

2025 PROSPECTUS

Welcome to Bedlington Academy

Bedlington Academy is rooted in the heart of the community – it always has been, and it always will be. Our heritage guides us, but it is our future that will define us as we look forward and push ourselves to go further and faster than ever before.

I am proud to lead a team of truly dedicated staff who are the lifeblood of this school. They have a genuine pride for Bedlington Academy and the community, and care greatly about your children's futures.

Ofsted agree that our approach is effective, awarding us a 'Good' rating all round in October 2022 and praising our "calm, purposeful and happy school." The inspection highlighted many areas where we excel, in particular our strong sense of community, culture of respect, broad and successful curriculum, and strong strategic vision from school leaders.

Choosing who should educate your child as they evolve into young adults is an important decision, and I am delighted that you are considering Bedlington Academy.

I warmly invite you to visit us at our open evening to see our achievements and experience the wonderful atmosphere in our school for yourself. Until then, the following pages are designed to give you a small insight into who we are and what we're about here at Bedlington Academy.

Joanna Jamp

Joanna Lamb Head of School





THE Bedlington JOURNEY

From the moment they join us in Year 7 tiny and timid, to leaving us taller and triumphant in Year 13, students at Bedlington Academy are on an exciting journey.

This journey sees students incrementally building on their successes with staff developing a deeper knowledge and understanding of what makes them tick year-on-year.

This personalised approach to learning can't be underestimated, especially as students move into sixth form, where the working relationships that have developed over the years give students a great head start for the demanding years ahead.

Personalisation and approachability count for a lot – and staff are proud that many students choose to complete their entire school journey with us.

And when the journey is over, students remain proud of their time at Bedlington Academy. We know this from the regular visits we receive from ex-students, keen to report on their lives beyond school and tell us about the enduring positive impact that our staff have had on their lives.



Our vision and values

Our vision is simple and shared by all schools in the North East Learning Trust – it is 'that every child experiences excellence every day.'

Our values are equally simple and inspired by the community of Bedlington - that everyone is respected and valued as an individual, and that all children's futures are seen as being of equal value so that everyone is given a chance to thrive.

Children come to Bedlington Academy to learn and ultimately leave with the qualifications that give them the best chance to access further study or rewarding careers. However, we pride ourselves on the work we do not just to educate children academically, but to educate them as young citizens. We work hard to instill traditional values and important life skills

across the whole school and start by ensuring that our school is a safe and caring environment where staff are approachable and where mutual respect dominates.

And it works. Ask students and they will tell you that Bedlington Academy is a loyal and close-knit community school where individuality is valued and where tolerance, acceptance and inclusiveness run deep. Children here support each other, and staff have a kinship with students that sees them invested in developing the whole child, not just for their own subject. It sounds like a cliché, but children here really are more than just a number.



CONFIGURED AND ARE PURSUED

Aspiration and achievement

At Bedlington Academy we aim high and we want everyone to know about it.

Our bottom line is that we expect all students to succeed. We don't expect them to succeed in the same way at the same things – that would be a very boring world indeed – but we do instill high aspirations and standards from day one and work tirelessly to ensure that confidence is built, talents are nurtured, and passions are pursued.

We encourage all students, regardless of their ability, to work hard and reach their full potential by providing a challenging curriculum that allows them to stretch themselves. The transition between in-school and home learning is seamless, as with

the use of Student POD, our entire curriculum is online and all students have access to our Office 365 platforms.

We recognise that targeted support and aspirational opportunities can help students fly high. Therefore, we focus on careers education from Year 7 onwards, with university and college visits, and work experience opportunities which are designed to enhance students' learning and boost their aspirations. In addition, in-school events enable students to get a head start in understanding the range the future choices available to them.

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Gettinginvolved

There's plenty on offer to enrich our students' experience of school once lessons are over.

Creative writing

Year 9 students participate in a Newcastle University project, working with real writers to produce poetry and artwork now displayed in regional galleries.

School trips

Students enjoy cultural trips to London, Europe, and beyond, with past visits to Zurich, Iceland, and Borneo. Our summer activity days feature adventurous sports and fun outings.

