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**Welcome to our
Academy**



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Welcome

Dear families

It's a pleasure to welcome you to Co-op Academy Stoke-on-Trent.

We go into this new academic year on the back of an excellent 2022/2023: we had an incredibly positive Ofsted outcome and have just received a fantastic set of GCSE results for the outgoing Year 11.

As delighted as we are, we're determined that 2023/2024 will be an even more successful year. Everyone at the Academy recognises that we have the privilege of working with wonderful young people to help them realise their potential. Every year, we focus on how we can be even better for our young people.

As a Headteacher, I have a very simple and uncomplicated view of what makes an exceptional Academy: a rigorous academic education; a broad range of extracurricular opportunities; and high quality pastoral support. All of this is underpinned by a commitment to the highest standards. We believe that our high expectations of students will help them to reach new heights.

That's why we're a student focused, standards driven Academy

Yours faithfully,



Mr S. Richardson
Headteacher

Ways of Being



Vision:

Student Focused | Standards Driven

We will deliver an exceptional education to all children and commit to achieving the very best outcomes. We will do this by ensuring a laser sharp focus on standards, in all senses of the word. This is how we will demonstrate our unrelenting ambition for every young person. Our decision making will place children at the core, making sure we do the things today that will secure their futures. In turn, we will enhance the life chances of our young people, ensure that they have the best opportunities, and can realise their ambitions.

Ways of Being:

Succeed together

- Listen to each other
- Work together
- Appreciate contribution of others

Do what matters most

- Engage fully in lessons
- Be responsible for your own learning and behaviour
- Be independent and hard-working

Be yourself, always

- Never give up
- Be open to challenge
- Lead by example

Show you care

- Always produce your best work
- Be respectful of each other and your learning environment
- Help others to be great

“This is a school where staff work hard to help pupils become well-rounded young adults. Leaders set high expectations for what they want pupils to achieve and how they can broaden their horizons beyond the local area.”

Ofsted 2023

Our May 2023 Ofsted report reflects what we have always known: our students are hardworking, diligent young people, who care about their community.

It affirms that our students are taught by wonderful teachers with expert subject knowledge who care passionately about the life chances of the young people we are privileged to serve. In all of this, we are supported by a fantastic academy governing council and the wider Co-op Academies Trust.

Scan the QR code to read our 2023 Ofsted report



Alongside our Good Ofsted report, we achieve exceptional outcomes for our students.

We have been the highest performing non-selective school in Stoke-on-Trent in two of the last three years. In 2023, our Year 11 students achieved the highest number of Grade 9s in the Academy's history.



Academy Life

Electives

We are proud to offer an exciting variety of electives, helping our pupils to uncover their passions, expand their horizons and become well-rounded individuals.

Whether learning an instrument, taking part in a school performance, representing the school at sport, or something else entirely, we are confident every pupil will find an elective they love at our school.

Our electives programme enables our students to develop and deepen existing interests, or stoke their passion for something new. Each of our clubs supports the development of our key Co-op values.

With around fifty different electives available, there is plenty to choose from, and certainly something for everyone's interests. All students in KS3 participate in at least one activity each term.



Students from all year groups also have the choice of participating in a range of additional, optional activities throughout the school week.

Educational Visits

All students take part in three visits each year. Recent visits include Barcelona, Jamie's Farm, Oxford University, Manchester Museum and Aintree Racecourse.

Student Leadership

There are a range of ways in which students at the Academy can contribute to our community.

This is so that all students are able to participate fully as active citizens, take ownership over their education and experience at the Academy. Leadership roles include CYLs (Co-op Young Leaders), Student Council, Peer Mentors, Subject Mentors, Diversity Champions and many more.

Our Pastoral Care

All students have a Form Tutor, Year Manager and Head of Year who see them daily. In addition we have a dedicated pastoral hub; the iZone. Guidance received from the iZone ranges from mentoring, counselling, health, language support, academic catch-up interventions and behaviour support.

Facilities

We have first class facilities, including fully floodlit Astro Pitches, ICT suites and music practice rooms. We are currently undergoing a £7m expansion of the building to create a state-of-the-art learning environment.



A World Class Education

In 2023, we were awarded World Class status as a result of our a rigorous academic education, broad range of extracurricular opportunities and high quality pastoral support.





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