



Oasis Academy:
Lord's Hill
Prospectus

A message from our Principal

A very warm welcome to Oasis Academy Lord's Hill

We are delighted that you're considering our academy for your child(ren). We are incredibly proud of our students and the confident, well rounded young people we see them blossom into throughout their time with us, and we hope that this prospectus reflects that and what we can offer you. As an academy we believe in 'Excellence by all, for all' which you will see and feel everywhere. We have high expectations of everybody who joins Oasis Academy Lord's Hill and insist that we are all the best versions of ourselves each day.

When you become part of Oasis Academy Lord's Hill you are joining more than a school; you are joining a family. Every member of staff is an advocate of this and of our values.

We care deeply about creating an innovative, exciting and inclusive learning environment centred around 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

When you walk through our academy you will get a real feel of our academy life. It is important to us that our students get the recognition they deserve. For this reason, we hold termly commendation assemblies (whether for academic

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achievement or a fantastic display of character) and ensure that our students have a platform where their voice can be heard through school councils and student leadership groups.

Every child should get the education they deserve, and the opportunity to reach their potential; no matter what their background or ability. Our teachers go above and beyond to support all needs, and tailor homework and lesson plans for all. We provide an ambitious curriculum ensuring that we actively insist young people to take a full range of academic subjects. We also seek to develop the unique interests and talents of our young people and this helps our students understand how to maintain excellent physical and mental health.

When you see my colleagues and I at the academy gate, welcoming your children into our academy home or seeing them off safely, feel confident in the knowledge that we are here to serve our community and we appreciate taking the time to get to know you and your needs.

I look forward to meeting with you, welcoming you to our academy, and to another exciting, successful and purposeful academic year.



Benjamin Bond

Principal, Oasis Academy Lord's Hill





About us

Here at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill, we are an all-inclusive academy based in the Lordshill area of Southampton. We are an academy dedicated to helping our young people reach their potential from the moment they join us through to their final days in year 11. Many of our students continue their education at local colleges and attend top universities.

We are committed to including everyone and respecting differences. Students have worked hard to achieve the prestigious 'School of Sanctuary' National Award, which recognises how schools are friendly and inclusive. The award was presented by the Mayor of Southampton, something we are incredibly proud of as this highlights our collective determination to be a welcoming school. Oasis Academy Lord's Hill was also presented with the national Equalities Award after demonstrating its commitment to equality and diversity in all our practices from staff recruitment to our educational provision to students, regardless of their background.

Facilities

To support our teachers, we have state-of-the-art facilities set up in every classroom and breakout learning spaces available for group work or SEND students. If you'd like a tour of the academy, we'd be delighted to show you around our classrooms, library and resource centres, sports hall, MUGA, dance studio and on-site theatre. We are also proud to be part of the Oasis Horizons programme, providing an iPad for every student at the academy. You can find out more about this later in the prospectus.

Life at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill

Life at our academy is never dull; every day is different and full of opportunity. School begins at 08:45 and ends at 15:00, with after school clubs running as per our programme.

We offer a free breakfast club to all pupils in partnership with Sodexo; students are free to come by at 08:00, and get a healthy start to the morning before a day of learning. Here they can enjoy healthy cereals, a bagel, fresh fruits, juice and water.

Our lessons are timetabled with care to ensure that students are given a rich selection of subjects every day, and time to rest and socialise at breaks. We know that each of our young people will have their favourite subjects, the ones that they feel passionately about and thrive in. We also know that they will have interests that they will want to explore when it comes to their education. To this end we offer a range of high-quality subjects, ranging from English, Maths and Science to Humanities and Languages alongside PE and our creative and performing arts subjects. Students also study computer science.

