items like wooden letters, clocks, and LED lamps.

- **Textiles Projects:** Year 7

(Plush Toys & basic sewing machine skills), Year 8

(Patchwork Pyjama

Pillowcases & Batik techniques), and Year 9 (Functional Tote Bags with reinforced handles).

- **Food Technology:** Covers practical culinary skills, nutrition, and kitchen safety.



Physical Education & BTEC Sport

Location: Sports Hall, Outdoor Courts & Playing Fields

In PE, our mission is to empower every learner to build lifelong fitness, master teamwork, and develop confidence through physical activity.

- **Facilities & Sports:** Sports hall, theatre, outdoor tarmac courts, playing field, and on-site cross-country route.
Activities include Football, Netball, Cricket, Rounders, Gymnastics, Dance, Circus Skills, and Ultimate Frisbee.
- **BTEC Tech Award in Sport (KS4):**
Vocational pathway covering Applied Anatomy & Physiology, Practical Sports Performance, Fitness Programming, and Sports Leadership. Assessed via 60% Coursework and 40% External Written Exam.







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Thank you for visiting Atlantic Academy tonight! We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

