



A message from our Principal

A very warm welcome to Oasis Academy Brightstowe

Welcome to Oasis Academy Brightstowe and thank you for your interest in us.

Throughout this prospectus, I would like to give you a flavour of what we can offer your family. We are proud to serve our communities in Shirehampton, Lawrence Weston, Sea Mills (and beyond) as an Ofsted rated Good academy, and excited for the journey we are taking to being your local Outstanding secondary school.

When your child joins our academy, they and you will become part of Team Brightstowe; a team in which the adults all share the belief that any child can learn anything, if they are taught well, work hard and feel loved.

This belief is underpinned by the Oasis ethos:

- A passion to include everyone.
- A desire to treat everyone equally, respecting differences.
- A commitment to healthy and open relationships.
- A deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed.
- A sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul.

We will take our commitment to your child's safety and success very seriously. From the moment I greet them at the front gate every morning through to when I send them on their way home, I and all the staff at Brightstowe will be tireless in helping your child **be brave** in their learning and **be kind** to each other, so that they can **shine bright** throughout their lives.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any point, or visit our website for more information.

I hope that you choose us for the next stage of your child's education, so that they and you can be proud to be Brightstowe.

Alan Dane
Principal



Life with us

Every day at Brightstowe is full of opportunity

The main academy day begins at 08:50 and ends at 15:10, with tutor time, lessons and break times in between. We timetable lessons with care so that students study a rich variety of subjects each day.

Breakfast and lunches

Healthy and nutritious food is available throughout the day, at our free breakfast club and during our break times. There are always nutritious options for both hot and cold meals, with all dietary requirements catered for. Students can buy drinks at the academy, but we strongly encourage them to bring a water bottle, which they can fill at one of the many fountains around the site.

Supporting your child to develop

We take children's personal development and growth seriously. From extra-curricular clubs, such as elite rowing to orchestra, to extensive careers coaching and guidance, we do everything we can to make sure that every student leaves well qualified and well prepared to live a happy and successful life.

“Pupils engage well with the many extra curricular activities offered. These add to their preparation for life beyond the school.”

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It is the job of every member of staff to help every student develop the six attributes that will help them shine BRIGHT:

Beauty

taking pride in how we work, dress and speak

Resilience

taking our failures 'on the chin', as opportunities to learn

Independence

taking responsibility for our work and success

Growth

taking every opportunity to learn and improve

Health

taking our mental and physical and wellbeing seriously

Team

taking care of others so that no one is left behind

This is underpinned by our excellent pastoral care. At Brightstowe, each child has a team of experts on hand to support and nurture them. Your child will be a member of a tutor group, led by a form tutor whose job it is to ensure that every child is able to make progress. This work is overseen by a Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year, with support from our SENCO, our Attendance Officer and our Head of Wellbeing.

Policies

The academy has policies in place to protect and preserve the learning environment for staff and students alike, including a robust anti-bullying and behaviour policy. You can find a full list of these and document downloads on our website.

“My teachers are amazing. I feel so loved and supported, but they really challenge me too.”

Year 10 student

Curriculum

Brightstowe students study a rich and challenging curriculum, allowing them to develop an interest in a range of subjects.

In Year 7, this means lessons of:

- Art & Photography
- Computing
- Drama
- English
- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Sciences
- Technology

They will also attend weekly BRIGHT lectures, which cover topics from Religious Education and Personal, Social and Health Education.

Every Year 7 student receives 1:1 and small group support to ensure that they are reading to at least the same level as their age, so that they can access every part of the curriculum.

“Pupils are ambitious for their own futures and have high aspirations as a result.”

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Inclusion

Oasis' ethos is based on an overarching theme of inclusion

Welcoming, encouraging and enabling all to achieve their best whatever the challenges may be in doing so.

As an academy we:

- Identify children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and ensure provision is made in accordance with the SEND Code of Practice.
- Have an appointed SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator).
- Invest in whole academy and targeted training for staff.
- Ensure that teaching is inclusive and support practices are embedded throughout the Academy.
- Ensure that all teachers understand that they are teachers of SEND.
- Plan for transitions across all Key Stages.

