Leeds East Academy
Every Child Can
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Every Child Can Belong Here

Mark Ayres
Principal

Belonging isn't an initiative here - it's the foundation of everything we do. Every child who walks through our doors deserves to feel known, valued and challenged.

Our students arrive with different talents, backgrounds and aspirations, but they're united by one belief: Every Child Can.

We place no ceilings on young people - instead, we work tirelessly to remove barriers, unlock potential and help every student find their pathway to success.

Ofsted Report

Every Child Can Achieve

It's the simplest thing we believe, and the most powerful.

No matter a student's starting point, background or barrier, we are relentless in helping them find their pathway to thrive - whether that's university, an apprenticeship, employment, the arts, sport or specialist training.

That belief doesn't stop at the school gates. It takes a family who feels welcomed and listened to, and a community that feels proud and connected, to make it real.
So we work as partners with parents and carers, and we draw on the strength of East Leeds and Seacroft - its diversity, resilience and ambition - because a child who feels backed at home and rooted in their community is a child who believes they can achieve.

When a child belongs, they believe. When they believe, they achieve.

Every Child Can
Be Themselves

We're proud to be a multilingual school where students speak 53 different languages.

Every language, culture and experience enriches who we are - and by learning alongside classmates from such a wide range of backgrounds, our students build empathy, curiosity and the confidence to thrive in a connected world.

"The school works tirelessly to ensure pupils with SEND get the support that they need"
Ofsted 2024

Every Child Can
Find Their Story

Every student's path looks a little different - but here's the shape of the journey we walk together.

"Pupils appreciate the support staff give them in lessons and around school."
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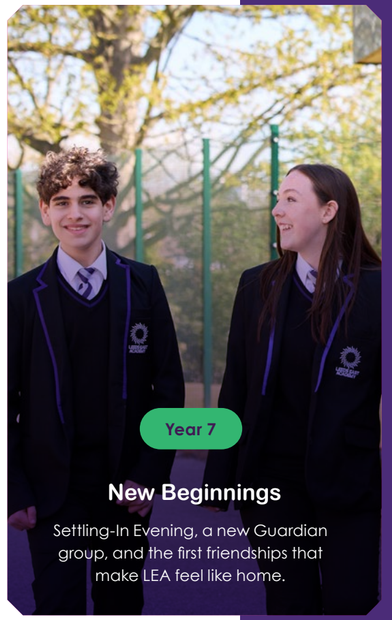
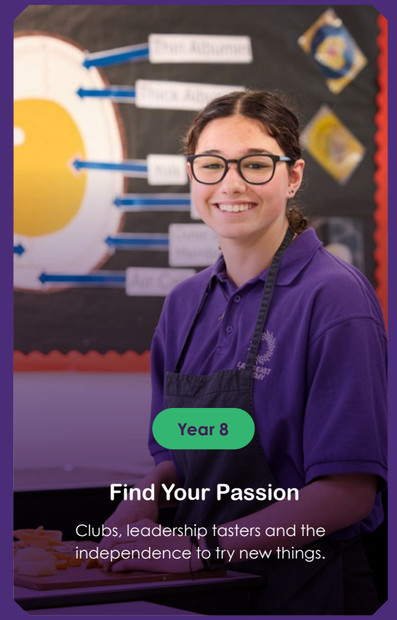


Year 7

New Beginnings

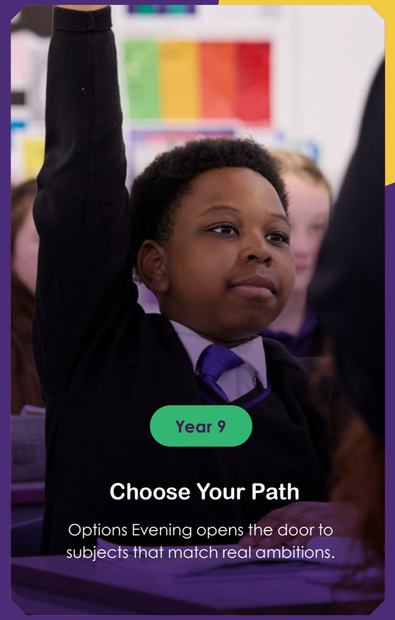
Settling-In Evening, a new Guardian group, and the first friendships that make LEA feel like home.



