



St Anne's  
Academy

Faith In our future

# St Anne's Academy

Teaching skills for **life**



Specialists in ICT education

Because EVERY child  
deserves the BEST...

# Welcome!

## to St Anne's Academy

The specialists in ICT education.



## Look!

### Our fantastic new building!



We are proud to welcome you to our brand new building which incorporates the latest advances in learning technology to ensure our students get the best start in life.

Our new school has places for up to 750 lower school students and 150 sixth form students. It is designed and equipped to offer our students the perfect environment in which to study.

"We have all watched our new school building grow. Everyone is really excited about the great modern classrooms and learning areas and we are sure it is going to help us become the best we can be."

Danielle Young

Year 10 student

**M**odern, spacious and student centred, our new building combines the best of modern technology and interior design.

It ensures that our students have both the tools to achieve their best and the environment within which to work hard but also to relax. ICT is our specialism and all classrooms have access to interactive white boards and the internet.

Our dedicated ICT centres are equipped with the latest computers and the ratio of computers to students is 2:1, well above the national average.

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A letter from our

# Principal

**W**e believe St Anne's Academy is the best choice for parents who want their child to succeed in life. St Anne's offers a high quality education within a supportive Christian environment. The new building (opened September 2010) is equipped with outstanding facilities and resources.

Excellent academic provision is combined with a range of opportunities that support learning beyond the classroom. Academic courses and qualifications are tailored to the needs and ability of each student to ensure that our young people are able to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations. Opportunities are provided for students to participate in sports, art, drama and music. The Specialist ICT College aspect of St Anne's is committed to equipping young people with technological skills in preparation for working life.

The small school structure and the pastoral organisation at our Academy allow us to get to know all our students well, supporting them during their time at St Anne's. Positive attitudes are fostered towards every aspect of school life and we try to treat each other with care, respect and a sense of fair play.

We value our relationship with parents and will work closely with you. We hope your child will want to join us at St Anne's and be a part of our success story.

Caroline Preece, Principal

"Developing effective and successful young people"



A letter from our

# Sponsors

**W**e are delighted to welcome you to St Anne's Academy, which is sponsored jointly by David and Anne Crossland and the Diocese of Manchester (Church of England). We believe that our Academy will open doors of opportunity and extend the horizons and ambitions of our community.

**We are ambitious for our young people and intend all to have high aspirations and to succeed.** Our Academy is an inspirational place with outstanding facilities for learning and innovation for students, staff and the community of Middleton that it serves.

The Academy is founded on Christian values which emphasise the value of each individual and service to each other and the community in the context of encouraging spiritual growth alongside educational aspiration and attainment.

David and Anne Crossland

Right Reverend Nigel McCulloch,  
Bishop of Manchester



**E**nhancing the life chances of our students means equipping them with the skills and knowledge to succeed in the modern world.

We believe that one of the key elements that underpins a student's future success in life is the development of skills for life, their personal, social, emotional and learning skills. This ensures that students get on well together, understand how to improve their learning and feel confident and successful as individuals.

In the modern world employers expect students to be adaptable and able to learn new skills and technologies quickly and with minimum support.



## Creating better

## Life opportunities



**T**he most employable students will be those which not only possess first class learning skills, but are able to reflect and articulate how they have developed these skills and why they are important.

We regularly assess and test our students to ensure that they are on target and they can demonstrate clear understanding and competence within each of their subjects.

The Academy also encourages students to pursue a range of activities beyond the academic curriculum, such as 'Work Skills Award' to broaden and enrich their life experience.



## Every child

## matters



**T**he Academy starts from the principle that every child matters; this underpins the education of all our students.

**T**heir all-round development is central to its ethos and the leadership team, teaching and support staff use their professional skills to bring out the best in each child and encourage them to reach their full potential.

Each learner is encouraged to develop a sense of self worth and respect for themselves and others. The Academy's strong Christian ethos nurtures each student's spiritual development and helps them appreciate the relationship between the individual and society.

**T**hey are given an understanding of their role and their responsibilities within the community including a sense of duty and involvement in the life of the area where they live.

In the new building there is a dedicated faith centre for worship and spiritual reflection highlighting the key role played by spirituality in the life of the Academy community. There is a daily act of collective Christian worship, reflecting the Church of England framework, but accessible to all.



**"I** really enjoy the RE course. I think it has taught me to be more thoughtful and considerate of others as I go through the day"

Sundus Karim

Year 11 student



# Feel at home

in your new school



**T**he transition from primary school to secondary school can be difficult for some students. At the academy we handle the process sensitively to ensure that our new Year 7 students get off to a confident start. When a student joins us in year 7 they are introduced to the school through a core competence curriculum. This means that their form teacher teaches them for approximately

half their curriculum time and across a range of subjects during the first year. This helps them to settle in and build those important relationships early on. Our building has been designed in a creative way and with an attention to detail to allow flexibility and to maximise its use. Therefore year 7 students have their own area where they are based for 50% of their lessons.



