



ACADEMY TRANSFORMATION TRUST

Bristnall Hall Academy is part of the Academy Transformation Trust Family of Academies.

Our cross – phase group of academies was founded in 2011, and since that time has grown to our current family which operates across a wide range of local authority areas including Sandwell.

Our mission is to transform lives by putting education first.

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Transforming Lives of Our Learners

We seek to ensure that all our learners receive a high quality education from expert staff and aspire to achieve the best they possibly can, no matter their background or ability. Our learners have safe, supportive learning environments in which they develop, grow, and challenge themselves. We are determined that our learners will receive the very best enrichment and opportunities to help them reach their full potential and ensure they are prepared for the future, wherever it might take them.



Welcome to Bristnall Hall Academy

DEAR FAMILIES,

I am delighted to welcome you to our amazing academy. We believe that everyone has the potential to achieve and succeed, and this cements our commitment to ensuring your child is supported and nurtured throughout their journey in secondary school education.

Our academy offers a close knit community where children are safe, secure and supported to achieve the best outcomes possible. Our dedicated team of staff are friendly and professional, and thoroughly committed to the education and welfare of your child. Enhancements in the provision and use of modern technologies, along with facilities that are continually improving, allow us to further transform the learning of our young people.

Every member of the academy community is expected to treat others with a high level of respect. In order for our students to achieve their full potential, we have high expectations in terms of attendance, punctuality, uniform, behaviour and outcomes. Sustained improvements including our recent 'Outstanding' from Ofsted; consistent high performance at GCSE, coupled with awards bestowed on our academy and young people, highlight our students' successes.

As we embark on this journey together, I look forward with great anticipation to working closely with you and ultimately, delivering an outstanding quality of education we will all be proud of.

Miss Louisa Pritchard, Principal

Exceptional Outcomes

Staff at Bristnall Hall Academy are firm believers that excellent teaching is the foundation of excellent student progress. As such, we have a dedicated team of Lead Practitioners, teachers recognised as having excellent professional knowledge, who continue to be instrumental in improving outcomes for young people at the academy.

Bristnall Hall Academy is accredited as an SSAT Lead Practitioner Learning Centre. Becoming a Lead Practitioner Learning Centre positions our academy as a centre of excellence for the training and support of colleagues from schools who wish to further enhance their professional knowledge and impact in the classroom.

Staff at our academy prioritise high standards of education and we are proud of the first class learning experiences students receive. Moreover, we take pride in the vast programmes of continued professional development opportunities we offer our staff to ensure that everyone is highly trained in securing great outcomes for all our young people.

The success of our professional development programme for our staff has also been internationally recognised and we are delighted to have been awarded the prestigious Excellence Mark Award for the training development of staff, students, parents and governors at our academy. Furthermore, we have also been accredited by SSAT, the largest and longest-standing network of secondary schools in England, for transforming practice in the learning climate we provide for our young people and the variety of teaching approaches we employ. Bristnall Hall Academy has met the highest standards for the Framework for Exceptional Framework.

We are firm believers that, as leaders of learning, we also have a moral obligation to share best practice with other schools. As such, we work very closely with other academies within our Trust. This ensures that all of our staff receive, as well as deliver, excellent training. The additional support from colleagues within our family of academies further enhances our professional knowledge. Consequently, this leads to greater impact in the classroom on our students' learning, progress and overall outcomes.



Achievement for all



We strive for outstanding achievement with all our students. Through quality teaching we ensure that all our young people, regardless of their needs and abilities, receive the best possible educational experience that is right for them. From the moment students join us in Year 7 until they leave in Year 11, they will be supported to work towards ambitious personal and academic targets. This continual focus on supporting students to achieve has ensured that year after year we witness excellent student outcomes for all our young people.

Our successes locally within Sandwell are well known and Bristnall Hall Academy has also been recognised nationally for its excellent results in recent years, based on data from the Department of Education and Ofsted. Furthermore, our outstanding Year 11 GCSE outcomes makes us the first choice for families in our community when choosing a secondary school for their children.

