



# NORTH LIVERPOOL ACADEMY

Inspiring education for 11 - 19 year olds



**NLA Core Values**

**ACE - *Aspire* - *Community* - *Experience***



North Liverpool Academy sits at the heart of the local community and offers a first class education for all students (aged 11 – 19). It has close links with 15 key primary schools in North Liverpool but also accepts children outside this main catchment area.

Entrance at Year 7 and Year 12 (Sixth Form).

“

Pupils enjoy their learning and have positive relationships with one another and their teachers.

Ofsted Inspection, 2022

”

# CONTENTS

05	Welcome From The Principal
06	Why Study At North Liverpool Academy?
07	Smooth Transition To Your New School
09	Ethos and Care
10	Fantastic Facilities
12	Educational Pathways
13	NLA Scholars' Programme
14	Special Educational Needs
15	GCSE and BTEC Options - Key Stage 4
16	Sixth Form
18	Careers Advice
19	Enrichment
21	Happy Healthy Students
23	How To Apply





Emily Vernon - Principal

“

“North Liverpool Academy is a school that sits at the heart of the local community.”

Ofsted, May 2017

“Building on our legacy of an exciting curriculum offer and improving academic outcomes for our students, NLA is a popular and oversubscribed school that is rapidly becoming the first choice secondary school in Liverpool

Emily Vernon, Principal.

”

# NORTH LIVERPOOL ACADEMY



It is our task to prepare our young people for the exciting challenges and opportunities ahead.

## Welcome from the Principal

We live in exciting times – our great city of Liverpool is currently undergoing an amazing renaissance, with new jobs, investment and opportunities.

We are proud to tell you that North Liverpool Academy (NLA) is also undergoing its own renaissance. Our most recent Ofsted inspection has graded us as a 'good' school in all areas. Our exceptional academic results and reputation continue to confirm us as one of the fastest improving schools in Liverpool, with fantastic results in both GCSE and A levels this year. With a record 4 students gaining places to study at Cambridge University in recent years, a significant number of students gaining places in Oxford and Cambridge with several students every year going on to study Medicine in the top universities.

NLA lies at the heart of the local community. It is our task to prepare our young people for the exciting challenges and opportunities ahead. Our curriculum inspires a lifelong passion for learning and equips our students with the confidence and skills to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities on our doorstep and further afield.

Creating a caring school where students feel happy, safe and supported is one of our top priorities and strengths. Whatever their ability, each child is valued as an individual and encouraged to develop and achieve the very best they can. Our strong academic courses run alongside a wide range of enrichment activities and more vocational training. Everyone has a chance to shine.

We are fortunate to have superb facilities and hope our great surroundings and our talented teaching staff will inspire you to take your next steps with us and become a valued member of the NLA family.

**Mrs Emily Vernon, Principal.**

# WHY STUDY AT NORTH LIVERPOOL ACADEMY

Our Academy is at the heart of a vibrant community, delivering a first class education for all our students whatever their ability. Whether students are aiming for an Oxbridge university degree or an apprenticeship, we offer pathways to allow every child to fulfil their potential.

We are an outward facing school, working closely with our partner primary schools, local businesses and organisations. As the city's economy expands, we are ideally placed to link into these specialist growth industries and give our young citizens - our future workforce - the foundation skills they need to succeed.

The light, airy modern buildings provide a great place to study. Our fantastic facilities are some of the best in Merseyside, giving students an inspirational place to learn and develop.



We offer pathways  
to allow every  
child to fulfil their  
potential

“

Pupils and students experience a wide range of opportunities outside of lessons. These activities widen their horizons and deepen their understanding of the world.

Ofsted Inspection, 2022

”

# SMOOTH TRANSITION TO YOUR NEW SCHOOL

We know changing schools can be a daunting prospect, particularly when the school is much larger than you are used to.

At North Liverpool Academy we go out of our way to make the transition from primary school to secondary education as easy and as stress-free as possible.

Children from schools who have joined us in transition projects will probably already be familiar with our school and some of our staff. We regularly host activities, scholars programmes, special events and summer schools for younger students so you may already be part of the NLA extended family.

Once students have accepted a place at NLA, they are invited to an induction day in the summer term before their September start date. A welcome evening for parents is held around this time too so parents have plenty of time to prepare. Details about school uniform, sports equipment, transport and other useful background information is provided at this time.

Students are given lots of practical help and friendly advice to ensure the transition goes as smoothly as possible. After a few weeks, you'll wonder what all the fuss was about!

We regularly host  
activities and events  
for Year 5 and 6  
children





“

Pupils are friendly, welcoming and polite. They respect and celebrate differences between people. Pupils said they feel happy and safe.