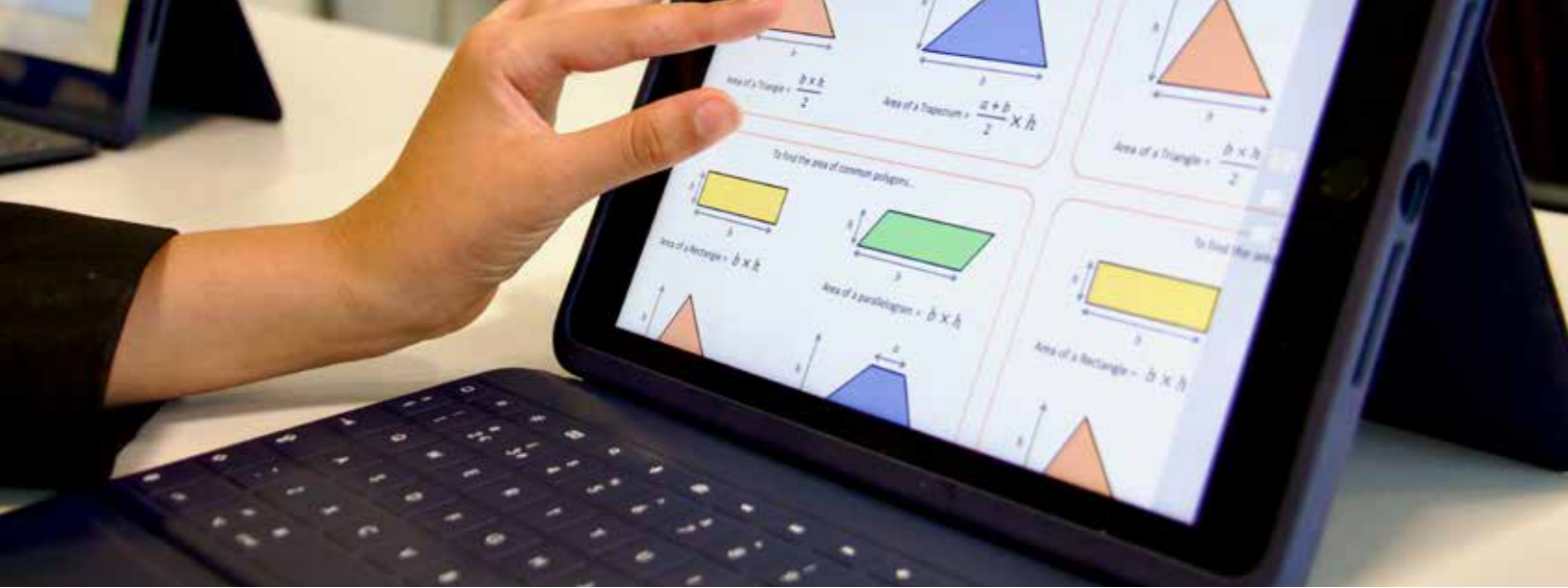
Lunches

Our academy lunches are tailored for all dietary needs and are balanced and nutritious. Students can choose from a daily menu of hot and cold food, which is shared weekly via social media. Students and academy colleagues are encouraged to sit together and dine as a family in our spacious and light Agora. Students are also welcome to bring in their own packed-lunches, but we do ask that they are healthy. You can find out more about our lunches and free school meals by visiting our website.

Enrichment

Enrichment opportunities at our academy are strong in developing our students' passions, growing aspiration, and widening their out of classroom experience. Our academy colleagues are dedicated to providing abundant after school extra-curricular clubs; from playing board games, gardening, art and crafts, music and science. Students can always find a club to love. Our sport enrichment provides key opportunities to keep fit and healthy in our fitness suite, on our courts, and on the multi-use pitch.

Alongside the in-house enrichment offer, we take great pleasure in working in collaboration with many outside agencies to broaden our students' horizons. From the Saints Foundation, No Limits and the Mental Health in Schools Team to a Solomon Theatre production, we embrace working in partnership with our communities.



The Oasis Entitlement

All of our pupils enjoy the Oasis Entitlement, a guaranteed set of opportunities during their time at the academy:

- Reading strategies so that every student becomes a fluent reader
- Access to online learning
- Access to high quality mental health support
- Access to first class pastoral support
- Be a student leader or mentor
- Have opportunities to be part of a school production
- Be part of a school team
- Play a musical instrument
- Play an active part in a Hub project
- Attend a residential trip
- Visit the theatre, an art gallery and an museum
- Direct access to contemporary guest speakers around real-life issues
- Visit universities and places of work

Supporting everyone

Inclusion is at the heart of every school day. This means whatever your child's needs, be those social, academic or biological, we are supportive of all. We have programmes in place for SEND, and bespoke learning areas for all.

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

Policies

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

Uniform

We take pride in each and every one of our pupils at the academy, and know that they are equally proud to be wearing their academy badge on their uniforms.

