

ATAM ACADEMY Magazine

Autumn 2018



What's inside?

Introducing our Executive Headteacher
Highlights from Atam Academy
Part of The Khalsa Academies Trust





Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of Atam Academy's magazine. We set about creating this magazine with one goal – to showcase the vibrancy of our flourishing school.

We are entering an incredibly exciting phase in our development, with the opening of our secondary school phase in September 2019. I would like to invite all local families to come and see first-hand our purpose-built, state-of-the-art new building throughout September and October at one of our open mornings or the open evening.

Our ambition is to develop students who are equipped with the skills to succeed in whatever future they choose. We want to provide them with the self-assurance and resilience to have the confidence to seize the opportunities available to them. As an all-through school we can provide continuity and offer unique opportunities to drive their development from primary school through to sixth form.

We have extremely high expectations for every student and work in partnership with families, local businesses and other educational organisations to make sure our young people receive the platform to succeed that they deserve. In delivering the national curriculum we focus on active learning, technology and international education, including the teaching of Punjabi as a modern foreign language and French from Reception.

We are fortunate to be a member of the fantastic Khalsa Academies Trust, a group of high performing schools across the country. We are connected through our Sikh ethos, but Atam is a school that welcomes children from all faiths and none. We believe the broad Sikh values of love, compassion, contentment, humility and truth that underpin the ethos of our school are applicable to everyone and lead the excellent behaviour expounded by Ofsted across all of our schools.

In this edition we showcase how success is achieved throughout the trust, as well as the exciting activities and future plans right here at Atam Academy. I hope you enjoy reading about what it means to be a part of this exciting school and I encourage everyone to come and find out more for yourselves.

Sulina Piesse, Executive Headteacher

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Academy News

Sporting prowess

Essex Cricket Club will be offering 20 hours of coaching per Key Stage for Atam Academy students from September! We have already had some great feedback from our primary phase parents and we can't wait to get started.

Between September and December Leyton Orient Football Club will be delivering a free 12-week Premier League Primary Stars programme to two Year 3 Atam Academy classes.



ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS AT ATAM

We want our students to value life in modern Britain and see the country in which they live through its rich heritage, culture and history. The royal wedding provided us with a perfect opportunity for our students to get into the spirit of national celebration!

We threw a street party celebrating the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle as well as the Sikh and British allegiance. The Atam Primary playground was decorated with British flags while children wore paper crowns which they made themselves.

THE SUN SHINES ON THE SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 30th June saw the return of Atam Academy's ever-popular Summer Fair, an event that captured the imagination of our rich school community. Students, parents and local residents mixed and enjoyed a fantastic, fun filled day in the sunshine.

We were joined by some of our wonderful partners, including the Sikh Colouring Book, Little Miss Homemaker, Mr Bounce Singh, SEVA, Mr Singh's Pizza, N&A Jewellery, with activities including archery, dastaar tying, soft play for under 5s, arts and crafts, dhol workshops, the Lego Challenge and many more.

The day also included tours of our brand new Atam Academy site, we'd like to thank everyone for their extremely positive feedback!

CELEBRATING OUR PRIMARY SUCCESS

We are delighted to announce an excellent set of primary phase results for 2018. They are a testament to the high standards we want all of our students to strive for. We are so proud of all our staff and students' hard work and dedication throughout the year!

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% of children achieving the expected standard in:	Our school 2018	National 2017	Redbridge 2017
Reading	82%	76%	79%
Writing	72%	68%	71%
Mathematics	90%	75%	79%

GLD and Phonics

% of children achieving the expected standard in:	Our school 2018	National 2017	Redbridge 2017
End of Reception GLD	83%	71%	73%
Year 1 Phonics Screening	91%	81%	Not avble

Partnerships

KHALSA ACADEMIES TRUST

The Khalsa Academies Trust (KAT) is a Multi Academy Trust that supports a number of high performing schools, including Khalsa Secondary Academy (KSA) and Khalsa Academy Wolverhampton (KAW).

The trust brings together the best practise from across these schools and helps staff and students to learn from one another. This is how it helps the continuous development that can be seen throughout each member school.



Project Hope Academy

One of the fundamental values of KAT and its schools is Seva (community service). Last year it started working with the Education Development Trust (EDT).

EDT is helping to transform the lives of 124,000 girls in Kenya by ensuring they receive a good quality education. KAT is supporting this initiative by providing educational leadership as well as supporting opportunities for Seva for some of the poorest families in Kenya.

Our first project is Project Hope Academy, a small school located near Makindu. We would appreciate any sponsorship for this cause so that we can support 98 students with the aim of getting them into university or a career.

Visit www.khalsaacademiestrust.com/1831/project-hope-academy-makindu-kenya to find out more.



OFSTED AND RESULTS

KAW and KSA have recently received their first Ofsted reports and we are delighted that inspectors found both to be Good schools. Highlights included:

- Pupils say that one of the best things about their school is that their peers are a tight-knit community who are kind to one another
- Pupils behaviour is excellent
- Governors, the MAT and leaders share a vision of excellence
- Leaders have high expectations of pupils' conduct in lessons and around the school

In its first set of exam results, KSA ranked not just top for students' progress across all grammar and non-selective schools within Buckinghamshire, but in the top 30 across the country. This summer's results, although provisional, indicate that these high standards have been maintained.

ATAM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 20th September 2018 6pm to 9pm

ATAM OPEN MORNING

Saturday 29th September 2018 10am to 1pm



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