Year 8

Find Your Passion

Clubs, leadership tasters and the independence to try new things.



Year 9

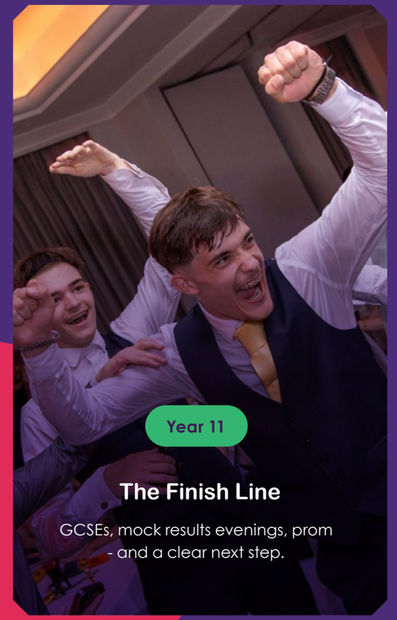
Choose Your Path

Options Evening opens the door to subjects that match real ambitions.

Year 10

Real-World Ready

Work experience, mock exams, and options finalised.



Year 11

The Finish Line

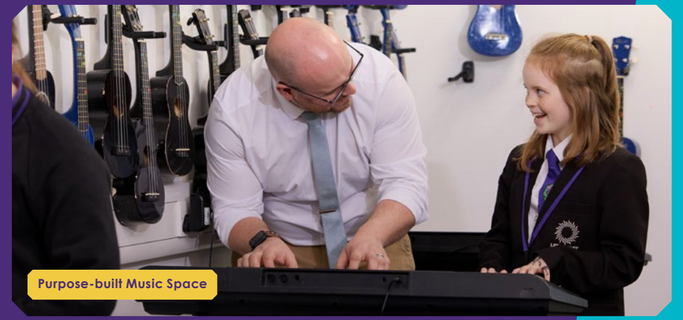
GCSEs, mock results evenings, prom - and a clear next step.

Every Child Can Discover Something New

School isn't just what happens in lessons. Our extra-curricular programme runs through breaks, lunchtimes and three afternoons a week, giving every student the chance to find something they love - on the pitch, on the stage, or somewhere they never expected.

From subject trips and workplace visits to ice skating, Flip Out and our end-of-year trip to Flamingo Land - there's always somewhere to be outside the classroom. Ask any student about their favourite LEA trip, and they'll have an answer ready.

Well Equipped Classrooms


Purpose-built Music Space

" Being part of so many activities has made my time here truly unforgettable. I've grown, learned and felt like I truly belonged."
Ruby Year 9

Educational Kitchens

Professional Theatre

Sports Facilities

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Performing Arts Clubs

Every Child Can
Earn It

Every positive choice counts.
Staff award ABC Points for Attendance, Behaviour and Core Values - in every lesson, and those points unlock real rewards.

- **Student of the Week:** Top scorer earns a certificate and a Principal's Breakfast invite.
- **Top Twensday:** Weekly winners choose a prize from the reward cabinet.
- **Guardian Group of the Week:** Golden Tokens add up to a group trip out.
- **ABC Weeks:** Half-termly trips and events, from Flip Out to ice skating
- **The big one:** our end-of-year rewards trip to Flamingo Land - earned by the students who live our values all year round.

Culture Celebration Day

Every Child Can
Start The Day Right

Every student is greeted daily by a caring adult who knows them - a Guardian who sets high expectations and gives daily support in equal measure. It's 40 minutes that shapes the whole day.

- **PSHE:** Health, wellbeing and making good life choices
- **RSE:** Healthy relationships, respect and understanding
- **Positive Behaviour:** Attendance, behaviour and celebrating success
- **Visions & Values:** Living our core values every single day
- **Future Friday:** Careers, money skills and life beyond school

"I feel as though I really have a voice as a student as to what goes on in our academy."
Niall Year 9

Every Child Can Belong

Every child should feel part of our school community and have access to a full, balanced curriculum, whatever their needs. Three dedicated tiers of support make sure they do.

