

Our Ethos & Values
We are proud to be part of United Learning, a group of academies, primaries, and independent schools that work by the motto 'The Best in Everyone', and we wholeheartedly subscribe to this philosophy.

RREAD Values
Secondary school is a time for students to build on the foundations of learning and gain the knowledge, skills, and qualifications they need to move on successfully. It is also an opportunity to develop positive qualities and characteristics that will prepare them for life in today's world. Within our calm and supportive school environment, our young people are therefore encouraged to challenge themselves, succeed through failure and grow in confidence. Our approach is underpinned by our four core values:

R	Resilience	to keep going even when we face challenges, setbacks or disappointments;
R	Respect	for ourselves and others in all that we do;
E	Enthusiasm	to seek opportunity, find what is good and pursue talents and interests;
A	Ambition	to achieve the best for ourselves and others;
D	Determination	to overcome obstacles and reach success.

High Expectations & Standards
We do not shy away from high standards; good uniform, behaviour, and attitudes all provide the foundations for effective learning. Our students come to school ready to learn and determined to succeed. Across our school, we are proud to have built a calm, purposeful climate that allows students to enjoy their learning. We firmly believe that good character is something that stays with us for a lifetime, so we promote kindness, confidence, and resilience in all we do. Our students are polite, respectful and courteous.

Academic Excellence
To help students become well-rounded individuals, we have developed a broad and balanced curriculum that is cohesive, cumulative, and highly sequenced. We offer both academic and vocational pathways to allow our students to develop their strengths and talents giving them every chance at success in the wider world.

Education with Character
Whilst academic success is very important, we believe that there is more to a good education. As well as ensuring our students succeed in exams, we aim to develop the whole person. Throughout their time at Irlam & Cadishead Academy, students are expected to contribute to our school community and to society. We want students to try things they cannot do, to persist in the face of difficulty and to become resilient in overcoming obstacles. Some of the most memorable moments in life come from trying something completely different or developing a new skill. With this in mind, we provide a breadth of opportunities and experiences designed to help our students become confident, well-rounded and ambitious young adults. Whatever our students' individual interests or talents, we seek to nurture them through our wide-ranging curriculum and enrichment programme.

Outstanding Pastoral Care
The culture of safeguarding is a strength of our school and we ensure that all staff have been suitably trained to identify the risks that our pupils may face. We are passionate about ensuring our students receive appropriate and timely support and put their wellbeing at the centre of all that we do.



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For Parents

Welcome to our
Year 6 to Year 7
Transition Programme

Principal's Welcome - Chris Leader

Irlam and Cadishead Academy is a welcoming, ambitious and nurturing secondary school that seeks to give students a genuine enjoyment of learning. Guided by our values of Resilience, Respect, Enthusiasm, Ambition and Determination, we have a relentless drive to ensure the best possible education for our students.

We are proud to have established a culture of high expectations and high aspirations and through a broad curriculum and extracurricular programme, we aim to give our students every opportunity to gain the skills, knowledge, and experiences they need to become caring and confident citizens of tomorrow.

We know that a successful transition into Year 7 starts early through positive relationships with our local primary schools and the offer of an engaging, nurturing programme to prepare your students for the next stage of their education.



We would love to welcome your child to Irlam and Cadishead Academy to discover our exciting and wonderful learning community.



Contact our team to find out more...



Mrs Davies
Head of Year 7

Angela is the first point of call for students when they start at ICA. She is always on hand to meet the students, answering any questions and reassuring them about any fears about starting secondary school.



Abbie Salt
Transition & Community Lead

Abbie leads a strong Transition Programme at ICA, working with local primary schools to support children through engaging events, activities and workshops, building confidence and ensuring they feel ready for a positive start to secondary school.



Lisa Hren
SENDCo, DSL and Teacher of RE

Lisa is the SENDCo at ICA. She supports all our SEND students and works closely with families and external agencies to ensure the best outcomes for our young people.



High standards and academic excellence



Grammar Scholars for high-achieving students



Outstanding Sports Pathways and Facilities



An excellent extra-curricular programme



A new and exciting 'House' system for competitions and student enrichment

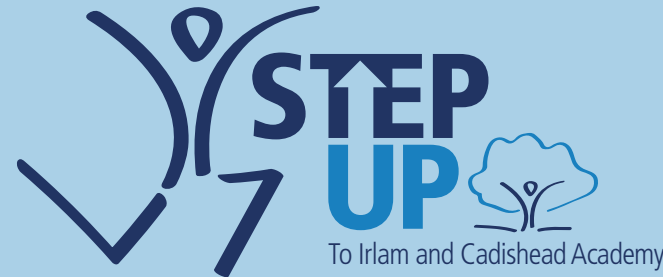


Student Leadership opportunities



All students leave with a clear post-16 pathway

Year 6 is an exciting time for many primary school children, but it can also be a daunting time as they start to think about transitioning into Year 7.



ICA Year 6 Transition Club – Every Thursday 4pm-5pm

Starting in November, our Year 6 Transition Club runs every Thursday 4pm-5pm at Irlam and Cadishead Academy. This is an amazing opportunity for your child to get to know the academy, meet ICA staff and make new friends.

Children get the chance to take part in a range of fun activities all designed to help them make friends and build confidence ready for starting secondary school. This is a **FREE** event - **No need to book!**

Transition Induction Visits

Our transition team and the Salford Youth Service (IYS) visit all year 6 classes throughout the academic year. Students are encouraged to explore their thoughts and feelings about transitioning into secondary school. Students can explore their worries and concerns such as making friends, finding their way around school, and meeting new teachers, in the nurturing environment of their primary school.

Primary Visits & Assemblies

From National Offer Day, our Transition Lead will visit your child's primary school on a regular basis, liaising with your child's primary school teachers, to build a detailed understanding of the children who will be starting in September at ICA. She will also attend assemblies and other primary school events so that she becomes a familiar, friendly face to your child.

We have a programme of support and events that you and your child can engage with to support this process.

Year 6

- Seasonal events
- Curriculum workshops
- Transition workshops
- Taster days
- Sporting Activities
- Open Evening
- Manchester United Foundation
- Salford Youth Service
- Regular primary visits & assemblies
- Weekly after-school transition club' under Year 6

Transition for SEND

Our SEND team is committed to ensuring a smooth transition from primary school to Irlam and Cadishead Academy.

We will

- Attend Annual Reviews where possible.
- Liaise with the primary school SENDCo, class teacher, and headteacher to share information regarding students on the SEN register.
- Invite all EHCp students and some K students to attend additional enhanced transition sessions in school during the summer term and meet the SENCo
- Be available at whole-school events (eg. Y7 information evening)

Stepping Stone Days

Working together with the primaries, children who may need additional support settling into the Academy are identified. We offer tailored 'Stepping Stones' days offsite at RHS Garden Bridgewater where children participate in team-building activities.

Transition Days

In June, all children who have a place at Irlam and Cadishead Academy will attend our Transition Days. At this two-day event your child will be officially inducted into Irlam and Cadishead Academy and take part in an exciting programme of events including curriculum workshops, sports activities and house competitions!

Parent Information Evening

Parents of children starting in September will be invited to a Parent Information Evening. At this event, the Principal and senior leaders will share key information with you about the academy. You will also meet your child's Head of Year, the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo), and your child's form tutor.

Year 7

- Peer Mentoring Programme
- STEAM Enrichment Programme
- Manchester United Foundation
- Foundation 92
- Year 7 Settling in Evening
- Parent/Carers Evening
- Christmas Events and Activities
- School Games Events
- ICA Sports Leadership Programme
- Co-Curricular Opportunities

