



Stockport Academy

The best in everyone™

A member of United Learning Trust

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Academy**

Prospectus 2011-12



Welcome to Stockport Academy



The United Learning Trust's vision is to inspire and ensure the development of 'the best in everyone' with individual students aspiring to goals never before within their reach. With high expectations, education can transform the lives of students and through them strengthen the wider community.

The outstanding building and facilities at Stockport Academy and the enthusiastic and professional support of all staff, working with this academy's mantra 'no limits, no excuses,' provide excellent opportunities for parents, teachers and the local community to come together to enable the young to acquire the skills, knowledge and understanding which will lead to them fulfilling their dreams.

May the opportunities be seized and the vision fulfilled.

Edward Gould

Chairman, United Learning Trust



Broadening Horizons

'They can because they think they can' Virgil – Roman epic poet (70BC - 19BC)



Thank you for taking time to find out more about Stockport Academy.

Stockport Academy is committed to providing an education that enables all our students to achieve their personal best. We are passionate about instilling in our students the confidence they need to be successful in all that they do.

We are sponsored by the United Learning Trust (ULT), a leading education charity and the largest single sponsor of academies in the UK. As a ULT academy we share the common objective of bringing out 'the best in everyone'.

ULT recognises the importance of choosing the right school for your child – a school where they will be happy, have the ambition to broaden their horizons and make the academic progress of which they are capable.

We made huge strides last year on our journey to becoming an outstanding school. 70% of our students gained five good GCSEs (A* - C) with 51% of our students gaining five good GCSEs (A* - C) including English and maths. We also had our first entrant to Trinity Hall, Cambridge University – an example of the high aspirations we have for our students.

At Stockport Academy, in our beautiful building with excellent facilities, we are focused on creating a learning environment that inspires students each day to take those extra 'learning steps' that will equip them with the skills to become lifelong learners and valuable members of their local, national and global communities.

This prospectus can only give a glimpse into all that Stockport Academy has to offer. I strongly recommend that you come and see for yourselves the academy in action at one of our Open Days or alternatively contact our office to arrange a time to come in and see us.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Ben Dunne
Interim Principal, Stockport Academy



Admissions to Stockport Academy

Stockport Academy serves the Cheadle Heath, Edgeley, Adswold, Bridge Hall and Cale Green areas of Stockport in state-of-the-art buildings on Heathbank Road, Cheadle Heath, Stockport.

Stockport Academy is free of charge and open to students of all abilities and backgrounds and all faiths and none, with 900 places available to students aged 11-16 years (limited to a maximum of 180 places in each school year group). There are also 250 places available in the Sixth Form (limited to 125 per year group).

The criteria for admission into Year 7 is as published in the current Stockport MBC Information for Parents and Carers Guide entitled "Applying for Secondary School".

The full admissions policy can be viewed on the academy website:
www.stockport-academy.com.

*an environment where every child is
nurtured to achieve high standards*

Why choose Stockport Academy?

Stockport Academy offers an innovative and exciting curriculum, cutting-edge facilities and an environment where every student is nurtured and supported to achieve high standards through stimulating teaching and learning experiences.

We provide your child with:

- a full range of courses to suit all levels of ability, including fast track for the most able
- a commitment to a high standard of discipline that ensures the classroom focus remains on high-quality teaching and learning
- student monitoring and tracking programmes which ensure progress is closely observed
- a state-of-the-art building with spectacular facilities
- a range of extracurricular activities including sports clubs, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, study support groups and catch-up classes
- a Sixth Form which offers both academic and vocational courses
- the stability of being part of the United Learning Trust, an organisation with a long-term commitment to education in the UK.





The best in everyone

The mission statement at Stockport Academy is to bring out 'the best in everyone' – students, staff, parents and the wider community. We have an ethos based on the Christian values of respect, care, tolerance, discipline and hard work.

We offer an environment in which success of every kind is celebrated and no child gets overlooked. Each student has a personalised curriculum and receives one-to-one support to help them realise their full potential. We also have the freedom and flexibility to fast track certain students so they can take some or all of their GCSE exams a year early.

