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**Stockport Academy**

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

“ My daughter has loved her first half term at the Academy. I have seen great progress in her achievement, attitude and confidence already. Thank you! ”

PARENT OF YEAR 7 STUDENT

“ Our children have benefited from the support of specialist teachers from Stockport Academy who have worked with them on exciting languages, dance and sport projects. This has helped to strengthen the links between our schools and aided transition for the children who move on to Stockport Academy. ”

SARAH JOHNSON, HEADTEACHER, ALEXANDRA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# An Academy that inspires, an education that delivers

Welcome to Stockport Academy, a caring and inclusive learning community, where students aged 11-18 believe in themselves, aspire to be the best they can be, respect each other and are given every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

As part of United Learning, we make it our mission to bring out 'the best in everyone'. It's a commitment borne out by our shared vision to provide a first-class learning environment that is tailored to both meet and challenge the individual needs and abilities of our students, staff and the wider community.

As a United Learning Academy, we seek to improve the life chances of all our young people. We aim to provide an

outstanding education through which all students are given the opportunity to develop the ambition, confidence, creativity, respect, enthusiasm and determination they need to succeed in life.

As a school, our own journey of continual improvement involves everyone in our learning community, from students and staff to parents, carers and governors, who constantly seek ways to raise standards through high quality teaching and learning.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our Open Evenings or joining us for a one-to-one tour at one of our frequent Open Door events.

Frank McCarron  
Principal, Stockport Academy

# an innovative and exciting learning journey

At Stockport Academy, we pride ourselves on making a difference to the lives and future success of our students. A strong emphasis on attainment, attendance, good behaviour and respect ensures that our students thrive in an atmosphere of inclusivity, honesty and co-operation.

For those students who choose to continue their learning journey with us, close links with our partner primary schools guarantee their smooth transition to Stockport Academy. Our excellent induction programme is designed to ensure that parents, carers and their children are fully prepared for the move to secondary school. With our support, students settle happily into

their new life, make new friends, and quickly begin to achieve and make positive progress. Parents and carers also welcome the commitment made by our Governing body to provide free school uniforms until 2015 for students entering Year 7.

To fulfil our mission to bring out 'the best in everyone', we value the contribution parents and carers make to the life of the school and their children's education. Student Progress Reports, annual Parents' Evenings and excellent communication links in the form of our state-of-the-art website, termly newsletters, tweets and texts, help to strengthen the bond between home and school.



“ We work hard to forge strong links with Stockport Academy, to equip our children with the skills, knowledge and confidence to continue their learning journey.”

CHRISTINE MEEKLEY, HEADTEACHER, CHEADLE HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

“ There is a welcoming atmosphere in the Academy. Students are polite and friendly and feel safe.”

OFSTED, MARCH 2013

“ Stockport Academy is a great school.”

YEAR 5 STUDENT, BRIDGE HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL



“A wide range of lunchtime, after-school, and out-of-school activities contributes well to students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.”

OFSTED, MARCH 2013

“What I love about this school are the extra-curricular activities. In addition, the staff are dedicated to ensuring students’ progress and are willing to try out new ideas put forward by the student council and form representatives.”

HEAD BOY/STUDENT COUNCIL

explore the unknown,  
discover your potential

At Key Stage 3, we aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that inspires, challenges and supports every student to make progress, to achieve and to feel proud of their success.

We want students to learn and to enjoy learning, to think and to ask questions. A strong emphasis on literacy, numeracy and cross-curricular links also broadens and deepens our students’ knowledge and understanding.

In addition, our extensive PE curriculum encompasses a variety of sports which encourage students to learn new skills and nurture their individual talents. Students also have the opportunity to study PE at GCSE and BTEC Sport and Dance at Level 2 and 3, as well as the Community Sport Leader Award and Junior Football Leader Award.

Beyond the classroom, students are given the opportunity to pursue their own interests and discover new talents. Our exciting enrichment programme boasts in excess of 70 extra-curricular activities which take place before, during and after school. Subject areas include Creative Writing, Guitar, Ceramics, Media, Chess, Maths, Cheerleading, STEM club, Music, the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme and numerous sporting clubs and teams.

Study support groups, catch-up classes, theatre trips and educational visits also help students to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence that employers, colleges and universities seek in today’s rapidly changing world.

# more opportunities, wider horizons

As an Academy our commitment to high quality teaching and learning continues to raise standards. Students are set challenging but realistic targets as they move through each Key Stage, allowing us to effectively monitor and track their individual progress. Additional support is given to those who need it. The result is that with the support of our expert and enthusiastic staff, our examination results and student achievement continue to improve year on year.

At Key Stage 4, in preparation for entry into our Sixth Form, students are required to study the core skills of English, Mathematics, Science and Physical Education (non-examination subject). Option subjects include a wide range of both academic and vocational

pathways supporting students both into university and employment.

As well as an outstanding education, our state-of-the-art building provides an impressive environment for both students and members of the local community. Our spectacular facilities include light and airy classrooms, modern laboratories and workshops, dedicated ICT suites with wireless broadband internet access, purpose-built Art, Dance and Drama Studios, Sports halls, Music practice rooms, a recording studio and 300-seat amphitheatre. In addition, our expansive glass atrium provides an imposing performance, social and activity space, while outside the school boasts floodlit all-weather pitches and a multi-use games area.

“The wide-ranging curriculum at Stockport Academy has brought out the best in my son.”

PARENT OF YEAR 11 STUDENT



# go the distance, achieve your dreams

“Stockport Academy enabled me to get to my university of choice.”

HOLLY MURRAY, STUDENT OF NATURAL SCIENCES,  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

As students progress through our 11-18 Academy, our commitment to providing an education for life ensures that everyone can make informed choices about the next steps to university, further training or employment.

Our Sixth Form offers a dynamic learning environment, underpinned by a culture of high expectation. We offer a wide choice of A Level subjects ranging from Biology, Chemistry and Physics to Media, English Language and Mathematics. Students can also select vocational qualifications in subjects ranging from Creative IT, Dance, Engineering, Health and Social Care and Business Studies.

Our bespoke Sixth Form Centre with its spacious

common room and dedicated study area, gives students the freedom and responsibility to build on their achievements at GCSE. All students are allocated a personal tutor who provides both group and one-to-one support. We have a high success rate supporting students in gaining entry to their first choice university. These have included the universities of Cambridge, Durham, Leeds and York – all members of the Russell Group Universities.

Ultimately, we aim to equip our students with the knowledge, skills and qualifications they need to become lifelong learners and valuable members of both the local and global communities.

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“The level of one-to-one support has enabled me to develop and grow. As a result, I am now aiming for a career in medicine.”

SIXTH FORM STUDENT