Thrive

Supporting pupils with special educational needs across communication, cognition and learning, social and emotional wellbeing, and physical or sensory needs. Thrive provides targeted support while developing the skills, confidence and independence pupils need to participate successfully in their education.

The Bridge

Key Stage 3 support for pupils who benefit from additional guidance in Years 7 and 8. Through smaller group teaching alongside their usual lessons, The Bridge strengthens reading, writing and mathematics, helping pupils build the knowledge and confidence to thrive in the classroom.

Connect

An in-school alternative provision offering a calm, structured and nurturing environment for pupils with social, emotional or mental health needs. Connect provides intensive support to remove barriers to learning, develop resilience and self-regulation, and prepare pupils for a successful return to their usual classes wherever possible.

Every Child Can Lead

Every Child Can is woven into how our students lead, not just how they learn. Our Student LEAders are chosen through a rigorous interview and training process, deliberately structured to represent every background and every part of academy life.

Student Leaders work in teams that mirror the key areas of academy life, and easily spotted in their black leadership hoodies, they sit alongside staff, help interview prospective students, and help shape the academy they belong to.

"The school has developed a curriculum which is exciting and relevant to pupils at the school"
Ofsted 2024

Every Child Can
Find Their Path

University, apprenticeships, employment, the arts, sport, further study - every young person's pathway looks different, and we'll never stop searching for the one that lets them flourish.

Every student receives:

- Personal careers guidance
- Encounters with employers
- Work experience opportunities
- Support into sixth form, college, apprenticeships or employment

Ahead Partnership

Mock interviews, careers fairs and business visits.

Leeds City College

Careers events and Year 10 work placements matched to interests.

The Kings Trust

The Mosaic programme: role models, workshops, workplace visits.

Into University

Workshops and events building employability and ambition.

Career Advice

A one-to-one interview for every student, guiding real decisions.

BELONGING FIRST

Heard. Valued. Supported. Challenged. Inspired.

Because achievement starts with a sense of belonging.

EVERY CHILD CAN

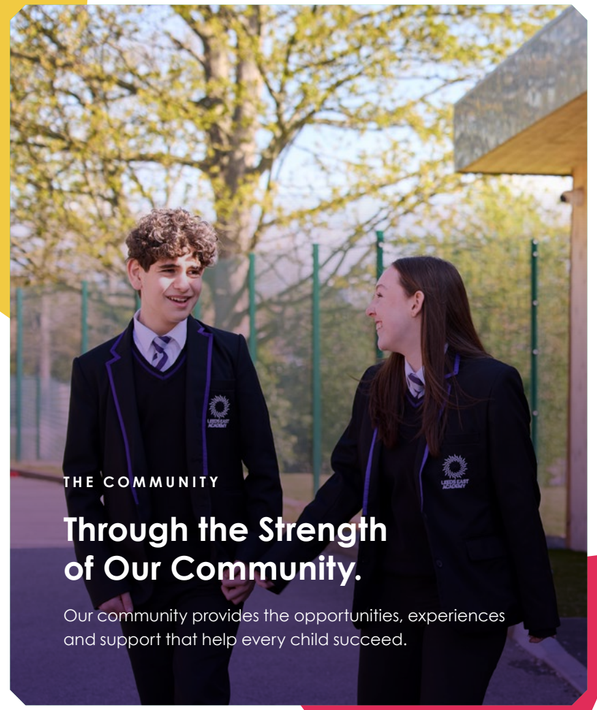
Possibility. Potential. Opportunity.

We believe every child can succeed, whatever their starting point.

FAMILIES

Through Strong Family Partnerships.

When families and school work together, every child can thrive, succeed and achieve their potential.



THE COMMUNITY

Through the Strength of Our Community.

Our community provides the opportunities, experiences and support that help every child succeed.

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Admissions

Leeds East Academy is an academy school, with admissions managed by Leeds City Council. Families applying for a Year 7 place must apply online through the council portal.

Key Dates

For September 2027 entry, applications close on 31 October 2026 and offers are made on 1 March 2027. Full details, including criteria and guidance, are available on the Leeds City Council website.

Visit Us

The best way to understand what makes Leeds East Academy special is to see it for yourself. We warmly invite you to visit, meet our staff and students, and experience our vibrant learning community in action.