Ofsted Inspection, 2022

”

# ETHOS AND CARE



North Liverpool Academy is a happy, caring and supportive place to study. We expect the highest standards of behaviour. All students are strongly encouraged to treat other students and staff with consideration and respect. There is a zero tolerance of bullying and bad behaviour.

Students train to be independent, confident learners, supported every step of the way by our expert specialist staff. We have an excellent pastoral team in place who are available to guide, support and encourage.

Every child belongs to a form group, with a Year leader who is a non-teaching member of staff, dedicated to the wellbeing of the students in their year group.

Our safe guarding policy puts the welfare of all children at the centre of everything we do. We encourage students to tell us when something is wrong and give them information to keep them safe.



“

Pupils appreciate the respectful relationships that they forge with staff. They said they feel valued as individuals and that they feel happy and safe

”

Ofsted Inspection, 2022



## FANTASTIC FACILITIES

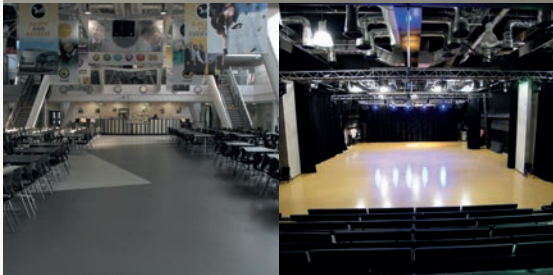
We are one of the best-equipped schools in Merseyside. Our space-age frontage sets the tone for the rest of the state-of-the-art buildings which provide an ideal environment for learning.

### FACILITIES INCLUDE

- 12 dedicated science labs
- Spacious art studios
- Music, radio, television and recording studios
- High tech technology rooms
- Theatre and dance studios
- Specialist engineering centre
- Motorcycle engineering workshop
- Library
- Dedicated Sixth Form area

### SUPERB SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES

- Three full-size football pitches
- Flood-lit astro-turf playing field
- Tennis courts
- Gym and fitness suite
- Indoor sports hall
- Multi use games areas
- Cricket Pitch