## A smooth transition

Our transition programme is a real help for our new year 7 students –we invite all students in to the school several times in the year before they join us. This gives them the opportunity to get to know the staff and the building. For some of our students we hold a summer club which provides them with a way to begin to build friendships and grow in confidence before they start in September.

We make it easy  
for our new Year 7 students

to settle in quickly!



**"I really love being a student at this school.** I settled in as soon as I arrived at St Anne's because everyone was so nice and helpful."

Elisha Sellers

Year 7 student



**P**arents have a crucial role to play in helping their child learn.

The Academy wants to have shared ambitions around achievement with every parent and carer so that all students make the most of their learning and participate fully in the life of the academy. Smart appearance, good behaviour and good attendance are expected at all times and the Academy requests parents and carers to reinforce these values. The Academy operates an open door policy and requests parents and carers contact us with any input they can make in this area.

In partnership with  
parents





**T**he aim of all teaching at St Annes' Academy is to inspire our students and give them a lifelong love of learning. The academy promotes the 3 E's- excitement, engagement and enquiry.

### Leading the way through experienced learning

To make the most of all its students talents and abilities St Annes Academy offers a broad, rich and relevant curriculum. Each child is treated as an individual, who working alongside our highly talented and skilled staff will achieve their personal best.



Great teaching equals

fantastic learning

### Personalised learning lies at the heart of the Academy.

We work closely with our students in order to maximise their future academic potential. The Heads of each small school within the Academy play a critical part in determining the personal learning route followed by each student.

One of the benefits of this approach is that it identifies any barriers to learning and allows for the correct support to be brought in at the appropriate time.

### We teach our students to excel

Each student has an individual review with their personal mentor at which their progress is regularly monitored and reviewed.



Setting the standards

through teaching

**T**he Academy has any time, anywhere learning within a personalised learning environment.

This enables students to dial into our network and download material that supports their education. Parents will also be able to see the work that has been set for their child by accessing the online portal.

**T**he success in the core subjects of English and Maths lie at the heart of our curriculum, with ICT developing strong independent learning skills and Religious Education and Citizenship providing a strong moral compass.

**"I**t's great studying at St Anne's Academy.

I can go online whenever I need reference material and carry on doing my course work with our Virtual Learning Environment."

Lmara McGrath

Year 10 student





### Nurturing Talent

Students who demonstrate a talent for a subject are identified early and assigned a dedicated mentor to facilitate their continued development.

We focus on A and A\* students and provide extension and support activities to enrich their education and ensure that they continue to develop their talents.

# Talented

students are nurtured

and encouraged to **shine**



## Our teaching

gains great results

**O**ur teachers are engaged in a process of continuous professional development. This ensures that our results are amongst the best in the country and our teaching and learning strategies offer our students the best opportunities to increase their life chances.



**"I**'ve discovered that I have done really well since arriving at St Anne's Academy. I find that the teachers know how I am progressing and help me reach my goals."

**Sophie Barlow**  
Year 7 student



**E**very talented student should feel that St Anne's Academy offers them the best opportunity to excel.

Many of our Gifted and Talented students are able to take GCSE's early usually in Year 10. This allows them the opportunity to begin studying for AS levels in Year 11 and get a head start in their A level courses. All our courses have university and higher education input to ensure that they

are as academically rigorous as possible and to ensure that students are well prepared for the demands of further education.



An outstanding

## 6th Form

St Anne's Academy provides students with the opportunity to continue in full time education up to the age of eighteen without the need to change school after their GCSE's.

Personalised learning enhanced by high quality teaching lies at the heart of our Academy 6th Form. Each student will have an individual learning plan tailored to their needs and based upon their prior learning.

It is this meticulous attention to detail that helps our students achieve.

The 6th form student learning takes place adjacent to the purpose designed 6th Form base and the Academy learning resources centre. Students can study a range of AS and A levels together with a broad range of vocational courses.

"The dedicated 6th form centre is fantastic, teachers are always ready to help us if ever we have any kind of problem. I would recommend St Anne's Academy 6th Form to anyone who wants to get ahead in their life."

Amy Winters, Sixth Form student



The Academy makes good use of its sponsor networks to deliver the best opportunities for all of its students.

It does this in order to ensure that St Anne's Academy students who are enrolled on specialist courses in ICT, Construction and Built Environment have access to both a high quality vocational setting and also to industry standard problem solving scenarios.



"St Anne's 6th Form is an absolutely fantastic place to study. It has light, modern buildings equipped with all the latest technology to support your learning plan."

Daniel McCann, Sixth Form student

Achieving the

# right results

The Academy has a purpose built Construction Centre and has invested significantly in ICT facilities. There has been a major investment in the specialist facilities to support the Specialisms of IT and Built Environment and establish world class facilities. The school has just undergone a £16 million rebuild that includes a state of the art vocational skills and post 16 centre.



St Anne's Academy lower school students are given priority access to places in our 6th form when choosing further education destinations.