Sports

Sport is a key part of life at Bedlington Academy, with students' dedication earning regular trophies.

Community spirit

We actively support our local community, hosting events like the OAP Christmas dinner and Macmillan Coffee Morning, which are school highlights.

The Arts

Our annual shows unite the school, with students taking on roles from performers to stagehands. Our performing arts department collaborates with the National Theatre, offering students the chance to work with professional directors and perform at prestigious venues. Music tuition, orchestra, and choir activities are also available,

including performances at NELT concerts at The Glasshouse in Gateshead.

Building character

Students can join the student council or become prefects, gaining leadership and communication skills. Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award program offers a nationally recognized qualification through expeditions and community service. We also offer a variety of extracurricular clubs, including debating, drama, and sports, and have a Combined Cadet Force, one of only two in Northumberland.

"Pupils enjoy coming to school and enjoy the wide range of clubs that they can attend." Ofsted

WHY CHOOSE BEDLINGTON ACADEMY?



Year 13 student



Results

Students achieve consistently good GCSE and A level results and we are on a steady path of positive progress.



Modern facilities

Our purpose built school has fantastic specialist classrooms and sports facilities including a 3G pitch, state of the art gym and dance studio.



Care and support

Our staff go above and beyond to ensure that all children can reach their full potential. Our special educational needs team provides expert support and helps students with additional needs to achieve their full potential, and our school counsellor and school nurse ensure that students' mental and physical health needs are fully met.



Pursuing excellence

Staff at every level and role in school are committed to the pursuit of excellence. We work hard to deliver our vision that every child experiences excellence every day.



Part of a wider family

We are part of a multi-academy Trust giving us instant access to a huge network of support and expertise.

WHAT STUDENTS AND PARENTS THINK ABOUT BEDLINGTON ACADEMY

I don't think we could have picked a better school. The teaching, support and overall running of the school is extremely effective in creating a safe, enjoyable environment and both our children have thrived at Bedlington Academy." Year 10 parent

"We have always been immensely impressed as parents at the outstanding education and support the children receive."

Year 11 parent

'My husband and I recently travelled to Iceland, where a group of your school children were on the same flight. I would just like to express how so proud you must be of them. Their manners and behaviour both at the airport and on the plane were absolutely impeccable.

They were a credit to your school, well done!'

Mr & Mrs Dunn

Year 7 parent

"I have found each interaction with teachers, year managers and support staff at the school to be professional with a personal touch; from the comms on what's happening each week to the chats at parents evening - where I found each teacher I spoke to full of passion with a genuine interest in my son.

"I love this school and am happy I've attended it. The staff are lovely and caring which makes me feel very secure and cared for."

Year 12 student

"My son is really enjoying his time at school both academically and socially. This I put down to the culture that has been created."

Year 7 parent



Supported by the North East Learning Trust

Bedlington Academy is part of the North East Learning Trust (NELT), a successful family of schools across North East England.

NELT is widely regarded as providing some of the best education in the county, and indeed the country, with children making significant progress from their starting points, achieving impressive exam results, and going on to access a range of well-respected further and higher education opportunities.

NELT has grown to 13 schools with an impressive series of rapid school improvements under their belts.
Without exception, every school that has joined NELT as 'inadequate' or 'requiring improvement' as judged by Ofsted, has improved by two whole grades to become 'good' or 'outstanding' – this success is a testament to the unwavering dedication of a talented regional network of staff.

NELT is deeply committed to teacher development. It operates North East SCITT, a dedicated training arm for new teachers, ensuring the highest standards of teaching expertise are embedded from the start of new teachers' careers.

Additionally, as a National Teaching School Hub, NELT is one of 87 centres across England offering teachers high quality training and development throughout their careers.

NELT's founding school, The Academy at Shotton Hall, is also a National Research School, one of just 23 in England that up-skill teachers using cutting-edge research.

NELT is led by outstanding educators, including CEO Lesley Powell CBE, who actively contributes to regional and national educational development. It has also built up a wide network of specialist teachers and other experienced professionals to support schools on their paths to becoming outstanding.



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