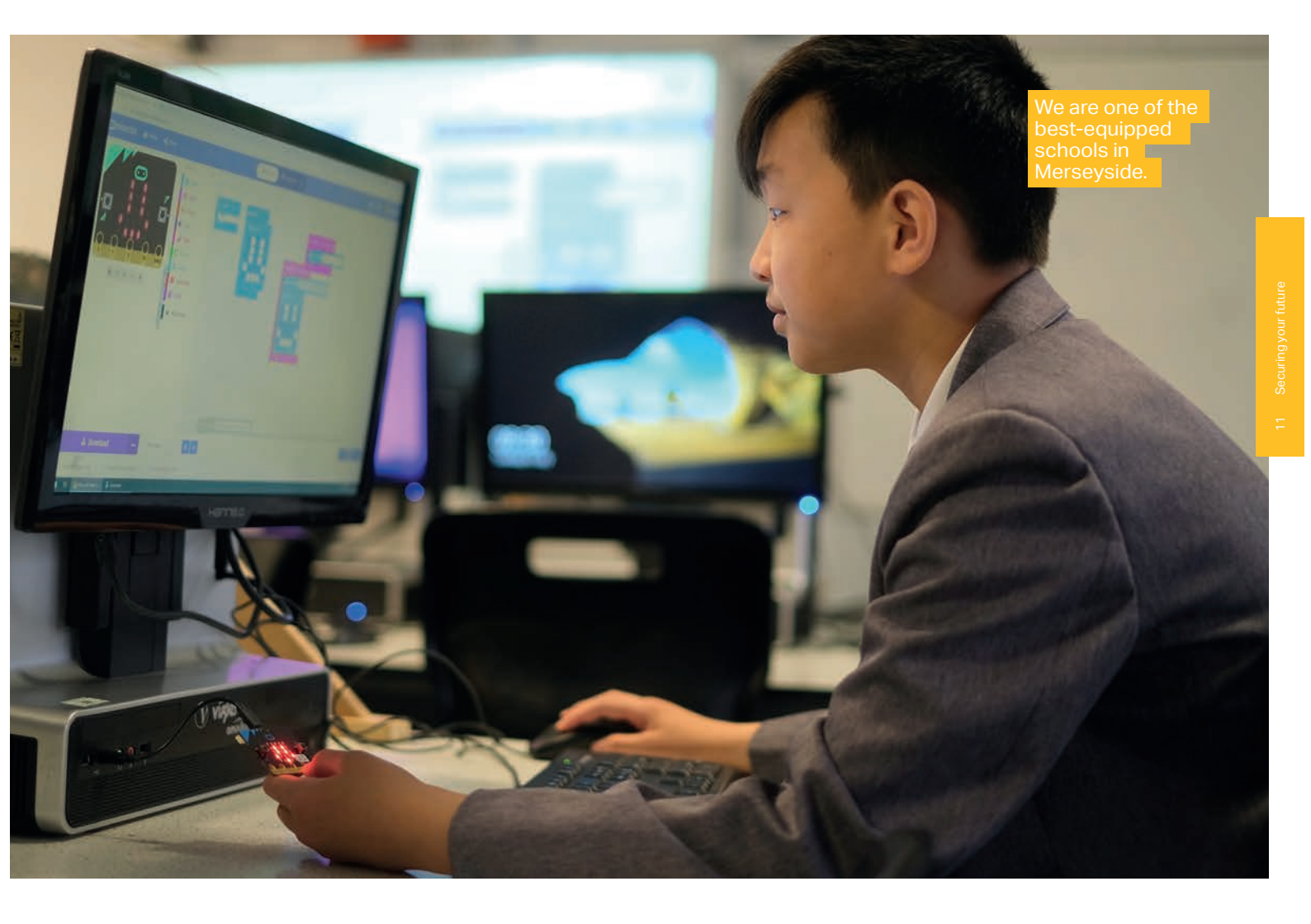


“

NLA creates a strong sense of being a true community school; staff and students work hard to create firm links with partner primaries and the excellent facilities provide even greater opportunities for enrichment.

Ann Charters, Deputy Head Teacher,  
The Beacon

”



We are one of the best-equipped schools in Merseyside.



## EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

We offer a broad, balanced and cohesive curriculum which meets the needs of all our students.

All children are challenged to make the most of their talents and abilities. Courses are designed to stretch the most able children, while those students needing extra tuition with core English and Maths skills get additional help where it's needed.

Home learning plays an important part of the learning process and every pupil is expected to complete assignments out of school hours. Regular assessments and feedback from teachers will help to guide the education journey, as well as access to high quality online resources packages.

All children are challenged to make the most of their talents and abilities.



“

All pupils follow the same ambitious curriculum. Pupils, including students in the sixth form study a wide range of courses.

Ofsted Inspection, 2022

”

## NLA SCHOLARS' PROGRAMME

The Scholars' programme at North Liverpool Academy, provides opportunities for stretching and challenging the most able in a variety of experiences in order to prepare them with the skills and confidence to succeed in the very best universities. In Year 7 students complete an application form to apply for the programme and 20 successful applicants will gain access to:

- An academic and professional mentoring programme
- Educational trips and visits aimed at increasing their cultural capital
- Preparations for entries to regional and national competitions in order to develop experience and confidence whilst meeting and competing with peers
- Professional mentors in events where they develop subject specific and non-subject specific oracy skills and confidence
- Research projects
- Access to extra GCSE courses such as Statistics, Further Mathematics, Latin and Classics



## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

At North Liverpool Academy, we go out of our way to give any pupil with special needs the opportunity to learn and achieve at their own pace.

For those with English as a second language, this could mean extra Literacy lessons to help students assimilate into main stream lessons quickly.

Additionally this could mean extra tuition in basic Maths and English Language skills to help these children to access the full curriculum.

“

Teachers also use assessment strategies adeptly. They spot and address pupils' misconceptions quickly and effectively, including pupils with SEND.

Ofsted Inspection, 2022

”

## GCSE AND BTEC OPTIONS KEY STAGE FOUR

Students start studying GCSE and BTEC courses in Year 10.

All students take the core examination subjects of English Language and Literature, Mathematics and Science.

All students are also required to take physical education.

### OPTIONAL GCSE SUBJECTS AVAILABLE:

- Art and Design
- Computing
- Music
- Psychology
- Geography
- History
- Economics
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Classical Civilisation

### VOCATIONAL COURSES ALSO AVAILABLE IN:

- Business Studies
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Engineering
- Sport
- Health and Social Care

All students take the core examination subjects of English Language, Mathematics, Science



## SIXTH FORM

North Liverpool Academy is proud of its thriving and well-resourced Sixth Form. We offer a wide range of courses, enrichment, work placements and volunteering opportunities.

Students wear a uniform designed by themselves and they play an important role within the leadership and organisation of the school.

Entry requirements are at least five 'good' passes at GCSE or equivalent.

