



BRISTOL METROPOLITAN ACADEMY

High Standards • High Aspirations • High Expectations



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Welcome to Bristol Met

It is with a sense of pride that I welcome you to Bristol Metropolitan Academy. Bristol Met is a special place and it is a pleasure to lead an academy full of talented and hardworking students and such dedicated and professional staff. Together we will continue to drive Bristol Met to be truly outstanding – an accolade which students, staff and the community richly deserve.



At Bristol Met the responsibility for each student entrusted to us is taken seriously. That trust is repaid by ensuring that all staff have the highest expectations for every student. We pledge to provide an outstanding learning environment where students can thrive and progress. Teaching and learning is at the heart of everything we do, and we place an unwavering focus on high quality teaching, leading to high quality outcomes. Teachers have the right to teach; students have the right to learn.

Making a decision about which secondary school to send your child to is difficult, but I want to assure you that Bristol Met is a school you can choose with confidence. Students at Bristol Met have achieved some exceptional outcomes in recent years including being the best school in Bristol for progress and featuring in the Top 10% of

schools nationally for progress. Being oversubscribed on applications for a number of consecutive years has reassured us that our reputation in the local community means that parents are making Bristol Met their school of choice. In May 2026 we had an Ofsted inspection where we were rated as 'Expected Standard'. The report was complimentary of our inclusive environment.

I hope that this small snapshot of our academy gives you a flavour of what we can offer your family. However, to make a decision, please come and see us at one of our open events. We are always proud to show new families around our inspirational building. I look forward to welcoming you to the Academy in the future.

Kris Bridgeman
Principal





Welcome to the Cabot Learning Federation



The Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) is a family of 36 schools located in Bristol, Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and Somerset. Our schools include secondary and primary academies; one all-through academy; overarching post-16 provision; a studio school; special schools, and a suite of alternative provisions.

Since the CLF's inception 17 years ago, our story has been one of both growth and improvement. Today, we are responsible for educating 18,000 children, aged between two and 19, and we are proud that every CLF academy has maintained marked improvement since joining us, as recognised by Ofsted and illustrated through pupils' outcomes. Regardless of their background or starting points, more of our students than ever before have qualifications that compare favourably with other young people nationally and across the South West, allowing them to step forward into their destinations with confidence and aspiration.

As we have grown, our vision has remained consistent and clear: we believe that by working together rather than in isolation we can accelerate school improvement, embed excellence in our academies, deliver our mission, and be an educator of choice for pupils and their families. We champion the success and life chances of all children, as exemplified in our HEART values, and believe every child can be supported to find a route to happiness and prosperity.

In addition to our work in our own schools, the CLF is committed to driving up standards across the wider education sector. We perform a range of roles in government-backed initiatives and support a large number of schools beyond our trust as a lead partner in the Five Counties Teaching School Hubs Alliance. We also lead a Behaviour and Attendance Hub and the Boolean Maths Hub, which places us at the heart of a network of more than 900 South West schools. We are a regional lead on Reception Education and members of our team have roles as advisors in the Department for Education's Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence (RISE) team.

CLF CORE PURPOSE



Maintain **High expectations** in all we do, ambitious for ourselves, our communities, and our environment.



Create **Equity** of opportunity, promoting inclusion, removing disadvantage and rejecting discrimination.



Champion the success and life chances of **All children**.



Furnish pupils and staff with the **Resilience** to succeed as lifelong learners.



Harness our **Togetherness** to achieve more, collaborating proactively in seamless unity.

We also invest in the future of the education sector; training and accrediting leaders and new teachers via our own Five Counties School Centred Initial Teacher Training provision, which was judged to be outstanding in 2024 and 'strong' in all areas in 2026. This is a clear illustration of our determination to recruit the best people into the profession and support them to become highly-effective practitioners and leaders via ongoing professional development.

Bristol Metropolitan Academy is a key partner in our growing family of CLF schools. Please do take the opportunity to get to know the school, its staff and the Principal, Kris Bridgeman.

I am confident you will discover that Bristol Met shares the CLF's commitment to high expectations and standards, and offers a joy-filled contemporary curriculum and excellent teaching, underpinned by an inclusive ethos which seeks to eradicate disadvantage and help all pupils reach their full potential. This all combines to help us create opportunities for our students to enjoy lifelong success.

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Sir Steve Taylor
Chief Executive
Cabot Learning Federation

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High Standards

The facts are irrefutable: students at Bristol Metropolitan Academy progress significantly more than their peers in other school across the country. Since opening in 2009, outcomes have improved yearly, enabling more students to move on to Further Education than ever before.

