Where every culture belongs.

One School · 47 Nationalities · One Ambition

Leeds City Academy

School of Sanctuary Award (2023)
In summer 2023, Leeds City Academy proudly received the School of Sanctuary Award for its commitment to a culture of welcome, belonging, and solidarity. Our 'excellent application' highlighted strong practice in Learn, Embed, and Share principles.

PTI Leadership 2024
The Leadership Programme is a professional development pathway for school leaders, built on a national network. Members develop leadership strategies and practical solutions to support effective teaching and learning in their schools.

SMSC Gold Standard
Leeds City Academy earned Gold status for its SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development) provision and was named a Beacon School of Excellence by Young Citizens. The academy was also praised for outstanding citizenship education and invited to share its journey with other schools.

ACT Citizenship School of the Year
This award celebrates Leeds City Academy's commitment to active citizenship and democratic values. We believe in teaching young people their rights and responsibilities and empowering them to be positive changemakers in their communities.

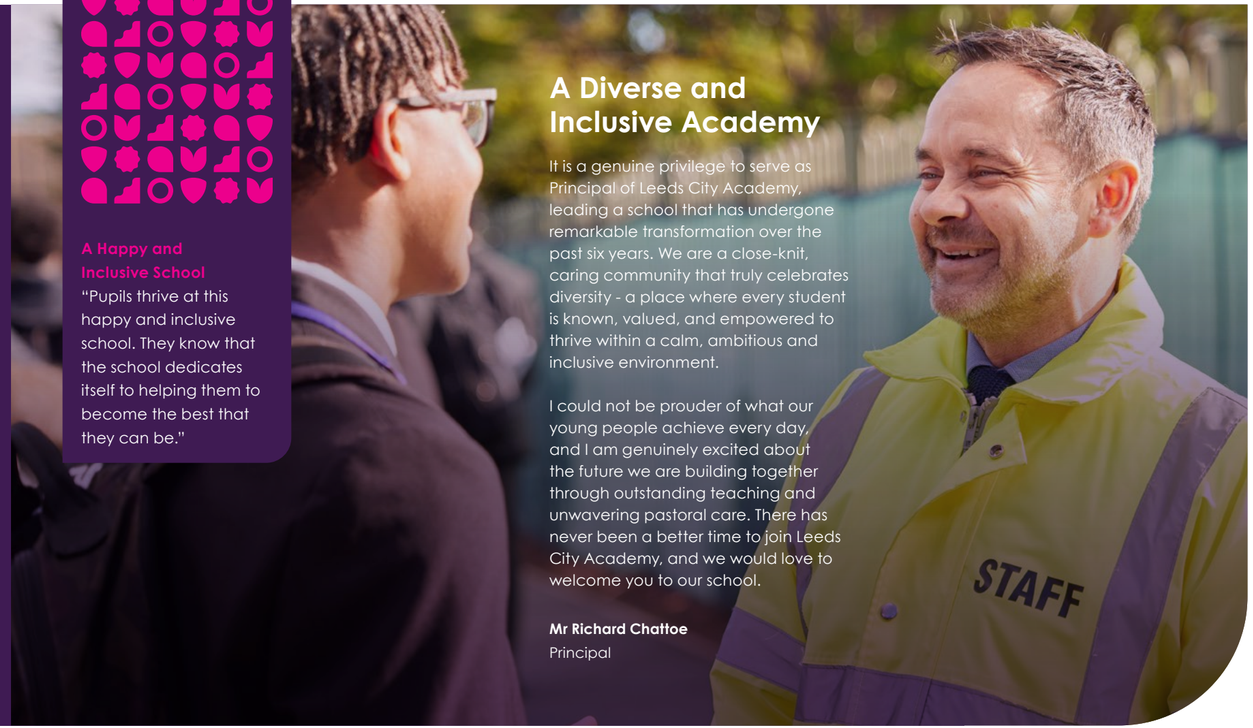
UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools
This prestigious award celebrates our inclusive culture, where every student is valued, respected and empowered to have their voice heard. Through our focus on rights, respect and belonging, we help young people thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

47 Nationalities

110 Languages

56 Countries of Origin

A Happy and Inclusive School
"Pupils thrive at this happy and inclusive school. They know that the school dedicates itself to helping them to become the best that they can be."



A Diverse and Inclusive Academy

It is a genuine privilege to serve as Principal of Leeds City Academy, leading a school that has undergone remarkable transformation over the past six years. We are a close-knit, caring community that truly celebrates diversity - a place where every student is known, valued, and empowered to thrive within a calm, ambitious and inclusive environment.

I could not be prouder of what our young people achieve every day, and I am genuinely excited about the future we are building together through outstanding teaching and unwavering pastoral care. There has never been a better time to join Leeds City Academy, and we would love to welcome you to our school.

Mr Richard Chattoe
Principal

Rated ‘Good’ by Ofsted in 2024

We are proud to be rated Good by Ofsted, a reflection of the dedication of our staff and the achievements of our students. **Scan the QR** code below to view our full inspection report.

