



SACRISTON  
**ACADEMY**

**Prospectus**



# WELCOME

## TO SACRISTON ACADEMY

Sacriston Academy is a happy and welcoming primary school rooted in the heart of the community. Children here know they are valued and respected and that their teachers have high aspirations for them. Every day they reflect this knowledge through boundless enthusiasm and determination, pride in themselves and their work, showing resilience, humour and creativity that are an ongoing inspiration to staff.

Our vision is simple and shared by all schools in the Trust - that every child experiences excellence every day. I am personally aspirational and ambitious for every child and know that we are giving our pupils the best chance to reach their full potential through a dynamic

range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities.

These opportunities are supported through a robust pastoral support system and a rigorous approach to rapid school improvement with our sponsors the North East Learning Trust (NELT).

We are always looking for ways to make learning 'irresistible' and create as many opportunities as possible for children to engage in their learning. Making sure they adapt to new challenges, find inspiration, develop their curiosity and work creatively is key to our successful approach.

*Annalei Bartlett*  
**Annalei Bartlett, Headteacher**





# WE'RE ON AN EXCITING JOURNEY

Our school is on a **RAPID JOURNEY TOWARDS BECOMING OUTSTANDING** and we have plenty of plans in the pipeline:

We've started with some changes to the building blocks of our school with a new headteacher and **A NEW APPROACH TO TEACHING AND LEARNING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM.**

We've also introduced a **SMART NEW UNIFORM** which has given us lots of pride and which reflects the ambitions of our school.

We have big plans for our building with an interior makeover and our newly launched, top of the range **STAR ISLAND PLAYGROUND.**

We are working towards our **UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING AWARD** and **PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK.**



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Tracey Pizl,  
Chair of the  
Interim  
Executive  
Board



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Parents,  
Mr and Mrs  
Brown

# AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Sacriston Academy has been teaching generations of local children since 1910 and our place at the heart of the community has always held steadfast - a position that staff, pupils and families treasure.

Our sponsors, NELT, respect and value our school's heritage and are keen to help us evolve whilst nurturing the warmth, character and spirit that has defined our school and been so important to the local community across the years.

Communities are often defined through their pride and passion in their place, their people and their achievements. At Sacriston Academy we foster these community principles, and have experienced a recent renewed sense of pride from pupils and staff as they see a new school vision coming to life. Pupils here want to learn and they understand our vision for excellence. They are keen and eager to discover new things

and they know their teachers will do everything they can to help them do well. Children are respectful and well behaved. They understand they are here to learn, to make the most of their talents and of course to have fun.

Day in, day out, children are filled with curiosity and enthusiasm for learning and it's infectious! It's an enthusiasm that keeps our committed staff motivated to work hard to help every child reach their potential.

Pupils are given a say in their education through our ambassador programme. Children feel valued and involved because they know their ideas and opinions count and that everyone's voice is equal.





# SACRISTON STARS

At Sacriston Academy we are not happy until every one of our children reaches the dizzying heights of becoming a 'Sacriston Star!'

As you may have guessed from our logo, stars are a bit of a thing here at our school, and aiming high and reaching our Sacriston Star standards is something we expect of each and every child.

Our standards are simple - be **HONEST**, be **RESPECTFUL**, **CARE** for others, **LISTEN** to and **VALUE** others and most importantly - **NEVER GIVE UP!**

Children are encouraged to become a Sacriston Star throughout all aspects of school including in class work across the whole curriculum, as well as during extra-curricular activities and out of school trips.



"TO BE A  
SACRISTON  
STAR  
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FOLLOW OUR  
SCHOOL RULES.  
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## INSPIRATION & IMAGINATION

We are ambitious for our pupils academically, but we also give children the chance (and encouragement!) to excel in lots of other ways through an exciting range of clubs, trips and extra-curricular activities.

From getting glitter everywhere in arts and crafts club, to performing a balancing act in dance club (or construction club for that matter!), there is always something going on to spark young imaginations and inspire life-long interests and passions.

By ensuring children are given a broad range of experiences, we are proud that children leave us with a rounded set of skills and with the positive attitude, resilience and confidence they need to become excellent young adults.

Educational visits are an important part of school life and we go out of our way to provide a mixture of out of school experiences that increase young people's learning and help them to develop a wide range of valuable personal and social skills.

### WHAT OUR PUPILS SAY...

"WE LOVE OUR **new uniforms**,  
WE MAKE ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY."

"TEACHERS **CARE SO MUCH**, THEY WANT US TO BE THE BEST."

"WE VALUE EACH OTHER'S OPINIONS AND **WORK TOGETHER**  
TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE."





# HOW TO APPLY

Choosing which school to send your child to is an important decision and we actively encourage anyone considering Sacriston Academy to visit us and see for yourself our rapidly improving school - please just give us a call to make an appointment on 0191 371 0777.

If you've already made your decision and would like your child to attend Sacriston Academy, you will need to complete an online application form by visiting:

**[www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

If you do not have access to the internet, you can complete a paper application by contacting Durham County Council on **03000 265 896**.

The deadline for applications is in January (see admissions website for the exact date).





# NORTH EAST LEARNING TRUST

In September 2017 Sacriston Academy joined the North East Learning Trust, a highly successful multi-academy education Trust which spans the north east of England.

The Trust's vision is simple and shared by all schools who join the family: that 'every child experiences excellence every day'.

The Trust's founding school, The Academy at Shotton Hall, has achieved great success for their children by securing some of the best outcomes in the country. Year on year, the school achieves some of the top GCSE results in County Durham and they have been awarded two consecutive outstanding judgments from Ofsted.

Shotton Hall is also one of just 23 new research schools chosen to pioneer research in education across the north east. In addition, it is a national teaching school, training the next generation of teachers and ensuring the highest standards of teaching are instilled from the outset. This means that Trust schools can access a steady stream of consistently high quality staff to meet their workforce needs.

Being part of the Trust gives Sacriston Academy access to outstanding leaders who are involved in the regional and national development of education and in return we will share our significant success and experience in the primary sector with other trust schools.





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