Our uniform can be purchased locally, full details can be found on the academy website.

Home and School partnership

Partnership between home and school is essential to the well being of every student. Parental input is welcomed and valued as clear communication channels are vital in ensuring every child's success.

"Staff are always there on the end of an email or just a phone call away if my child needs help. My son's teachers have been fantastic."
(Year 9 parent)

“ This is a friendly school. There are respectful relationships between staff and pupils. ”

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Oasis Horizons



With Oasis Horizons, every student who joins the Oasis Academy Lord's Hill family will receive their very own iPad for the duration of their time with us. We want to give our young people equality in their opportunity for learning, therefore the iPad will be theirs to use at school and at home.

Filled with educational apps, the iPad is used in lessons for exploration of learning, class quizzes and teamwork projects. They are a fantastic teaching tool for our staff to keep on top of new resources, student understanding and preparing our students for a future working with digital technologies.

The iPad have strict e-safety measures in place to keep every child safe online, both at the academy and at home, alongside lock and tracking features should the device go missing.

We're sure you'll have lots of questions about this, so feel free to visit our website to find out more.

"iPads in the classroom are an absolute game changer! In a flash, I can so easily see what my students are doing and thinking. I can capture an immense amount of data from everyone to then inform my teaching both within the lesson and across a unit to support outstanding pupil progress. This technology will revolutionise teaching and learning at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill for the benefit of the community we serve."

(Curriculum Leader for English)

Curriculum overview

Our curriculum is deliberately ambitious and at the heart of our academy's educational provision. Our commitment to an exceptional climate for learning and great pedagogy make learning the foundation of every lesson. It is designed to provide all students with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life, in partnership with parents and carers. In our curriculum, knowledge underpins the application of skills.

Our knowledge-rich curriculum and our commitment to the Oasis ethos and 9 Habits is supported by Oasis' policies on Learning, and Behaviour for Learning and the work of our National Lead Practitioners and Leads for Learning Innovation – all experts in their academic fields.

We actively encourage young people to take a range of academic and vocational subjects, securing great results. Our Lord's Hill determination is to achieve *"excellence by all, for all."* with equity and integrity, where barriers to learning are successfully overcome. Our academy's focus is on providing students with a broad and ambitious curriculum throughout Key Stage 3 and 4. As a commitment to that breadth and ambition, we aim to continually increase the percentage of students following an EBacc curriculum. All our young people will have the opportunity to study Humanities (History or Geography) and a Language until they are 16.

We want our students to feel challenged and to develop resilience as a result. Across the curriculum, we champion reading and numeracy alongside the acquisition of vocabulary in all subjects. Students often find that the different subjects they take, interlink and strengthen the skills they need to succeed across the board.



Curriculum: Years 7, 8 and 9

In Year 7, 8 and 9, students study a broad curriculum. Alongside developing a deep understanding of English, Mathematics and Science, we also offer our students an exciting range of other subjects. These subjects are:

Geography, History, PE, Religious Education, Art, *Photography, Dance, Drama, Music, Design & Technology, Graphics, Food, Drama, *Health and Social Care and a modern foreign language.

Curriculum: Years 10 and 11

All students study for GCSEs in English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Combined Science. Students will then choose a number of subjects which run over the two years. Examples of subjects offered are: Geography, History, Religious Education, Spanish, Art, Dance, Drama, Music, Photography, Health and Social Care, Sport, Food Preparation & Nutrition, Computer Science and 3D Design.

Personal development and identity in the curriculum

Our students' personal development is fundamental to our curriculum. Our Lord's Hill LiFe Curriculum (Leadership, identity, Futures and enrichment) ensures that the Personal Development of our students is at the forefront of everything that we do. We know that we are all responsible for developing the potential in every learner; extending beyond the academic, technical and vocational, and further developing students' moral, social and cultural capital. The weekly tutor identity lessons are crucial in preparing our students for their adult lives, teaching them to understand how to engage with society and providing them with plentiful opportunities to do so; from understanding their place in the world to healthy living, relationships and sex education to drug and alcohol education, or understanding how to manage personal finance to applying for college or university. Our four-strand approach enables our students to engage beyond the subject, curriculum, and classroom.

