

Raising Aspirations, Enriching Lives



We are a growing, dynamic and innovative Multi-Academy Trust with an educational heritage and a strong belief that education is the key to transforming lives and securing social mobility.

Our Vision is for all young people to be inspired by an excellent education that raises their aspirations and enriches their lives.

Our Mission is to create a vibrant inclusive and aspirational family of academies, transforming life chances for pupils through excellent teaching and learning.

Our Shared values are:

- Aspirational
- Inclusive
- Collaborative
- Dynamic
- Evidence Based
- People focused

The University of Chichester Academy Trust aims to provide inspirational education through an eclectic cross-phase family of academies that are continuously improving through collaboration, challenge and support.

Our Aims

- 1. Promote high aspirations and success for all**
Our learning community will inspire and empower our staff and students to exceed their own expectations. Learning and teaching will benefit from the high quality research undertaken by the University, which is designed to inform and inspire. We will therefore work in partnership with each other and with the University to ensure that our learning and teaching contributes to and reflects excellent evidence-based practice. We will contribute to the Vision of the University to support high quality learning from Primary to PhD.
- 2. Ensure progressive and sustained improvement in standards of education and progress in pupils.**
Our academies will prioritise the learning of all pupils and will aim for every child to make excellent progress. This will be done by academies undertaking rigorous self-evaluation, identifying priorities for development and producing a Journey to Excellence Plan to meet those objectives. This process will be supported by high-quality improvement advisers and specialists from the University's Institute of Education.
- 3. Create a learning environment where staff can promote and deliver creative, dynamic, engaging and relevant learning experiences for pupils.**
We will continue to enhance the fabric of our academies. We will create a cohesive community of learning with a sense of belonging and shared endeavour. This will include capital and refurbishment projects, shared branding and a common commitment to sharing facilities, expertise and equipment. The University will also share facilities, staffing and expertise with academies to enhance learning for pupils and provide opportunities for everyone to develop.



4. Support and building leadership and management capacity within and across our academies.

The Trust believes that high quality leadership and management is key to maintaining an appropriate culture and ethos which facilitates high quality learning. Leadership at all levels will be nurtured and enhanced through shared opportunities: for research, training, mentoring, academy placements and coaching. Trustees, Governors, Headteachers, Senior Leaders and the Executive Leadership team are each on personal and collective journeys to excellence. The Trust is led through a co-leadership model encouraging engagement from all. The Trust also provides opportunities for formal leadership training leading to academic qualifications.

5. Value and supporting outstanding teaching by encouraging and supporting the continual professional learning of all staff.

The Trust is an inclusive learning community and encourages all staff to be both teachers and learners whatever their role in their academy. Every adult in our academies has an important role to play in our pupils' learning, whether it is at reception, in the dining hall, in the corridors or in the classroom.

All staff are encouraged to engage in reflective practice and plan their own personal learning journey. The Trust supports apprentices and interns as a strategy to attract new dynamic individuals; we provide Initial Teacher Training through the University and directly in our academies, providing opportunities for enthusiastic individuals to get into teaching. We provide an ongoing professional journey for all staff through coaching, academy placements, school to school support and training opportunities, leading to fast track leadership opportunities.

6. Develop local learning communities where parents and carers are valued and encouraged to engage in the learning community.

The University's goal is to be an inspirational agent for social, cultural and economic regeneration. We believe in the power of education to transform life chances for individuals and communities. In order to further this aim the Trust will focus our recruitment in areas that are in need of regeneration for example, Whitehill and Bordon as well as the coastal strip. Our academies will not only engage with their own pupils but with parents and community members in the academy's neighbourhood. Each academy's local governing body will play an important role in ensuring our Trust meets the needs of the local communities we serve.

7. Embrace opportunities presented by the new educational landscape in a way that is coherent with our values and strategic direction.

The period to 2020 is widely anticipated as a period of significant change for education. The government is proposing a continued development of academy status, increasing links between Universities and schools, a stronger focus on disadvantaged areas and a determination to improve social mobility. We will draw upon our educational heritage, leading and participating in academy development and school based teacher training. We will establish ourselves as a Teaching School and School Direct provider and will provide professional development and academy improvement support beyond our own academies. We will support other Trusts by providing peer mentoring and access to training and opportunities at a regional and national level.

8. Generate levels of surplus, sufficient to secure sustainability and create funds to invest in our academies to support the delivery of our Vision.

The Trust has always been financially well-managed. The University worked closely with the central Trust staff during its first two years to support its establishment. We will continue to secure income from a number of sources and achieve surplus budgets in order to fund strategic development in academy facilities and exciting curriculum opportunities for pupils.

9. Achieve a shared sense of mission and belonging across our community of academies, so that the vision is owned by the whole Trust and understood by our partners.

The entire Trust and its sponsor the University, will work together in order to ensure our strategy becomes the shared vision of our learning community and is coherent with the 2020 vision of the University. Our staff body, both teaching and professional services, is our most important asset in delivering an excellent education for our pupils and we commit to leading, managing and investing in them in a manner that reflects this outlook



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