



**Easington
Academy**

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Welcome to **Easington Academy**

There has never been a better time to be a student here at Easington Academy.

As Head of School, I am proud to lead a school community where each child is supported to reach their potential in a warm and inspiring environment with a talented and dedicated team of staff who know no bounds when it comes to success for your child.

Our students consistently achieve excellent GCSE results, placing them amongst the region's top attainers each year. In our most recent Ofsted

inspection, we maintained our 'Good' rating with personal development judged to be 'Outstanding'.

We are all committed to getting to know your child as an individual to ensure they are supported and challenged to bring out the very best of their abilities.


Nicola Falconer
Head of School



About *our school*

Set in the heart of Easington Village, on the East Durham coast, Easington Academy's aim remains constant, to provide the best education possible for the children of our community.

We have a simple vision that we share with all schools in the North East Learning Trust – that every child experiences excellence every day.

Rated 'Good' overall with an 'Outstanding' rating for personal development by Ofsted in our most recent inspection, our school was judged to be a "calm and purposeful learning environment" where pupils rise

to high expectations and "achieve well." Inspectors commented that "the school has designed an ambitious curriculum" and "pupils are very well prepared for life in modern Britain".

Our aspirations are high and our performance remains consistently strong. You can access our full performance tables and Ofsted reports on our website.

"The school has high expectations for the academic achievement of all pupils. Pupils rise to this expectation and achieve well." Ofsted, May 2025





Teaching & *learning*

We believe students and their parents/carers have the right to expect a first class education, delivered by teachers who are committed to making learning challenging and rewarding.

We provide high-quality teaching and, in return, experience a high standard of learning in the classroom. This is evident in the excellent work you will see from our students. Teachers continually strive, through quality professional development and training, to deliver challenging lessons that engage students and drive them towards excellence.

High-quality home learning opportunities are key to students' success. Every student has their own Office 365 and EASI accounts through which they access

homework, learning resources and effective learning strategies.

Our tracking system ensures that we can quickly identify students who are struggling to complete work so that appropriate support can be offered.

Spiritual, social, moral and cultural elements of students' education are embedded across the curriculum as well as the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

"I have never known children who are so accepting and supportive to others, in particular their peers. It always fills me with warmth to see our students as an inclusive community."

Julie-Ann Collins, Senior Learning Mentor

A history of talent

As well as excelling academically, Easington Academy has a long tradition of nurturing our talented musicians, actors, artists, sportsmen, and sportswomen.

Our art department caters for our very creative students in 'The Studio', a well resourced building, which houses a host of specialist equipment, led by dedicated specialist practitioners.

Sporting success is also a top priority, where we encourage excellence and promote participation, providing extensive opportunities for everyone to join in competitive sports - not just our future superstars.

This year has seen us once again excel in many sports including athletics, cricket, netball and football.

Easington Academy is home to many talented musicians, including those in wind band and our exceptional choir have been past winners of the Durham Music Service's Choir of the Year.

Our school also has a long tradition in performing arts, with students appearing on stage in national and international venues. Earlier this year our production of Little Shop of Horrors, brought the house down!

We also have many students undertaking bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh's Awards that recently included an expedition to Hadrian's Wall.

"The provision for pupils' personal development is exceptional. The school weaves opportunities for enrichment and character development into every aspect of its work." Ofsted, May 2025





Aiming high

Students are encouraged to aim high and reach their potential through hard work and tenacity.

Our IMPACT behaviour curriculum supports the development of key necessary behaviours and skills to ensure success in school and beyond.

Students at Easington Academy make excellent academic progress from their starting points, well above the national average. Many of our students move on to further education and, ultimately, higher education at their chosen sixth forms, colleges and universities, and into

a range of exciting and rewarding careers.

Former students frequently come back to school to celebrate their success and are keen to tell us all about their journey since leaving school and their plans for the future. Many have gone on to have successful careers in a range of professions, including medicine, engineering and journalism.

“Pupils proudly wear their ‘IMPACT’ badges to demonstrate that they have consistently displayed the positive values of interactions, manners, preparation, aspiration, curiosity and tolerance.” Ofsted, May 2025

Support & *guidance*

We believe that everyone has the right to be respected and to be treated fairly and equally.

We therefore create a caring and inclusive environment where diversity is valued and where everyone feels secure, listened to and taken seriously.

Our experienced pastoral team support all aspects of our students' needs. We have a dedicated team of specialists, including a nurse, counsellor, attendance officer and non teaching year managers. Our staff are friendly and approachable and will ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

Regardless of their starting points or individual abilities, students are given equal opportunities to excel and are encouraged to be ambitious and to aim high. We also believe that looking after the individual means that success looks after itself, so we place much emphasis on personalised support.

“One pupil captured the culture of care and support when they stated that the school ‘is like a big family’.”

Ofsted June 2025





Pupils play their part to ensure that everyone is welcome at the school."

Ofsted, June 2025

Moving up from *primary*

Moving from primary to secondary school is a big change in any child's life, which is why we take great care to make sure it is stress-free.

Successful adjustment from a small primary to the hustle and bustle of 'big school' begins in Year 5 with a variety of exciting and engaging transition activities delivered on site by Easington Academy staff. These activities introduce children to new types of learning and provide an opportunity to meet key staff.

In Year 6, children are invited to a 'transition day' where they follow a typical school

timetable, giving them a real understanding of how the school looks and feels as well as a chance to meet their new teachers and fellow students.

We also offer a 'Moving Up' session in the summer term for parents and students to provide key information and answer any questions; this informal meeting focuses on the pastoral and academic aspects of the school as well as study skills.

An aerial photograph of Paris, France, featuring the Eiffel Tower prominently on the right side. The city's dense urban landscape, with numerous buildings and green spaces, is visible. The sky is clear and blue. In the top left corner, there are white geometric line patterns on a blue background.

International connections

To complement their learning within a small community, students at Easington Academy are encouraged and enabled to become global citizens through our exciting international links.

Through our ever-changing international programme, which includes both in-school projects and overseas trips, students have the opportunity to explore life beyond the UK. This exposure broadens their horizons, allowing them to learn about diverse cultures, traditions, languages, and customs.

In July 2025 a group of our fantastic young musicians embarked on a tour of musical performances in Belgium.

In 2024, a group of our students embarked on an unforgettable trip to The Bahamas, where they partnered with a local Bahamian school and had the honor of meeting the British High Commissioner.

In the past, students have also enjoyed the thrill of skiing on the slopes of Austria and immersed themselves in the culture of Paris, exploring the unforgettable attractions of the French capital.

“The school ensures that all pupils have the chance to take part in meaningful trips and visits that they may not otherwise experience.”

Ofsted, June 2025



“The school weaves opportunities for enrichment and character development into every aspect of its work.” Ofsted June 2025



After school clubs *and activities*

At Easington Academy we offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs during lunchtimes. All students are encouraged to sign up and try something new following our annual “Freshers’ Fayre” and “Pledge” initiative. Students can also take part in:

Science Club	Homework Club	Netball and Football	Retro Fun	Robotics Club	Cloud 9 English	Board and Card Games Club
Drama and Musical Theatre Club	Community Champions	Buddies Club	Art Club & Art Sparks	Coding Games Club	Animations Club	History Club
French Culture and Craft Club	Debate Club	Choir	Photography	DMS Rock Band and Wind Band	Easington Academy Bake Off	Multi-gym



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