We have some of the highest entry rates for the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) in Sandwell. The Department for Education recommend students study the EBacc which is not an individual qualification but a combination of GCSE subjects (including a modern foreign language) that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people. Our students' achievement across these subjects at GCSE provides them with the broad knowledge that all employers are looking for.

Due to the high standards and relentless focus on the quality of teaching and learning, coupled with exceptional care for our young people, Bristnall Hall Academy is an excellent place to learn and develop in.





Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to cater to the needs of all our students to flourish in whatever career pathway they choose to follow.

At both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4, our curriculum is one in which we have carefully considered the sequencing and cross-curricular links to support your child in making exceptional progress. The nature of our broad and balanced curriculum means that students can explore a wide range of subjects, whilst developing key knowledge and skills that they will need in their future lives. We endeavour to provide a curriculum which encompasses aspects which are: aesthetic and creative, human and social, linguistic and literary, moral, physical, scientific and technological.

All students have the same entitlement to the full range of the school curriculum and we are committed to making this accessible to all our students, whatever age or ability. Support and extra provision are available for the most able students. For high potential students, this includes providing greater challenges in their learning and providing opportunities to demonstrate and develop their abilities. Bristnall Hall Academy provides additional activities beyond the everyday timetable, such as participating in educational visits to more general opportunities like visiting universities to discover more about higher education life.

Bristnall Hall Academy provides excellent focus provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Students with Special Educational Needs are fully included in all aspects of academy life and all are encouraged to maximise their potential, both academically and socially. We also run a successful Learning Support Unit which has transformed the delivery of education to any students who have specific challenges and barriers to overcome.

Independent learning skills are developed in order ensure students are equipped for future challenges of university and the work place. To accompany this, we encourage employability skills and attributes to ensure all students are fully prepared for the world of work.

Our amazing team of staff are available before and after the academy day to further support our students with their studies.

Student Leadership Team

“Bristnall Hall Academy is where students are inspired and focus on achieving their highest potential. Because of the support given by the academy, students can flourish. Bristnall Hall is not only where students achieve highly academically but where students are ready for the future ahead. Our academy has a very good reputation in the local community as a place where young people are safe and looked after. Our GCSE outcomes are excellent; students leave the academy with results they are proud of. This is primarily due to the continuous support the academy provides us with. Students enjoy learning here as we are given exciting opportunities that simply can't be missed. Teachers are extremely knowledgeable and show a great passion for the subject they teach, they go out of their way to make sure that their students are achieving exceptionally whilst enjoying their lessons. Our school is not only brilliant academically, but it also promotes a safe environment where young people not only feel secure but mature too. New students and staff alike will feel instantly welcomed here as we are not just a school, but a community. Settling into the academy is easy with a plethora of extra-curricular activities, helping students to make friends from around the school and take a break from their studies.

As members of the Student Leadership Team we would happily recommend the academy to anyone “looking at” secondary education for their child. Students are very happy at Bristnall Hall and leave every day with a smile on their face. We are proud to be involved with decision making to ensure our peers have the best opportunities available for them in order to be successful. ”





Enrichment

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Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities which are a vital ingredient in their development. The voluntary giving of free time by both staff and students produces a friendly atmosphere of mutual respect. These valuable activities are available to all students and the only qualifications needed are enthusiasm and a willingness to contribute regularly. In addition

to this, there is a varied menu of enrichment activities on offer to all students throughout the academy week. These include a range of sport activities, debating, catering club, the Duke of Edinburgh award and the Police Cadets. All students are encouraged to develop their interests and participate in the wide range of extra-curricular activities available.

Exceptional care within a “Family Academy”

The way in which we nurture and care for our young people is intrinsic to their success. Highly effective systems support achievement, self-belief and inspiration.

We're incredibly proud to have secured the Health and Wellbeing charter mark in recognition of outstanding care. At Bristnall Hall Academy we have a unique welfare system led by a team of highly skilled Achievement Coordinators, each responsible for a year group and are specialists in pastoral care. Priority is focused around support, care and ensuring our young people have a platform to learn and succeed.