# Get the edge

in a competitive world



**O**ur specialism in ICT puts our students in a strong position.

Today's world places an ever increasing emphasis on technology. In order to function effectively our students need to be able to use this technology to access growing information and learning resources available to them. ICT offers our students the skills necessary to access this huge resource and to navigate it in a structured way so that they can access appropriate and useful information to

help them get ahead in their life. With information technology and online learning systems embedded within the architecture of our Academy, we believe that our students have a clear advantage over others in this area.



## A continuous education

All our students are encouraged to commit to lifelong learning and they are equipped with the necessary skills and maturity to understand the importance of this.

## Enhancing our students' life opportunities

We want every one of our students' to feel that we have enhanced their life opportunities through their attendance at St Anne's Academy.



Why choose

St Anne's Academy?

**W**e believe that your child deserves a school that will help them get ahead in a competitive world. A school that will increase their opportunities in life through the development of key learning skills and access to outstanding ICT facilities, a school that will give them the best start in life.

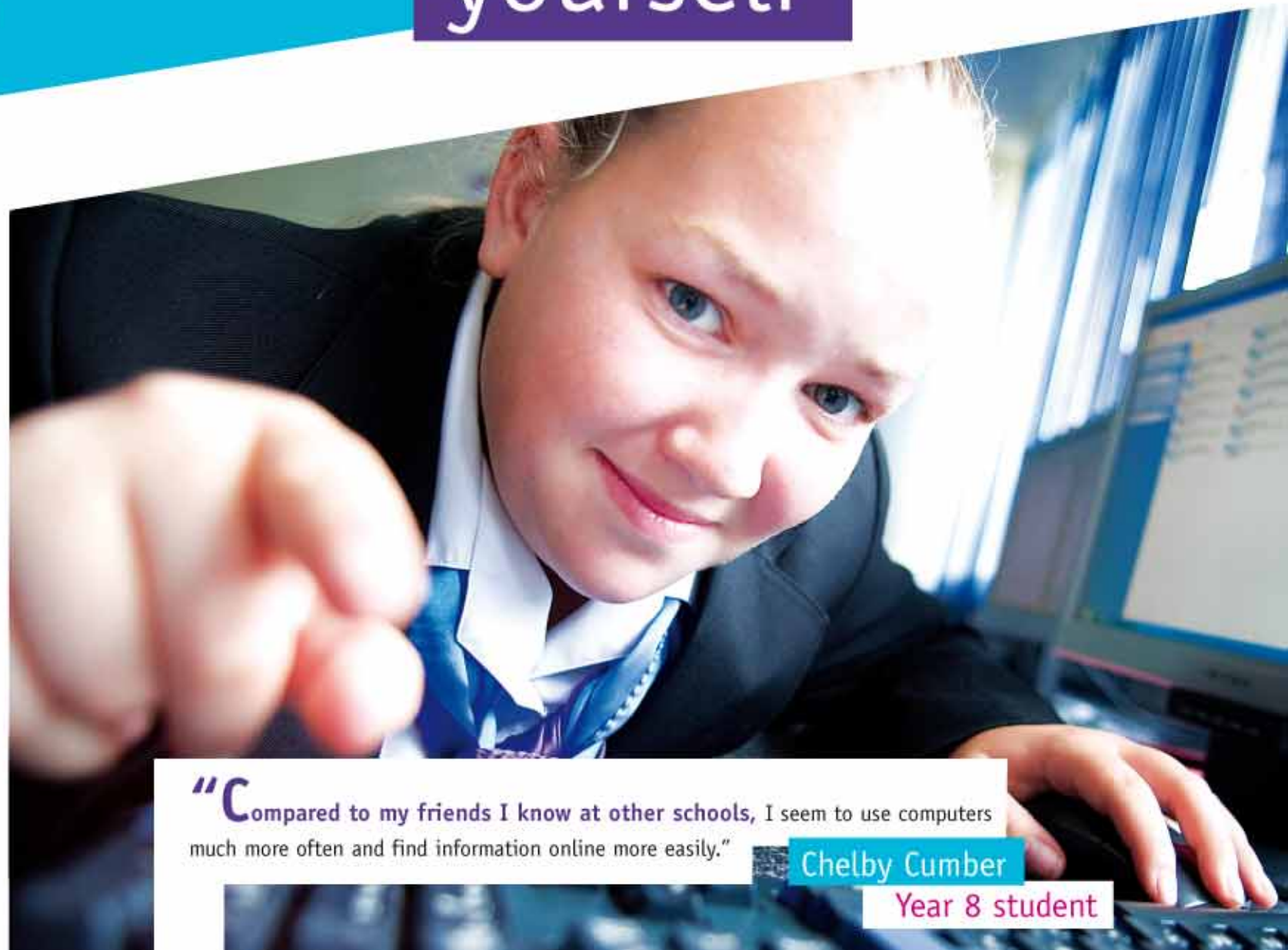


For more details on how St. Anne's Academy gives your child the best start in life call:

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Come and see for

yourself



**"C**ompared to my friends I know at other schools, I seem to use computers much more often and find information online more easily."

Chelby Cumber

Year 8 student



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