Working In Partnership to secure the aspirations and ambitions of all our young people.

A YEAR AT LCA

Exciting Annual Opportunities

We believe learning extends beyond the classroom. Each year, students can take part in a variety of exciting opportunities including trips, leadership programmes, sporting events, creative performances and cultural experiences that help them discover new interests and reach their full potential.

Trust Student Leadership Group

Develop leadership skills, collaborate with students from across the Trust and enjoy an inspiring visit to London.

Careers in the Curriculum

Helping students find a career path that suits them best.

Sports Day

A celebration of sport, teamwork and determination, bringing the whole academy together.

Culture Day

Everyones favourite day of the year, show off your culture through clothing and dance.

Rewards Week

Rewards week includes an inflatables day at the academy and a trip to Flamingo Land.

YOUR JOURNEY

Five Years. One Big Story.

From your first nervous steps through the gates to walking across the stage at prom, every year here builds on the last. Here's what the journey looks like.

Year 7

New Beginnings

Transition day, new friends, first day nerves turned into confidence.

Year 8

Find Your Passion

Clubs, trips and leadership roles - this is where interests become talents.

Year 9

Choose Your Path

Options Evening opens the door to subjects that match real ambitions.

Year 10

Real-World Ready

SEED work experience, employer visits, options finalised.

Year 11

The Finish Line

GCSEs, prom, and a clear plan for what comes next.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

More than a school day.

Sport, dance, drama, music, robotics, debating - our Peak Performance programme means every student finds something they love. Add trips, and partnerships with Leeds Rhinos, Kraft Heinz and the National Citizenship Service, and school becomes a place bursting with opportunity.

Basketball

Science Club

Preparation for Life Beyond School

"The school prepares pupils very well for life beyond school."

Cooking Club

Creative Clubs

Trampolining

Football

Rounders

NEW HERE?

You'll Never Feel Alone.

Starting somewhere new is hard, especially in a different language. Our EAL Buddy system pairs new students with caring volunteers who show them the ropes, and our Bilingual Book Buddies programme - over 20 pairs strong - helps students build reading confidence together. It's why we hold School of Sanctuary status: this is a place built for belonging.

Exceptional Support for EAL Pupils

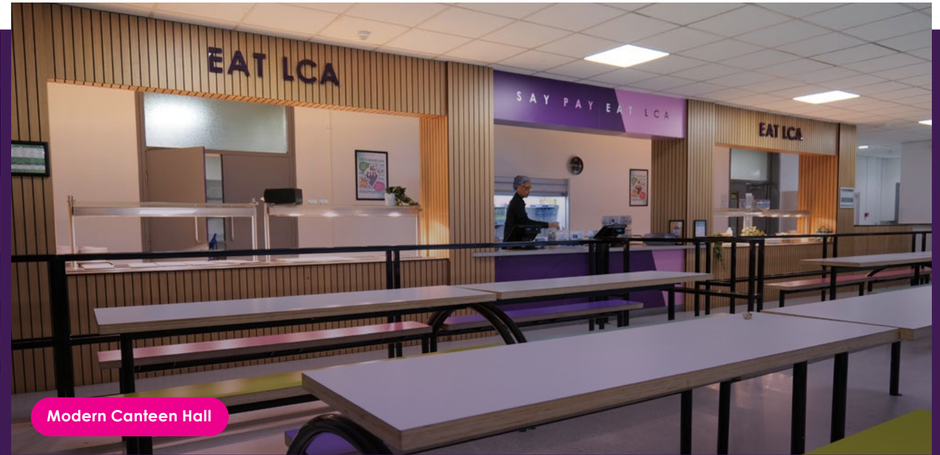
"Pupils who speak English as an additional language receive exceptional support."

FACILITIES

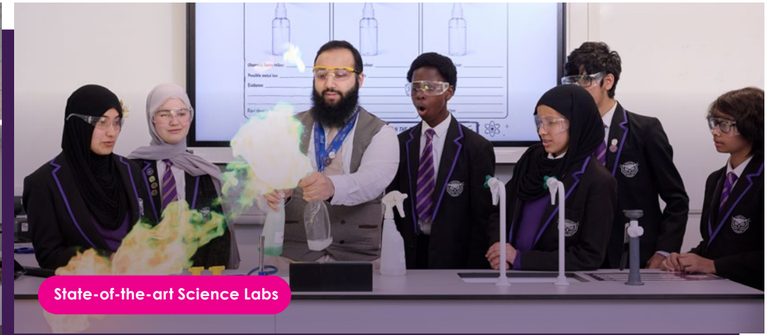
A School Built for Success

Significant investment means new science labs, ICT suites, a music classroom with practice rooms and a larger dining hall - plus refurbished playgrounds and welcoming outdoor spaces.

Food Tech Rooms



Modern Canteen Hall


State-of-the-art Science Labs

Music Practice Rooms

Library

Grassed Sports Pitches

Creative Art Rooms

SEND SUPPORT

Every Student Supported, Through Two Provisions.

