



Welcome and thank you for taking an interest in our Academy.

St Aldhelm's Academy opened on September 1st 2010 and is an 11 to 18 Academy sponsored by the Church of England Salisbury Diocese and Bournemouth University. At present the Academy is housed in the predecessor school buildings and we are waiting to see if we will receive any money for buildings from the government.

We strongly believe our young people lie at the heart of the community. In order to facilitate transformational change for the communities we serve we will create a highly aspirational and successful 11-18 Academy with a distinctly Christian ethos. We believe in learning for all and our Academy will be a truly inclusive learning community dedicated to lifelong learning and offering extended provision and facilities to the wider community. The Academy specialisms in Sport and Mathematics will underpin the culture of the Academy; providing the skills and knowledge to succeed within the technological language of our society whilst cultivating the values of respect, health and physical wellbeing in keeping with our Christian foundation.

Our aim is to raise standards and aspirations and create a highly successful, oversubscribed Academy at the heart of the community. We are looking for innovative, creative and dynamic staff with excellent communication skills to inspire and engage learners, staff and the wider community. You will have the opportunity to play a pivotal role in the development of an innovative curriculum and the provision of personalised learning pathways for young people of all abilities.

We have an exciting and challenging agenda ahead. That is why we are looking for exceptional individuals who are not afraid to take risks and have the vision and passion to help turn St Aldhelm's Academy into a successful school. If you share our vision, we very much look forward to hearing from you.

Cheryl Heron

Principal

About the Sponsors

Salisbury Diocese

With a tradition of excellence in education provision and a long standing commitment to the communities of Poole, the Diocese ambition is to lead a rapid and sustainable drive to provide high quality education for young people and local families. The Academy will

provide a Christian environment of care, support and dedication to learning, welcoming learners from all faiths and none, reflecting out passionate belief in inclusion and Every Child Matters.

Link: www.saled.org

Bournemouth University

The University is a leading Higher Education provider with over 17000 students. Our student-centred learning environment is focused on both intellectual achievement and graduate employability. As part of our commitment to lifelong learning and raising HE student numbers we believe the Academy will play a key role in providing opportunities for higher education to families and communities of Poole where the tradition of higher education is not well established. The University's links with business and enterprise will be an important resource for the Academy. Our areas of academic strength will also contribute to the development of the curriculum including vocational courses.

Link: www.bournemouth.ac.uk

St Aldhelm's Academy Vision

An Academy at the heart of our community

Central to our vision for the Academy is the creation of an outward looking lifelong learning community.

"A school at the heart of the Rossmore Community aspiring to the highest standards of achievement and grounded in Christian values."

Our ambition is to transform the learning opportunities of students, staff, parents and the communities we serve. Drawing on the strengths of sponsors and building on existing good practice our Academy will provide a wide range of learning, sporting, artistic and social activities. Further developing the existing extended school provision our vision is to create a truly inclusive learning community for the Rossmore area - a beacon of academic excellence and bastion for lifelong learning, creating life opportunities for the whole community.

There is an extensive community provision already on site, but not within the management of the Academy, which includes the children's centre, leisure centre and swimming pool. Outward looking and inclusive our facilities will be open to the local community. Above all we are committed to involving parents and carers in family learning.

Our vision to raise standards

St Aldhelm's Academy will raise aspirations and attainment of young people and their community through:

- Embracing the principles of the *Every Child Matters* agenda as a full service extended school with Specialist status in Sport and Mathematics.
- A passion to ensure every student has access to excellent teaching, learning and support and can achieve high standards of personal behaviour and attainment.
- Positive and constructive relationships within the school and the wider community, based on values of trust, fairness, tolerance, mutual respect and forgiveness seen in the Christian faith and other world religions.
- Engaging parents/carers to be committed to supporting their children to attend school regularly, and building a community which respects and supports core family values.
- The use of accurate and rigorous data to identify barriers to learning and provide strategies for individual improvement and the pursuit of excellence.
- The use of ICT to closely track student progress and to develop an online curriculum and personalised learning programme accessible from anywhere.
- Using the same ICT links to engage parents in supporting their child's progress and to inform the whole community of the life long learning opportunities available through the school.
- Distributed leadership and the encouragement of innovation. This leadership will encompass the importance of student leadership and genuine 'learner voice'
- A collaborative approach with a wide range of partners to deliver extended services across sport, health and social care provision.
- Provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment that challenges, motivates and is well resourced
- Share and celebrate success and demonstrate pride through achievement
- Giving all time for reflection and the nurturing of the spirit within our busy and demanding lives.

The Academy welcomes young people whatever their need or background. A personalised approach to learning, with a variety of pathways, will be a key feature of how the Academy demonstrates its Christian values. The emotional health and well being of young people is central to the Academy vision.

About the Area

Poole is a friendly and busy town, smaller in population than the neighbouring town of Bournemouth, but with much to offer. It has a long tradition as a working port and fishing and boat-building are still important local industries, as well as tourism and leisure.

Poole Harbour is Europe's largest natural harbour and enjoying the water and watersports is popular here. Kite-surfing, wind-surfing, sailing and jet-skiing are year-round activities. From the Quayside in Poole you take a harbour cruise round the harbour or set sail for Brownsea Island with its peaceful wooded walks and wide variety of wildlife.

The beaches in Poole have won the International Blue Flag Awards for the past 19 years for their high standards of management and cleanliness. Poole is home to Britain's best beach - Sandbanks, 3 miles of golden sands, clean clear waters, waterside restaurants and bars and fun for all the family.

For theatre and cinema lovers, there's the highly-acclaimed Poole Lighthouse, home of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Nightlife in Poole is centred in the bars, restaurants and clubs of Old Town Poole, set in the narrow, cobbled streets close to the Quay. Tower Park is a large entertainment centre on the outskirts of Poole with a 10 screen cinema, 10 pin bowling lanes, indoor and outdoor fun pools with water rides, bingo hall and restaurants.

Poole also offers a good shopping centre - the Dolphin Shopping Centre, conveniently located by the train station (direct to London Waterloo in 2 hours and 10 minutes) and the bus station.

