



THE ACADEMY OF
ST NICHOLAS



PROSPECTUS



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Welcome

Welcome from the Head of School

At The Academy of St Nicholas we realise that every student is different and everybody has their own talents and interests. As an Academy our purpose is to ensure that all our students discover, reach their true potential and achieve their personal best.

We are proud of our Christian ethos, values and the care we provide for our students. Our driving aim together is to ensure young people succeed and develop their own personal pathways to success. With a strong focus on innovation and excellence we are committed to providing the right curriculum, the highest quality of teaching and the best learning support for every student.

The commitment of our sponsors allows us to offer a range of diverse and exciting opportunities. Our mission is that The Academy of St Nicholas will be the heartbeat of the local community providing an entrepreneurial gateway to a brighter future.

Our high expectations are supported by our determination to instil a sense of respect, tolerance and care for others. As a joint Catholic and Church of England Academy, Christian values underpin everything that we do. We are privileged to have the Diocese and the Archdiocese of Liverpool as sponsors, ensuring our students are confident, well rounded people who will be valued in both the work place and in the community.

As part of the All Saints Multi Academy Trust, we are proud to work in collaboration with a range of schools, universities and teaching school alliances in order to ensure students are equipped for higher level apprenticeships, university and employment. The Trust is dedicated to providing world class teaching and learning. The Trust is innovative, motivating, exciting, vibrant, supportive and dynamic, with a clear sense of moral purpose to equip students for the modern world.

It is our intention that The Academy of St Nicholas will become one of the leading Academies in the country. Working in partnership with our sponsors and other educational organisations will ensure that we remain at the cutting edge of learning and bring maximum benefits to all our current and future students.



Vision

Inspiring Excellence

Mission

Together we Aspire, Believe and Achieve guided by Christian Values

Values

Respect, Ambition, Resilience, Compassion

We are proud of our inspirational, exciting, vibrant and dynamic academy with state of the art facilities within an innovative and ever changing educational landscape. We would like to encourage you to come and see for yourself and offer you an open invitation to visit at your convenience.

Mr D Lancaster
Head of School

Mrs A Pontifex
Executive Headteacher

Curriculum Innovation

We are passionate about developing a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

The Academy of St Nicholas is a welcoming, calm and purposeful Academy where everyone feels valued, supported and challenged. Our Academy is a place where students' desire for learning and achievement is met by the passionate commitment of all the staff.

Our curriculum promise is to ensure our students receive a rich and personalised curriculum to meet their needs and develop their thirst for learning.

"I didn't know the BBC offered so many different Apprenticeships, it was fascinating to learn more about life as an Apprentice and to gain help applying to the BBC"

Year 12 student Clara

Futures Gateway programme

The curriculum is strengthened by our 'Futures Gateway career programme'. The aim of this unique programme is to inspire students and guide them into Further Education, Higher Level Apprenticeships or employment in order to fully achieve their ambitions, aspirations, hopes and dreams. We have invaluable partnerships with over 60 employers from the business sector and over 30 educational providers which extends the successful programme outside the Academy providing students with opportunities to work in local industry whilst still in School.

"My dreams have come true thanks to the scholars programme. My degree is now being sponsored by the law firm KWP"

Student Jess Perrin



Scholars programme

Students are supported through school by our scholars' programme which ensures that our most able students are mentored throughout their academy life and supported by a bespoke Oxbridge programme. This provides students from year 9 upwards the opportunity visit and study at Russell group universities including Oxford and Liverpool University. Prestigious scholars' events take place regularly providing students from all years with opportunities to access pathways to law, young medics programme and to meet highly successful visiting business professionals.

Key Stage 3

At Key Stage 3 all students study the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- Computing
- Art
- Design Technology
- Geography
- History
- Music & Theatre Studies
- Spanish or French

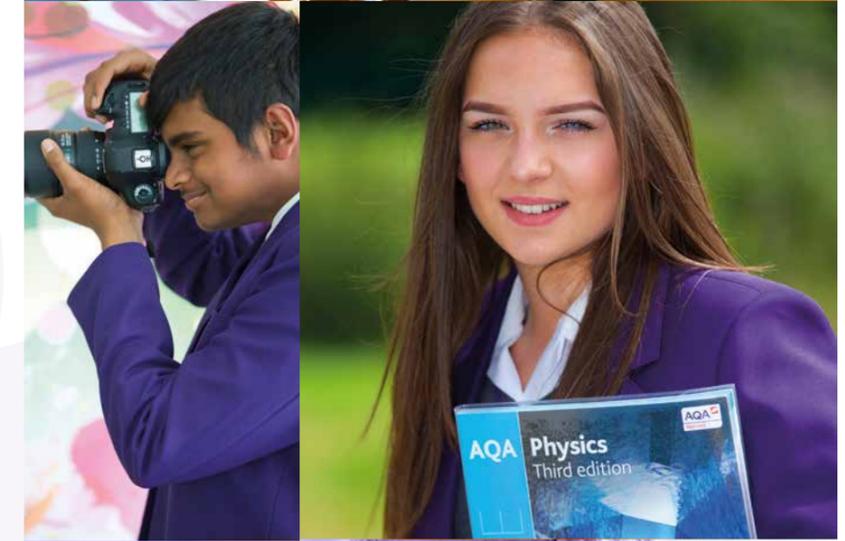
Key Stage 4

There are some subjects that all students must study. These are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- Computing/ Computer Science

Students will be able to choose 3 additional subjects from a wide variety of traditional and vocational subjects including:

- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Childcare
- Design Technology
- Engineering
- Food Technology
- French
- Geography
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Music
- Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Spanish
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education / Health & Fitness



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Curriculum Innovation

A distinctive learning environment

Our aim, as a family of learning, is to ensure students grow in self-esteem and learn to become articulate, mature and independent learners who appreciate the needs of others and understand the value of teamwork and partnership.