Having received national recognition for the progress made by students, Bristol Met is fast becoming synonymous with excellent outcomes for all. The Academy was recognised by the Specialist Schools and Academies' Trust for the exceptional progress made by students. Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of the Specialist Schools and Academies trust said:

“As they approach their GCSE examinations, all pupils benefit from a supportive and aspirational environment which helps to them to do their best and realise their plans”

How do we do it? We pride ourselves in offering a high quality curriculum, high quality teaching for all students and a learning environment which is conducive to overall high quality learning. We have High Standards for all of our students which are blended with the necessary level of support to ensure that all students finish their time at the Academy experiencing success. We are pleased that in our most recent Ofsted inspection (May 2026) this was recognised in a number of ways by the inspection team:

“Pupils receive clear messages about the importance of respecting others, no matter their belief, background or lifestyle.”

“Leaders and staff challenge all pupils to attend, behave and achieve well. This challenge is provided warmly.”





High Aspirations

Our Academy is a centre of excellence within our community.

Local primary schools bring their students to us to share in the use of our facilities and to benefit from our expert specialist teaching in Science, Technology and Modern Foreign Languages.

We work alongside our Primary partners and across the Cabot Learning Federation to share staff training and to ensure that we provide the best experiences for our local community. Our partnerships with local business leaders have afforded our students opportunities for work experience, mock interviews, job shadowing and mentoring. In addition, all students are provided with opportunities to learn beyond the school environment in the form of trips and visits over the course of the academic year.



“Pupils are very proud of their school. They have many opportunities to learn about the wider world.”



High Expectations

We are defined by a culture of participation. Our students get involved in a broad range of activities before, during and after the school day as well as gaining valuable work-based and further study skills.

From the free breakfast club at the start of the day, to the after school opportunities in sport, performing arts and independent study, students are keen to join in with new activities, to support one another and most of all to have fun. A recent visitor to the Academy noted:

“It is a breath of fresh air to see so many students able and encouraged to take part in any sport of their choosing. It is fantastic to see students being competitive and pushing themselves to be the best they can.”

Current opportunities include football, basketball, cricket, netball, trampolining, cheer, fencing, sailing, dance workshops, drama, debating, music production, band club, coding, DT and art club, as well as opportunities to complete homework and revise with teachers after school. In Key Stage 3, years 7 and 8, there is also a timetabled enrichment session in which students are able to choose to pursue an interest or learn a new skill which wouldn't normally be accessible during curriculum time.

In addition, over the course of the year students are given numerous opportunities to share their skills and talents with their peers and visitors, from concerts, musicals and talent shows, to sporting displays, demonstrations, and competitions, all characterised by a large crowd of supportive students and a desire to create, celebrate, participate and have fun.

A Sense of Belonging

Beyond bricks and mortar, it is the ethos at Bristol Metropolitan Academy that makes it a safe, purposeful and happy place to learn. All students belong to a 'Tutor Group' overseen by a House Team. Every day starts with contact time with that key staff member. In addition there is a Student Support Base and a Learning Support Base where students who need additional support can take part in small group and one to one work. Our innovative intervention suite, The Hub, is used by students of all ages and ability levels to receive coaching and additional tuition in English and Maths.

Our staff teams are considered by students to be reliable, trustworthy and knowledgeable. When Ofsted visited the Academy in May 2026, they said that "The school provides a safe and fulfilling environment in which pupils can be themselves and develop ambitious plans for their futures."



Our Academy Today

Since opening, Bristol Metropolitan Academy has continued to evolve and grow, always striving to provide the very best education and opportunities for every student.

Today, we are a successful and inclusive academy with high expectations, a strong sense of community and a commitment to helping every young person achieve their potential.

We are proud of all that has been achieved so far, but we remain focused on the future. By continually developing our curriculum, facilities and opportunities, we aim to ensure every student leaves Bristol Met equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed.

A local school with a strong reputation, Bristol Metropolitan Academy is the school of choice for many families. We look forward to welcoming you to see our academy for yourself.

A Talented Team

One of the Academy's greatest assets is its hard-working, committed and professional staff.

Teachers and support staff at the Academy provide a wealth of additional support to students within and beyond the usual Academy day, including revision sessions and holiday schools outside term time. A culture of learning is not solely the domain of students at Bristol Met - learning is a lifelong skill, valued by teachers, support staff and parents too.



Our learning community was recognised by Ofsted:

“Staff are alert to pupils' individual needs and generally take these into account when planning learning”

State-of-the-Art Facilities

Bristol Metropolitan Academy is housed within a modern, purpose-built award-winning building centred around a 'street' - a vast, open thoroughfare used for gatherings, celebrations and social time.

You will find:

- ▶ Both domestic and professional-standard kitchens for student use
- ▶ An array of industry-standard tools for use in design and technology, including computer-aided design
- ▶ A mirrored expressive arts studio with sprung wooden flooring
- ▶ A large sports hall and smaller gym
- ▶ Several ICT suites and a Mac suite designed specifically for video and audio editing
- ▶ A recording studio and practice rooms equipped with a variety of instruments and facilities
- ▶ A number of science laboratories
- ▶ Outside all-weather pitch, sports field, cricket nets and multi-use games area as well as other social spaces
- ▶ Students are able to ride bicycles and scooters to school, storing them within locked storage facilities, and every student has access to a locker within the building for safe storage of their school work, kit and personal possessions.





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