Students are supported with personal challenges by the welfare team, teaching and support staff and professional partners where necessary. Our young people are assured and confident on the knowledge that well managed problems will not stand in the way of their future success and wherever possible learning is never compromised. Professional partners have a place within our academy and students soon become familiar with them. We continue to develop a range of support services for students, parents, carers and staff to access and engage with during difficult times.

Bristnall Hall Academy offers an environment where students feel warmly supported and valued. Personal strengths are developed by praise and encouragement, not pressure. We pride ourselves on positive parental engagement and parents and carers are included in all aspects of their child's education and welfare. We promote an ethos of kindness and humility where young people are encouraged to support each other and contribute to a safe and happy environment.



Mental Health and Well-Being

In the current climate of mental health awareness and the need for more resources, we're proud to share our mental health and well-being initiative.

Identifying and supporting young people with mental health issues, promoting emotional health and well-being is a priority. There are many staff at Bristnall Hall Academy who are trained Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions, holding the necessary formal qualification to be on hand to support the well-being, confidence and resilience for anyone experiencing any challenges. Students are aware of where to access help and support with emotional well-being and we extend our care to parents and families by being able to signpost them to a number of services in challenging times.

Parent Voice

Here at Bristnall Hall Academy, we believe that a strong partnership between parents, carers and our staff is paramount to the success of you child and all stakeholders. We actively promote the involvement of parents and carers in all aspects of academy life in order to raise aspirations, promote ambition and applaud success of young people at all levels. With this in mind we use an intelligent behaviour management system call Class Charts. Through Class Charts, staff award positive behaviour points for excellent behaviours seen in lessons and across the academy. These points build up for students whilst at the academy and can result in further rewards and recognition when they meet different award and thresholds. As well as an online system, Class Charts is also available on IOS & Android apps for parents and carers, providing a fantastic mechanism for parental engagement. You can easily stay informed of your child's positive behaviour rewards as well as attendance. In today's busy world we want to utilise technology where we can to provide you with real time updates on your child's progress – Class Charts allows us to do this.

Research shows increased parental engagement has a big influence on children's attainment and we want to continue this with all students at the academy. When your child begins at Bristnall Hall in Year 7, parents and carers are issued with a unique Class Charts code. This will allow you to set up an account via the app or online and start viewing your child's achievements.

We also use Parent Mail as our effective way of communicating with parents. This service, along with Class Charts, helps to ensure that essential communication between all key stakeholders is as effective as can be.

Careers

Inspiring all students is key to promoting positive attitudes to learning and success and we believe our careers programme stimulates ambition and confidence across both key stages.

All students at Bristnall Hall Academy have the opportunity to engage in work related learning experiences. University visits, apprenticeship information events and links with post-sixteen providers will be available to support the decision making process for our young people.

Our careers team work closely with Black Country Consortium and Connexions to ensure our young people have access to an outstanding careers programme. We are fully committed to Gatsby Career Benchmarks, thus enabling us to provide world class career guidance for our students.





Support

At Bristnall Hall Academy, we pride ourselves on supporting our students, staff, families and wider community every step of the way. Whether that be through academic intervention; access to third party professionals or assistance with post –16 next steps, ensuring that all stakeholders receive the support

they need and deserve is paramount. Through regular staff training, we are able to consider the needs of all our students and ensure that intervention and wider support is always delivered in a timely manner.

We are an approachable and friendly team and will always be strive to support our young people and their families with the care, services and resources required.

Community

Bristnall Hall Academy has an “open door” policy and welcome collaboration with our community, including local and national employers. We are proud of our strong partnerships which we have forged within our community and always look forward to building on these further.

We are proactive in choosing our partners to provide our students with high-quality services. Whether it is our determination to keep our community free from litter, charity work, providing festive cheer or delivering hampers for those in need, Bristnall Hall Academy is passionate about our ongoing charitable and community work. All staff and students remain committed to all such worthy causes and we take great pride in serving as ambassadors for our amazing local community.





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