To find out more about our provision, please visit the website.

“My children are very happy at the school. The teaching, leadership and pastoral staff all seem motivated and engaged in seeing the students grow in all areas of life, not just academic achievement.”

Brightstowe Parent, Ofsted 2018





Hub

Our academy is part of a global group of charities called Oasis

Our Academy works world-wide to help communities create a place where everyone is included and reaching their God-given potential.

We know that great schools are only truly sustainable within happy and healthy communities. Therefore, Oasis develop 'Hubs' across the country, which provide wide-ranging, holistic and integrated services for the whole family and wider community.

We are part of the North Bristol Hub, which delivers youth and family services within our community. You can find out more on our website.

“ I am so grateful to all the staff at Brightstowe for all they have done to help my daughter succeed. She has been so well taught and supported. Thank you Team Brightstowe.”

Year 7 Parent

How to apply and get to know us

Do you want your child to shine bright?

Apply for a place at OA Brightstowe today. For information about the application process, oversubscription criteria, tie break procedures, waiting list, appeals and more, please see our Admissions Arrangements on our website.

Contact us

If you have any questions in the meantime, we would be more than happy to answer them.

You can contact us via

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BRIGHT**

A message from our CEO

I am delighted that you and your family are interested in becoming part of Oasis Academy Brightstowe.



Oasis Community Learning was established as a Multi-Academy Trust in 2004 with the vision to create “Exceptional Education at the Heart of the Community”.

We now run academies in four main regions throughout the UK, providing either Primary, Secondary or All-through education.

All of our academies are committed to providing a rich educational experience and ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to achieve at the highest level.

Our ethos is integral to that provision. It is an expression of our character, a statement of who we are and therefore the lens through which we assess all we do. We are committed to a model of inclusion, equality, healthy relationships, hope and perseverance throughout all aspects of the life and culture of each academy community.

We passionately embrace learning and are committed to every child within our care reaching their full potential, developing

holistically across every area of their lives both now and in their future.

All of this is underpinned by our philosophy of education which highlights our focus on inspirational leadership, deep learning and healthy communities. It aspires to develop the character and competence of every child within every community of which we are a part.

At Oasis Community Learning therefore, we believe we are all ‘the architects of our students’ lives’ and as such we are committed to laying the right foundations for every one of our young people.

So we look forward to your family potentially becoming part of Oasis, in the knowledge that we will work in partnership with you to ensure your children become confident learners ready to fulfil their aspirations in life.

Best wishes,

John Murphy
Chief Executive Officer,
Oasis Community Learning

“Leaders have an ambitious vision for the school. Their energy and commitment are focused on ensuring that all pupils achieve the highest possible outcomes.”

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A message from our Founder



When I started Oasis back in 1985, I had no idea it would grow into the wonderful family of charities that it has become today. In Oasis Community Learning, we are the country’s second largest provider of Academy schools, educating around 25,000 children and young people. Through Oasis Aquila Housing, we provide housing for vulnerable young people. With Oasis Community Partnerships we run social projects – from community farms and coffee houses to churches and children’s centres – and much more besides. And we do this in communities as diverse as Gateshead in the North East to Bristol in the South West. So, the question is...why?

Not only do we believe your child should receive the very best formal education, but also that there is more to a healthy life and future than simply the knowledge they hold. Every one of us is a product of the community in which we live. That is why Oasis is passionate that every community served by one of our Academies should be a happy, healthy place where every person is included and valued, and has the ability to thrive and achieve their full, God-given potential.

That is why Oasis’ vision not only aims to deliver outstanding education, but also to help build great local neighbourhoods.

We are motivated by our core Christian ethos which means that we believe every person – those of all faiths or none – are equally valuable and have a part to contribute in helping this vision become a reality. Helping a young person realise who they are meant to be is about more than simply the qualifications they get or the job they want; it’s about how they see themselves and those around them. That’s why Oasis’ goal is to help create great communities where every young person achieves their best, respects themselves, values those around them and contributes to the good of all.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to an Oasis Academy in order to experience this for yourself.



Steve Chalke, MBE
Oasis Founder



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