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SENTAMU
ACADEMY
CHURCH OF ENGLAND



LEAD THE BEST *life possible*



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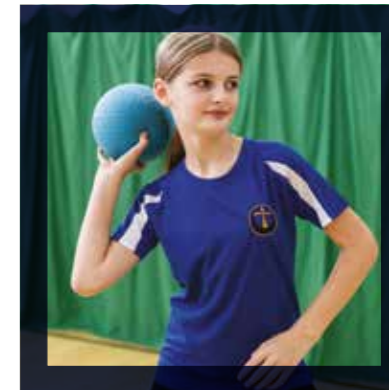
It is my pleasure to welcome you to Archbishop Sentamu Academy

As the Principal at Archbishop Sentamu Academy, I feel privileged to lead such a fantastic school which is also a part of the Hope Sentamu Learning Trust. We believe that all our students should be able to 'lead the best life possible'. We achieve this through providing all students with an academic education which challenges them, not only academically, but also in terms of their place in society. We believe that this will prepare them for life not only in Britain, but across the world.

In April 2024 we were inspected by OFSTED who recognised our work and the rapid improvements that we have made on our school improvement journey. We would encourage you to read a copy of the 2024 Inspection report and to explore the academy's website further, to give you a sense of the work that we are undertaking to ensure our students receive the education that they deserve. All of our work is about providing the best experience for our students both inside and outside the classroom.

Students who attend Archbishop Sentamu Academy benefit significantly by attending a school which provides:

- A safe and happy environment in which to learn;
- High standards of behaviour and self-discipline;
- Consistent teaching, every day;
- An exciting and engaging array of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom;
- Opportunities for students to develop leadership and independent learning skills;
- A school that is continually raising standards.



As you would expect, our curriculum provides students with a personalised learning experience, anchored in our values of respect, courage, community and wisdom. Our Key Stage 4 programme of study commences in Year 10; our curriculum remains comprehensive and inclusive. As an organisation working within The Hope Sentamu Learning Trust, we utilise our national connections to ensure we are well placed for our learners to thrive within their education.

As well as opportunities inside the classroom, those attending Archbishop Sentamu Academy are able to find their passion through an extensive Enrichment programme. We encourage all students to take part in at least one club, where many go on to develop life-long skills, interests and build friendships. Our clubs and societies on offer range from traditional – drama, sports, choir and art club – through to those unique to the academy such as Mandarin and golf.

Our staff body is a dedicated team of professionals, all of whom play their part to ensure students are happy, safe and successful. Our approach to discipline is based upon traditional values of hard work, self-discipline and respect. Alongside this we provide an excellent standard of pastoral care to ensure that students are well looked after and cared for.

We understand and recognise the enormous role that our parents and carers play in realising the true potential of all of our young people. Therefore, we will always seek to work in close partnership with you to support not only the young people who attend our academy but also to support, when appropriate, the entire family unit. Together, staff, students and parents work together at Archbishop Sentamu Academy to create a vibrant, engaging school where students feel safe, are happy and are able to thrive.

Whilst we are rightly proud of our achievements as a school, we also know that our job will never be done. We are resolute that through our dedication to put young people first in every decision we will ensure that day in, day out, we are delivering on our vision for our students to 'Lead the best life possible'.

Chris Reynolds
Principal



Our Values

- RESPECT
- COURAGE
- COMMUNITY
- WISDOM



School INTRODUCTION

Archbishop Sentamu Academy is a vibrant, diverse and welcoming academy community committed to securing our vision to bring the highest standards of education to the young people in our local area. Our distinctively Christian vision is that everyone will be able 'to lead the best life possible', now – and in the future. Our vision is lived out through our academy values of:

RESPECT - COMMUNITY - COURAGE - WISDOM

We are a proud member of the Hope Sentamu Learning Trust which is a family of schools working together to create a first class education across the region.

"My child is happy. I am happy with the school"

Archbishop Sentamu Academy is on a journey, everyone working at the school is extremely proud of the progress we have made. We have the highest expectations of all our students and believe that there are no limits on what they can achieve. We understand and recognise the enormous role that our parents play in realising the true potential of all young people. At the heart of the school is our commitment to work alongside parents, carers and the local community to raise aspirations for all and to provide a high quality education for every child.

Our goal is to ensure that each individual has the skills and the knowledge needed to succeed in life and achieve their potential. In addition to learning being exciting and rewarding, it will also encourage and challenge so that our children have high aspirations.



SCHOOL Information:

In September 2024, we were excited to launch our new House System with staff and students. All staff and students in the academy were allocated to either Billocca, Murdoch, Sullivan, Godber or Johnson house for the entirety of their school life. Each House has a 'Head of House' and also at least two Behaviour Support Officers to support our students.

The introduction of the House System was designed to give students a sense of belonging whilst attending Archbishop Sentamu Academy through collective responsibility and shared values.

There are regular competitions between each house for things such as attendance, rewards points and uniform with the winning House receiving trophies and various prizes.

We also have a 'Principal Point' which Mr Reynolds will be distributing during his time around the academy and in lessons to students he feels have excelled in promoting our academy values of Respect, Courage, Community and Wisdom.



SUPPORTING *our students*

Students at this school are supported both academically and Pastorally. Students' progress and attainment are measured regularly through data collections and meetings with key staff. All students are tracked individually with any interventions administered swiftly to ensure all students have the tools to succeed in the classroom.

The school has a large Inclusion Team consisting of a Head of House for each house and then two or three non-teaching Behaviour Support Officers that work alongside other teams such as Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Attendance to ensure that any pastoral issues can be rectified early to ensure that all students feel safe in school and have the tools to succeed both academically and socially.

JOINING *our school*

Our Transition offer starts as early as September before our year 7's join the school with an open evening that allows parents and students to visit our school, see some of the courses we offer and also talk to our staff.

Throughout the year we also maintain close relationships with all primary schools in the area and will visit those primary schools and all students that will be coming to our school. Behind the scenes our Transition Team will be working hard throughout the year to ensure that the transition from primary to secondary school is as smooth as possible.

*"Really good school
and parents evening.
The subject teachers have
been brilliant"*

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Our Trust's Vision & Values

We are a strong, inclusive and collaborative Church of England multi-academy trust of fourteen church, community and alternative provision schools. Guided by our Christian ethos and values of kindness, respect and teamwork, we welcome students, colleagues and schools of all faiths and none.

We share a clear vision – 'to create schools where children and young people thrive, as we help them prepare to live life in all its fullness'.

For us, a place to thrive means much more than a place simply to be comfortable. Instead, our aim is to develop schools and an educational offer which enable each student to flourish academically, practically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. We help them to understand what their own successful and fulfilled life could be, by opening doors, providing choice, and encouraging ambition.

KINDNESS | RESPECT | TEAMWORK

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