Within Futures (part of our LiFe programme), from transition in year 6 to higher education, or apprenticeship offer, we believe that every learner should approach the next stage in their learning career well-informed, with resilience, confidence and drive. We provide exceptional opportunities which prepare students for future success in modern Britain by achieving outcomes that drive social mobility and give everyone freedom of choice throughout their lives, encouraging students to take ownership of these opportunities, building resilience, and shaping their own educational journey. We are proud to employ both a dedicated Careers Advisor and a Futures and Transition Coordinator, who maps out opportunities for all years to access the world of work

whilst at school. We use the Gatsby Benchmarks to develop and improve students' career provision across all years, and enable a range of education and training providers to give unbiased information about potential next steps.

We seek to develop students' interests and talents so that they are the best version of themselves, truly thriving and enjoying life at school. This includes keeping our students physically and mentally healthy, enabling them to understand what it is to be human, and equipping them for life so that they become kind and model citizens. Our curriculum not only develops our young people academically but socially, emotionally, culturally, physically and spiritually. Our commitment to providing students with a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities adds depth to our provision as students follow their hobbies and interests outside of the formal curriculum.

To find out more about our curriculum offer, and see a breakdown of what is taught across each subject, please visit our website.

“Pupils appreciate the wide range of opportunities on offer. These develop their talents and interests.”

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Hub

Our academy is part of a global group of charities called Oasis, working 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. For this reason, Oasis have developed 'Hubs' across the country. These provide wide-ranging, holistic and integrated services for the whole family and wider community.

We are part of the Lord's Hill Hub, working closely with the Pre-school and community partners. We run a number of programmes and support services including out of hours support (adult learning, holiday activities, fitness and clubs and groups), enrichment activities with Southampton City Farm and the Saints Champion project.

“Pupils know that their teachers want them to do well.”

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Staff, parent and pupil testimonials

“On our first visit to Oasis, we immediately felt at ease and knew our daughter's needs would be understood. Four years later, Oasis has not only been a safe learning environment but a place for her to excel and set her sights on a greater future. The Oasis family cares not only about her education achievement but also her emotional wellbeing, giving a sense of community that we did not expect nor have experienced elsewhere.”
(Kirsty, Parent)

“I've met amazing people here and learnt a lot, not just about academic stuff but how to be myself.”
(Lily-Rose, Year 10)

“I came to the open evening in Year 6 and immediately just felt at home. I was quite anxious in my first year, but had so much support. I have had the opportunities to perform creatively and academically. Today I am confident, self assured and ambitious.”
(Hannah, Year 10)

“It is a privilege to work within an academy that offers such a wide reaching and exciting curriculum that maximises the success of all our students.”
Dan West (Transition and Futures Coordinator)



How to Apply

Do you want to be part of something special?
Apply for a place at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill today.
Applications can be made via oasisacademylordshill.org

For information about the application process, oversubscription criteria, tie break procedures, waiting list, appeals and more, please see our Admissions Arrangements on our website.

www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/

If you have any questions in the meantime, we'd be more than happy to answer them.
You can contact us via T: **023 8039 3660**
and E: info@oasislordshill.org

“ Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities have access to the full curriculum, with some pupils receiving extra support with their literacy and reading. ”

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A message from our CEO

A very warm welcome to Oasis Community Learning

I am delighted that you and your daughter or son are interested in becoming part of Oasis Academy Lord's Hill.

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

“ There is an impressive range of activities and trips on offer to pupils. These develop pupils’ wider skills, such as in sports and the arts. ”

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

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 daughter or son potentially becoming part of Oasis, in the knowledge that we will work in partnership with you to ensure they become confident learners ready to fulfil their aspirations in life.

Best wishes,



John Murphy

Chief Executive Officer,
Oasis Community Learning

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. We have not only become the country’s second largest provider of academy schools, educating around 25,000 children and young people, we also provide housing for vulnerable young people, and run everything from community farms to coffee houses and churches to children’s centres, and much more besides, in communities from 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 we live in. That’s why Oasis is passionate that every community one of our Academies is part of should be a happy, healthy place where every person is included, valued, and is able to achieve their full God given potential and thrive. That’s why Oasis’ vision not only aims to deliver outstanding education, but also to help build great local neighbourhoods.

We’re 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 play its part in helping to 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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