The Link

A safe, calming space led by a specialist team, including an in-house counsellor. Students can be referred for one-to-one support, sensory circuits and therapeutic interventions like Lego therapy - whatever helps them feel ready to learn.

The Arch Academy

Accessed through its own entrance, The Arch Academy supports students who need extra help with behaviour - recognising this is sometimes rooted in unmet SEN needs. Students follow a bespoke curriculum designed to build them back up to a full school timetable.

High Expectations and Behaviour

"Pupils rise to the very high expectations the school has for them. Their behaviour is impressive."

FUTURE READY

Ready for What's Next.

Careers support starts in Year 7 and never lets up. Our careers support follows our students on their journey through school, giving them guidance and access to a range of activities linked to the stage they are at. We involve employers; apprenticeship providers and local universities and colleges to ensure our young people are both ready and excited for their next step.

Heinz mentor programme - The Shard, London

SEED Programme

Year 10 work experience and employability days with real employers plus opportunities for other trips and visits linked to the world of work

Career Focused Projects

From enterprise projects to mentoring to insight programmes, our students can use these opportunities to build their employability skills

Real Partnerships

Established relationships with employers from different sectors who can open our student's eyes to possibilities in their type of work

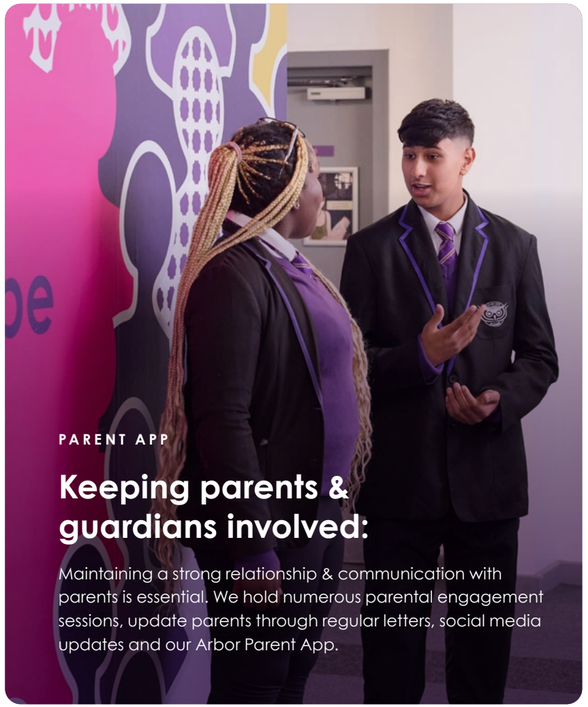
Careers Education Programme

Delivered through our DNA curriculum, all aspects of careers information, advice and guidance are delivered in lessons, allowing research, discussion and decision making to happen

COMMUNITY

Working with the local community (CATCH):

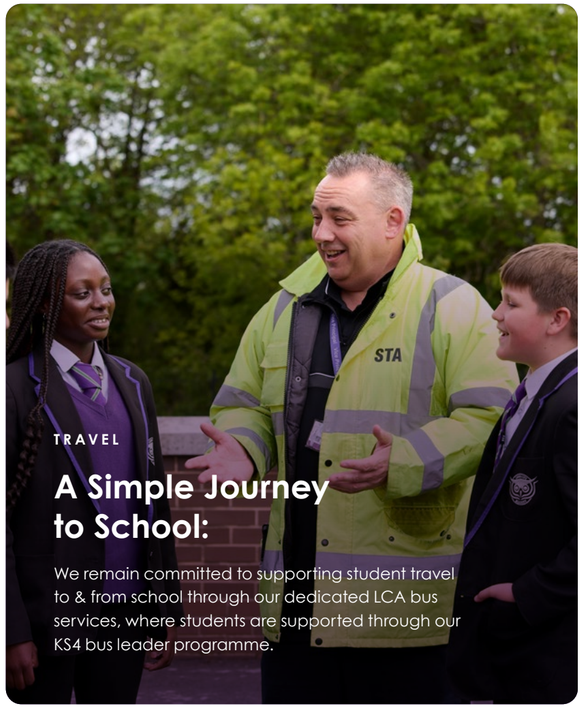
We pride ourselves in the relationship & positive partnership we forge with our communities which includes our excellent work & collaboration with CATCH in Harehills.



PARENT APP

Keeping parents & guardians involved:

Maintaining a strong relationship & communication with parents is essential. We hold numerous parental engagement sessions, update parents through regular letters, social media updates and our Arbor Parent App.



TRAVEL

A Simple Journey to School:

We remain committed to supporting student travel to & from school through our dedicated LCA bus services, where students are supported through our KS4 bus leader programme.

LEARNING STRATEGIES

Engagement & Excellence in the classroom:

Every classroom teacher follows a consistent set of learning strategies, ensuring that all students are able to focus, feel supported & challenged to make progress & achieve their best.

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