



# Central Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

# Welcome to Central Academy!

Choosing a secondary school for your child is a really hard decision. All parents want their children to be happy, safe and successful in a school where they will be looked after both pastorally and academically.

Central Academy is a community where children are valued and encouraged to develop their unique gifts and talents whatever they may be. Our aim for all students is to become 'the best they can be' so that each student develops the knowledge and skills needed to do well not just in exams, but in the wider world. Our ethos is underpinned by the key values of United Learning:

- Ambition – to achieve the best for ourselves and others;
- Confidence – to have the courage of our convictions and to take risks in the right cause;
- Creativity – to imagine possibilities and make them real;
- Respect – for ourselves and others in all that we do;
- Enthusiasm – to seek opportunity, find what is good and pursue talents and interests;
- Determination – to overcome obstacles and reach success.

This means that our students work hard to be the best they can be, using their talents to serve and support others both in school and beyond.

What do we aspire to as a school? To be a happy school where children achieve!

If you would like to come and see us, please do call and make an appointment. Every day is open day at Central Academy.

Miss C Bacon  
Principal

A photograph of a young woman in a school uniform talking to a woman in a high-visibility jacket in a school hallway. The young woman is on the left, looking towards the woman on the right. The woman on the right is wearing a yellow high-visibility jacket and has a name tag. In the background, another person is visible near a glass door.

*"I love how all of the staff  
are so helpful and kind."*  
**Year 7 student**

# Students

*"Everyone is so friendly here,  
I've settled quite quickly."*  
Year 7 student

We know that happy students and staff are the ingredients to a successful school for all. For this reason, every decision we make at Central Academy is centred on what is best for our students and we work hard together to make sure that they are as successful as they can be, both in class and outside.

We are very proud of our students, who really understand that 'being the best they can be' means that they are encouraged to always do their best in everything they do, and that being challenged in their learning will help them to reach their goals. Looking after each other is at the core of what we do and our students rightly place great value on developing good relationships between each other and with staff. They take pride in the idea that they can serve others through either taking positions of responsibility at Central Academy or by working in a particular way with others less fortunate than themselves.



*"Pupils' personal development and welfare are good.  
They are well cared for."*

**Ofsted**



# Learning

*"The lessons are epic!"*  
Year 9 student

It's cool to learn at Central Academy!

We make sure that lessons are fun and active, but also challenge our students to think. We know it's important to make sure that students experience a wide and balanced curriculum to allow them to make informed choices about what they would like to do later on. Teachers work hard to ensure that every student makes excellent progress regardless of their starting point. This means that students of all abilities are challenged to learn and improve.

*"The curriculum supports pupils' personal and academic development"*

**Ofsted**

# Beyond the classroom

Education is not just restricted to a classroom! At Central Academy we recognise that young people need a breadth of experience in order to develop their talents. In all year groups there are opportunities to take part in sports, drama, music, the school show, as well as lots of other clubs. We also run foreign trips and excursions including: Paris trip, ski trip, Sage Gateshead and London trip.

*"Central Academy gives you many opportunities."*

**Year 11 student**





# Sixth Form

We have a flourishing Sixth Form and so many of our students decide to stay with us, as they know that we support them well and will help to ensure that they gain entry to the universities, apprenticeships and employment of their choice. Our partner school Richard Rose Morton is also part of the United Learning Group and many students join our Sixth Form from Morton. We work hard to ensure that new students quickly feel part of Central Academy and are able to enjoy and contribute to Sixth Form life.

We offer a full range of traditional academic subjects alongside modern creative and applied courses. Our programme of enrichment helps students to develop the skills that studying alone cannot teach.

Students have opportunities to fundraise, plan events, play sports, learn new skills, develop existing ones and deepen friendships.

*"I believe I have made a lot of progress from being at Central"*  
Year 11 student

# United Learning

We are part of United Learning, a group of schools which aims to provide excellent education to children and young people across the country. As a group, United Learning schools seek to improve the life chances of all the children and young people it serves and makes it their mission to bring out the best in everyone – students, staff, parents and the wider community.

As a part of United Learning, we can offer our students and staff far more than we could as a stand-alone school. For students this means we can give them access to a range of exceptional and inspiring experiences whilst our teachers and support staff are able to share and develop best practice with others across the country.





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