A wide range of A Level, BTEC and Level 3 courses are available in a broad range of subjects including:

- Applied Science (BTEC)
- Medical Sciences (BTEC)
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Engineering (BTEC)
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Geography
- Health and Social Care (BTEC)

- History
- Hospitality
- Mathematics
- Media

- Performing Arts (BTEC)
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sports (BTEC)
- Travel and Tourism

“

Teachers in the sixth form have strong subject expertise.

Ofsted Inspection, 2022

”



“

Our sixth form provides pathways which include excellent teaching, experience learning and professional partnerships, prepare students for elite universities and degree level apprenticeships.

Emily Vernon, Principal

”



## CAREERS ADVICE

### PREPARATION FOR NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION AND BEYOND

Although choosing a career path may seem a long way from Year 7, school days fly by surprisingly quickly and choosing your subject options for GCSE usually takes place in Year 9. Whatever your ambition, we can help you select the right pathway to make this happen.

In the Liverpool City Region, we have a number of economic growth sectors and those well placed to get the best jobs are those students who have laid the right foundations for their chosen field.

The creative industries, sport, financial and professional services, science, healthcare, tourism and advanced manufacturing all offer strong job prospects for the future.

Our excellent careers service can help you choose the pathway best suited to your interests and talents.

Our excellent careers service can help you choose the pathway best suited to your interests and talents

“

Pupils, and students in the sixth form, benefit from a well-designed careers programme. This helps to raise pupils' ambitions and improves their employability.

Ofsted Inspection, 2022

”

# ENRICHMENT

Activities outside the classroom play a vital role in providing a well-balanced education. At North Liverpool Academy, we offer a huge range of opportunities for students to explore their talents and skills.

Trips, expeditions, lectures, seminars and workshops help to enhance life skills and learning experiences. Every year we organise volunteering opportunities, theatre visits and educational visits abroad to exciting destinations such as Paris, Barcelona and Skiing in the French Alps. Each year dozens of students successfully complete the Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver awards.

Sport and performing arts both provide opportunities to be part of a team experience on stage or playing competitively against other schools.

Leadership and entrepreneurship is actively encouraged with the help of a number of ground breaking projects and activities with our business partners.

Fencing, chess, classics, rowing and sports leadership awards, are just a few of the activities that are on offer.

Trips, expeditions, lectures, seminars and workshops help to enhance life skills and learning experiences





“

Trustees and leaders have a clear focus on pupils' readiness for life beyond academy curriculum. There is a carefully considered programme in place to ensure that all pupils can develop their personal skills.

Ofsted Inspection, 2022

”

## HAPPY HEALTHY STUDENTS



Pupils show positive attitudes towards their learning and enjoy their learning.

Ofsted Inspection, 2022



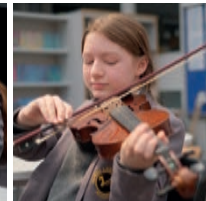
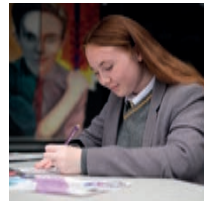
Ofsted Inspection, 2022

Looking after our students and making sure they are healthy and happy is one of our top priorities.

Providing the right brain food is critically important for nourishing academic success. The North Liverpool Academy provides a first class cafeteria service for students, offering a wide choice of delicious meals and snacks.

In recognition of the care we take, we are delighted to have been awarded our ninth Healthy Schools Award. This recognises not only healthy eating but also emotional well-being and social, health, physical and personal education.

Getting involved with our local community is also an important part of who we are. Many of our 15-17 year olds take part in the National Citizen Service (NCS), a three year programme which brings together schools, community organisations, business and individuals to create a stronger society. We are very proud their amazing work has resulted in the school gaining NCS Championship Status.



Innovation and creativity are key aspects of this pathway





## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a place at North Liverpool Academy, you will need to complete a local authority preference form with your top 5 school preferences.

<http://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

You will also need to complete an additional information form on our website, <https://www.northliverpoolacademy.co.uk/admissions>

if you don't have access to the internet, it's not a problem. We can help you with your application. Please phone us on 0151 260 4044 and we will arrange an appointment for you to visit school to complete an application.

“

Our pupils really enjoyed the students from NLA coming over to do book group. Our children loved the book choices and were provided with stories that they wouldn't usually read themselves therefore extending their reading range.

Ann Charters, Deputy Head Teacher,  
The Beacon

”



## **NORTH LIVERPOOL ACADEMY**

### **North Liverpool Academy**

120 Heyworth Street  
Liverpool, L5 0SQ  
Tel 0151 260 4044  
Email: [admissions@northliverpoolacademy.co.uk](mailto:admissions@northliverpoolacademy.co.uk)

North Liverpool Academy is a member  
of the Northern Schools Trust