



CLAYTON HALL ACADEMY



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WELCOME TO CLAYTON HALL ACADEMY

In preparing young people for 21st Century life we are passionate that they should leave with the skills, qualifications and attitudes to prepare them for adulthood, understanding that secondary education is one part of a lifelong learning process.

Our vision is:

- To provide a rounded education for all of our students
- To make our academies a part of the community they serve
- To provide outstanding teaching and pastoral support through well qualified and motivated staff. We encourage positive attitudes and aim to provide an environment where students feel valued, challenged and secure, which allows them to reach their full potential.

An outstanding education can only be achieved by working in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community. We welcome collaboration and regularly seek opinions about what we do well and where we could improve.

Our dedicated staff and excellent pastoral care support our students every step of the way.

Clayton Hall Academy offers a wealth of sporting and cultural opportunities to enrich the lives of our young people.

Opportunities at Clayton Hall Academy have never been greater. The challenge of preparing young people for adulthood has never been more demanding or exciting. Together we can ensure each student leaves us as an educated, articulate, young adult prepared to embrace our wonderful world.



Mrs CJ Reid - Principal



“Clayton to me is a safe place where I can tell anyone about anything that is troubling me. It is a good school and every day I leave with new knowledge.”

A ROUNDED EDUCATION FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS

The quality of what happens in the classroom is at the heart of everything we do and we work tirelessly in pursuit of excellence. A broad, balanced curriculum is offered following National Curriculum guidelines. We constantly review what we teach to ensure all students receive an education relevant to their present and future needs. Teaching staff work together to develop their practice because collaborative working makes them better. We are proud of our classroom practice and work hard to continually improve it.

All students in Years 7 and 8 study core subjects, English, Mathematics and Science. History, Geography, a Modern Foreign Language, Technology, Physical Education, Religious Education, Information and Communications Technology and Personal, Social and Health Education are also delivered. From Year 9 students have option choices in addition to the core subjects, Languages and Humanities. These include Business Studies, Photography, Art or Design, Physical Education and Technology subjects. In partnership with Newcastle Academy, we also offer a variety of joint courses across the two schools.

Homework is important and we use it to encourage students to develop the skills, confidence and motivation to study effectively on their own. We manage the amount to ensure it is consistent and manageable.

Copies of our homework policy and detailed curriculum information is available on our website:

www.claytonhallacademy.org





“Clayton is a close-knit community who all support each other with fantastic opportunities for learners.”

Our students are at the heart of every decision we make. We have an active Student Council empowered to make decisions about the allocation of resources and the school environment. They take part in the interview process for new members of staff, and we value their opinion because it is their school. The Head Girl, Head Boy and their deputies lead a team of senior prefects who have a genuine role in the running of the school. For us, the development of young people as leaders is as important as the development of staff.

Central to this is developing the confidence of our young people. Students are given the opportunity to deliver assemblies, take part in performances and develop their presentation skills. Our passion for education extends well beyond the classroom. From eight o'clock in the morning, at lunchtime, and well beyond the school day there are a variety of extra-curricular opportunities. These enrich the students' experiences and play a key role in developing social skills and attitudes. Opportunities available include:

Art, drama club, Duke of Edinburgh, vocal groups, athletics, badminton, basketball, climbing, cricket, musical theatre, cross-country, homework club, instrumental group, photography, reading club, street dance crews, football (boys and girls), hockey, netball, orienteering, musical tuition, skiing/snowboarding,

table tennis, tennis, camping, enterprise clubs, Fairtrade shop, international visits, student action teams and peer ambassadors.

Details of our latest clubs, activities and achievements are updated on our website:

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MAKING OUR ACADEMY PART OF THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

Academic success is central to our work and to achieve it we follow these guiding principles.

Equality

Clayton Hall Academy is committed to providing all students with a broad, balanced curriculum and full access to activities. We promote equal opportunities regardless of gender, ability or ethnic background and incorporate the Disability Equality Scheme and Accessibility Plan. We also have a comprehensive strategy to ensure Disadvantaged youngsters achieve their full potential.

Partnership with parents and carers

Each term we hold a Parents' Forum to allow parents the opportunity to work with senior staff and help shape the work of the school. Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to join and dates and times are publicised through the website, via GroupCall and our Twitter feed.

Outstanding school attendance

We take the simple view that if students are not here, they can't access the education we provide. Term time holidays will not be authorised.

Special Educational Needs

There is no such thing as an "average" child! Each has their own range of special skills and aptitudes to offer. Our SEN policy provides appropriate provision for each need, which may be extra support or resources, coordinated by the Head of SEN.

Recent results, achievements and further information is available on our website:

www.claytonhallacademy.org

“A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE PLACE THAT LOOKS AFTER THE NEEDS OF EVERYONE.”

PROVIDING OUTSTANDING TEACHING AND PASTORAL SUPPORT THROUGH WELL QUALIFIED AND MOTIVATED STAFF

We are proud that Ofsted judged our Behaviour and Safety to be Outstanding on their last visit. We have close links with partner Primary schools. We invite Primary pupils to attend events at Clayton Hall to build confidence and develop relationships, and Primary schools are visited by our Pastoral Support Manager and the Head of SEN who co-ordinate the transition from Primary to Secondary.

The House System is the basis of pastoral life here. Students are placed into one of four Houses. Each form tutor remains with them throughout their years at the Academy and serves as your primary point of contact.

Issues affecting life inside and outside the school environment are discussed in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). A variety of projects are undertaken during the year when outside speakers provide the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

As an Academy, we see the value in preparing students for the wider world. Career guidance is very important for choosing among many possible pathways that the student may be skilled at or interested in. This guidance is delivered through a range of activities, visits and external partners to ensure our students make good choices leading to successful futures.

How individuals behave affects their own wellbeing and that of the whole school community. Our Behaviour for Learning approach (BfL) is both simple and fair. It allows us to challenge poor behaviour and reward good behaviour. We work hard to make sure every student understands our expectations, and rules are applied in a fair and consistent way. Importantly, we also celebrate the many successes of our talented students.

Further information about House activity, behaviour policies, uniforms, and timetables is available on our website:

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UNITED ENDEAVOUR TRUST

We would like to thank you for considering one of the academies within the South Newcastle Federation. The Clayton Hall and Newcastle Academies offer a strong curriculum delivered by high quality teachers. However, through the Trust and with collaboration between the two academies, we can offer much more than any single school.

The choices offered at Key Stage 4 are expanded, and cross-federation courses are offered on both academy sites. Extra-curricular provision and enrichment activities are also enhanced, giving students access to trips, visits abroad and numerous additional opportunities and more specialist facilities.

While each academy retains its individual identity, working together to improve our students' education lies at the heart of the Trust's core values.

For further information please see our website or contact the school if you would like to visit.

**www.uetrust.org
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“CLAYTON HALL IS THE BEGINNING OF MY FUTURE...”

If you would like to find out more about Clayton Hall Academy or take a tour during the school day please contact reception on 01782 367650 or email office.clayton@snfederation.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you soon



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