With a wide variety of extension and enrichment activities, students are encouraged to discover their own talents and develop their knowledge and skills. Our extensive programme of extracurricular activities includes a science and engineering club, drama and dance clubs, choral and music groups, a games club and countless sporting activities and teams.

one-to-one support for every student



An innovative and exciting curriculum

Stockport Academy strives for excellence across its curriculum. We teach a broad and balanced range of subjects including all the key areas of the National Curriculum. Students receive an all round education and are encouraged to pay particular attention to the core skills of English, mathematics, science and ICT.

All academies have a specialism. At Stockport Academy, this is science supported by a theme of business and enterprise. This specialism reflects the needs and interests of our students and the employment prospects in the area.

A full grounding in business and enterprise ensures that students are prepared for the working world. The science element of the specialism includes all the traditional areas of the subject as well as more vocational ones, such as health and social care and sports science.



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*A wide range of
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facilities*

Spectacular building



We moved into our spectacular new building in 2008. In addition to the classrooms you would expect to find in any school, the academy benefits from a wide range of state-of-the-art facilities.

These include:

- a large glass atrium providing a performance, social and activity space
- seven laboratories, utilising the very latest technology in support of the science specialism
- dedicated ICT suites for each subject area with interactive whiteboards and broadband access
- a performing arts suite, incorporating dance and drama
- a music suite including practice rooms and a recording studio
- a design technology suite with a large vocational training room
- an art studio
- a four court sports hall
- a floodlit all-weather pitch and multi-use games area for tennis, netball and basketball.



- 1 Arnold School
- 2 Ashford School
- 3 Bournemouth Collegiate School
- 4 Caterham School
- 5 Guildford High School
- 6 Hampshire Collegiate School
- 7 Hull Collegiate School
- 8 Lincoln Minster School
- 9 Rowan Preparatory School
- 10 Sunderland High School
- 11 Surbiton High School

ULT Academies

- 1 Accrington Academy
- 2 Barnsley Academy
- 3 Kettering Buccleuch Academy
- 4 Lambeth Academy
- 5 Manchester Academy
- 6 Midhurst Rother College
- 7 Northampton Academy
- 8 North Oxfordshire Academy
- 9 Paddington Academy
- 10 Salford City Academy
- 11 Sheffield Park Academy
- 12 Sheffield Springs Academy
- 13 Shoreham Academy
- 14 Stockport Academy
- 15 Swindon Academy
- 16 Walthamstow Academy
- 17 William Hulme's Grammar School

United Learning Trust

Stockport Academy is sponsored by the United Learning Trust (ULT).

ULT was established to create a family of academies that provide outstanding education. It was formed in 2002 as a subsidiary of the United Church Schools Trust (UCST) which has been running high quality independent schools in the UK for more than 125 years. ULT offers the stability of an organisation with a long-term commitment to education in this country and the experience to run successful schools.

ULT is the largest single sponsor of academies in the UK. Its academies are inclusive and welcoming schools, where students of all faiths, backgrounds and abilities are valued and respected.

As a member of the ULT family, Stockport Academy shares the objective of bringing out 'the best in everyone', enabling each pupil to become a balanced, happy and articulate person with the intellectual freedom to be creative; confidence to initiate; flexibility to respond to challenge, change and adversity; compassion to serve others; spirit to enjoy life; integrity to be trustworthy; and motivation to have a lifelong love of learning.



Management and support

Stockport Academy's Local Governing Body (LGB) supports the Principal in monitoring policies and operations such as admissions, behaviour and discipline, the academy budget, the curriculum and its delivery and maintaining the quality of the academy and its links with the community. It has special responsibility to monitor academic progress as it is maintained year by year.

The LGB is chaired by David Robinson who is the Managing Director of several major businesses in the UK. The Chair is supported by staff and parent representatives as well as governors appointed for their knowledge and experience, from local business and the wider community.

The Chair can be contacted as follows:

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