



## **General information about The Streetly Academy**

### **“This School is Outstanding” – OFSTED Report – January 2013**

The Streetly Academy is an over-subscribed, 11-19 school with Sports College Status. Students join us from Streetly and bordering areas of Birmingham. Attainment on entry is in line with the national averages. There are currently 1460 students on roll with 184 in the Sixth Form.

Staff well-being is at the centre of our operations. We have a low staff turnover, significantly below the national average, and a staff absence rate of nearly half that of schools nationally. This is because we look after our staff, including a health care plan to cover some of the costs of keeping you well for services such as dental, physio, and eye care, with the addition of counselling and fast track to consultant appointments should you be carrying the worry of a health scare.

In January 2013, the school became one of the first schools in the UK under the new OFSTED framework to move from a “Satisfactory” judgement to “Outstanding” in a single 3 year cycle. In this year the school also became the only school in the UK to ever receive 2 Pearson Teaching Awards in one year (Headteacher of the Year & Outstanding School Team of The Year). In 2017, we had a 3<sup>rd</sup> Pearson Teaching Awards Finalist with our Head of Science receiving a silver award for Secondary Teacher of the Year.

We have a growing national and international reputation for our innovative use of technologies and anytime, anywhere learning. This is a distinguishing feature of the academy, with our work with Google Apps for Education seeing us as one of only 3 Secondary Google Reference Schools in the UK. All teaching staff are equipped with high-end, latest model laptops or Chromebooks. Equally, every student in the school is equipped with a Google Chromebook, the largest such scheme in the United Kingdom.

Streetly has gained an international reputation for its work in PE and Sport. As a result of this work, our Headteacher, Billy Downie, was appointed a Director on the Youth Sport Trust Board. We value sport at the heart of our curriculum and school values and, equally, we are proud of our Sports College status which has impacted on whole school curriculum development, our academy values, and extensive links with Primary schools. Using our specialism as a platform, Streetly was an official London 2012 Olympic Partner School and is now a lead partner Gold Status School with the Youth Sport Trust, recognised for our extensive work in using Sport and the values of sport to drive school improvement, and raise achievement. In 2013, Streetly won the prestigious UK Sports College of the Year Award from the Youth Sport Trust for Innovation and Achievement.

Extra curricular activities are also one of our strengths, not only in Sport but also in Music, Drama and Duke of Edinburgh, being the largest D of E school provider in the region.

Pastorally, students are organised in year groups and are also members of one of five houses. This has improved pastoral staff impact on raising academic achievement. Students are taught in mixed ability groups in Foundation subjects and are set according to ability in Core subjects, MFL and PE.

The academy has a large and very well maintained site. The majority of buildings date from the 1960s, but these have been enhanced through a new three-storey block with Sixth Form centre and excellent sports facilities including new Sports Hall, Dance studio, Fitness Suite and all-weather pitches. In 2016, we became the first school in the UK to install Padel Tennis courts. Also, we are proud to be a resource base for physically disabled students.