Our award winning, £26 million building is highly innovative, with state of the art facilities to support the strong academic and vocational curriculum offer.

It houses university-standard science labs, informal breakout areas, a 3D theatre for multimedia learning, a fully equipped gym, Apple mac suites, professional dance and drama studios and full size 3G AstroTurf. These coupled with strong community, education and business links significantly enhances the educational opportunities for students.

Our school is a truly modern learning environment and one that everyone at The Academy of St Nicholas is proud to be part of. Everything we do here has a meaning and a purpose. 21st century thinking and learning techniques give the young people of south Liverpool a relevant and practical education which will prepare them for successful future employment.

The 8.5 acre 'Learning Park' features a forest classroom and an outdoor storytelling zone for participatory educational activities, a faith trail, an apiary for the keeping of bees, an apothecary garden and a horticultural farm.

Students learn to collect the honey and harvest the crops they have grown to furnish them with practical science and biology experience as well as business and enterprise skills –Academy honey collected straight from the hives is sold directly to the public from the school site.



7 till 7 learning programme

The Academy offers a huge choice of Extra-curricular learning. This includes an annual ski trip to Italy and Krakow, plus countless weekend study and teambuilding trips to Colomeny and London. Sports teams, holiday clubs, STEM clubs plus a huge range of arts and performing arts after school experiences make The Academy of St Nicholas a hub for continuous learning. The Duke of Edinburgh award ensures bronze and silver as an additional qualification and the creation life skills for the future.

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The Academy Day

8:00am to 8:45am:
Breakfast and early morning learning activities

8:45am to 2:50pm:
Academy learning/ teaching periods

2:50pm to 4:30pm:
Late afternoon and early evening learning activities

Registration: 8:45am to 9:00am

Lesson 1: 9:00am to 10:00am

Lesson 2: 10:00am to 11:00am

Morning Break: 11:00am to 11:15am

Lesson 3: 11:15am to 12:15pm

Lesson 4: 12:15pm to 1:15pm

Lunch: 1:15pm to 1:50pm

Lesson 5: 1:50pm to 2:50pm

Extra-curricular activities: Lunchtimes, after school and weekends.

There may be occasions when the Academy day will be adjusted to accommodate special learning activities. All parents/carers will be informed of any changes well in advance.



“A wider range of activities is available for pupils to participate in, such as playing the guitar, numerous sporting activities, dance club, fitness and support for homework and revision.”

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All Saints Sixth Form College

A joint faith college for the community and cornerstone in post 16 provision

The all new All Saints Sixth Form College is collaboration between The Academy of St Nicholas and The Academy of St Francis of Assisi, as part of the All Saints Multi Academy Trust.

The dedicated Sixth Form College is an innovative hub for post-16 education, offering young people from all faiths high quality careers advice, UCAS guidance and pastoral support.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in the prestigious University Scholar's Programme (USP) with Trust bursaries available to high attaining students to support them through university. The dedicated Scholar's initiative will also support applications to Oxford and Cambridge, Russell Group Universities and higher level apprenticeship programmes.

The Sixth Form has celebrated record results at A Level. As well as beating the national average for A*grades, 50% of students achieved A*, A and B grades with 100% pass rate at BTEC. 100% of students were accepted at their preferred university with 28% of students securing places at prestigious Russell Group Universities.

"I came back to sixth form here because I got an A in my GCSE and I know I can get an A in my A level. This is because of the one to one support I get."

Year 13 student Liam

"The all new, innovative Sixth Form College will focus on quality post-16 education in a caring and nurturing environment"

Executive Headteacher, Mrs Anne Pontifex

At All Saints Sixth Form College we realise that every student is different. Everybody has their own talents and interests. As a College our purpose is to ensure that all our students discover, explore and reach their full potential.

Winners of a national careers award, we are committed to developing a strong community, supported by education and business links which will enable students to prosper in the competitive world of work and achieve their aspirations.

Each student will be valued as an individual. At All Saints we want all students to experience success academically and personally.

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If you would like to visit All Saints Sixth Form College please contact Jacqui Lawson on **0151 230 2570 ext:412** or enquiries@allsaintsixthformcollege.org.uk to arrange a visit.



CAREER ASPIRATION AWARD
WINNER

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Our Chaplaincy

Welcoming and tolerant of all cultures and communities

In support of the Academy's mission, The Academy of St Nicholas is committed to the development of confident, independent and responsible students who are emotionally and spiritually strong, welcoming and tolerant of all cultures and communities and committed to the stewardship of the environment.

Our full-time Chaplain, Reverend Andrew Colmer plays an active role in Academy life. He works closely with students and staff to offer pastoral support and guidance, as well as undertaking guest assemblies at local primary schools.

At The Academy of St Nicholas, our ethos is to enrich students' school life through the provision of engaging, creative and imaginative curriculum and a full range of extracurricular activities. We are passionate about developing well-rounded students who represent the core ethos of the Academy and have a love of learning that will last a lifetime.



Admissions

At The Academy of St Nicholas we work very hard to support the children in our partner primaries, making the move from Year 6 to Year 7 a happy and memorable experience.

We are a school for students of all faiths and none, with capacity for an intake of 180 students annually. The Academy follows the coordinated admission arrangements determined by Liverpool City Council.

In year admissions

If you are hoping to move your child from one secondary school to another within Liverpool please contact your child's existing school to instigate an in year transfer. If your child is new to the city and you'd like them to transfer from a school in another authority to a school in Liverpool, please apply online via the Liverpool City Council Website.





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