

ALBAN LEARNING PARTNERS

PROSPECTUS

OUTSTANDING LEARNING FOR ALL



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Alban Learning Partners (ALP) - a group of highly respected Sixth Form providers that work collaboratively to provide an exceptional A Level experience for students in the St Albans area.

Our partnership includes Loreto College, Samuel Ryder Academy, St Albans Girls' School, Townsend Church of England School and The Marlborough Science Academy.

A shared desire for the very highest academic standards and rigorous attention to detail are the common features of all our Sixth Forms.

We work in partnership with local businesses and other education providers to ensure that ALP students have an unparalleled learning experience.

Our students benefit from being able to choose from a very wide range of courses and gain access to outstanding facilities and specialist resources that simply cannot be found within a single organisation.

**BE
INSPIRED.**

We aim to inspire our students and prepare them for a successful and rewarding career, whatever their aspirations may be.





"Progress made by students' both at A level and at AS level is above other students nationally, with progress in a number of subjects at AS level being well above other students nationally."

**OFSTED REPORT -
MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE ACADEMY**

"The progress that students make in the Sixth Form is consistently good. All those who applied for a university place in 2015 were successful."

**OFSTED REPORT -
SAMUEL RYDER ACADEMY**

"The Sixth Form is outstanding. Students are being very well prepared for the next stage of their education because they are taught to be independent, achieve very well and make a significant contribution to the community."

**OFSTED REPORT -
LORETO COLLEGE**



“The good leadership of the Sixth Form energetically supports student welfare and achievement.”

**OFSTED REPORT -
TOWNSEND CofE SCHOOL**

THE BENEFITS OF AN ALP EDUCATION

Our students receive many benefits.
Here is just a small selection.



- A very broad range of challenging and highly accredited subjects as part of a student centred curriculum that maximises student choice.
- A strong tradition of high quality teaching and excellent results.
- A dedicated academic tutoring programme.
- Access to facilities and resources that are far more wide ranging and sophisticated than any that would normally be found within a single organisation including specialised state-of-the-art facilities in a range of subjects.
- A structured careers programme with exceptional vocational learning opportunities through excellent local, regional and national business links.
- An enrichment programme that makes our students' personal statements stand out from the crowd.
- Opportunities to travel to extend learning.
- Excellent university application support and guidance including specialist, intensive and comprehensive support with Oxbridge applications.

The teaching staff and senior leaders across our partnership work very closely together. This means that we are able to compare teaching and learning strategies and outcomes across all of our Sixth Forms. This not only enables us to learn from one another and provide each other with a high degree of challenge and support, but it also helps to ensure that the methods that are found to be most successful in one setting, are then shared across the partnership.

“Teaching in the Sixth Form is consistently outstanding, and this is reflected in the students’ high achievements.”

**OFSTED REPORT -
ST ALBANS GIRLS’ SCHOOL**

ACHIEVEMENT AND STANDARDS

It is a central characteristic of the ALP community that the high expectations we have of our students are matched by the high expectations our students have of themselves.

“Students’ achievement in the Sixth Form is outstanding.”

**OFSTED REPORT -
LORETO COLLEGE**



Outstanding teaching and learning is our main objective and our teachers are passionate about their subject area, have a detailed knowledge and understanding of the subject matter, and work with others within and beyond the partnership to constantly develop their practice and sharpen their skills.

We are also a thriving community that is justifiably proud of our excellent examination results and the large number of students who are accepted onto degree courses each year, including some of the most competitive subjects at the Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. A very high proportion of our students go on to study at their first choice university.





"The proportion of students who see their courses through to completion is above average and the students receive good information, advice and guidance about appropriate courses and about careers options, either at university or in employment or apprenticeships."

**OFSTED REPORT -
TOWNSEND CofE SCHOOL**

“Vocational courses are offered alongside a range of academic subjects. Success rates in these courses are high. The school’s media work, for example, supported by its own television studio, is particularly successful.”

**OFSTED REPORT -
SAMUEL RYDER ACADEMY**

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Our students enjoy their learning within modern, comfortable and well-equipped Sixth Form study centres with common rooms, social areas and catering facilities.



They also benefit from having access to an exceptional range of specialist facilities and resources across the five schools in the partnership.

We have state-of-the-art facilities and outstanding technological resources that support and enhance learning in every subject area. These include specialist science laboratories, dance and art studios, photographic rooms, lecture theatres, design technology workshops, music suites, industry standard food technology kitchens, specialist TV and multi-media production facilities, drama studios with specialist lighting and equipment and extensive sporting facilities including swimming pools, multi-use sports halls and gymnasiums.

**BE
PREPARED.**

Outstanding teaching and learning is our main objective. We ensure that our students have the winning advantage as they progress to the next stage of their education.

"Students' learning and aspirations are extended through partnerships with neighbouring schools and colleges. Their achievement and the quality of teaching are outstanding, and they leave the school extremely well prepared for later life."

**OFSTED REPORT -
ST ALBANS GIRLS' SCHOOL**



“Teachers have strong subject knowledge and great enthusiasm for their subjects, which they use effectively to engage and challenge students’ in their learning.”

**OFSTED REPORT -
MARLBOROUGH SCIENCE ACADEMY**

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT AND MENTORING

We pride ourselves on our commitment to offering excellent pastoral and academic support for our students.



We believe passionately that the support given during transition into Year 12 and the individual university and careers guidance offered throughout Sixth Form underpins the success our students have in gaining a place at their first choice university.

Through high quality teaching and weekly academic mentoring we are able to offer supportive challenge for all students, enabling them to discover and achieve their full academic and personal potential.

We will match students’ ability and preferences with the best possible opportunities to ensure that they succeed and achieve excellence in their chosen pathway and careful monitoring of all students with proactive intervention strategies helps to ensure that each and every student is fully supported and given the greatest chance of success.

The personal and academic progress of our students is carefully monitored by the Heads of Sixth Form and the tutors with whom the students meet daily. This helps with the early identification of any issues that may be preventing the student from achieving in their chosen subject areas.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to rigorous academic studies, we provide a substantial and very enjoyable enrichment programme that is designed to address the personal and spiritual development of each student.

Our Sixth Form teams work to create a sense of fun and love for learning by providing a range of experiences that are designed to further promote an interest in what students are learning whilst broadening their experiences and enhancing their interpersonal, organisational and communication skills.

Students are also encouraged to take on leadership roles, motivating them to become responsible adults who are ready to make a positive impact on society. As part of this, students are able to take advantage of an excellent selection of opportunities including the organisation of social activities and community events, charity work, young enterprise programmes, and participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.



We also provide peer mentoring opportunities, work shadowing, global expeditions, drama productions, orchestras and bands, participation in work based learning projects and a variety of impressive sporting opportunities.

**BE
YOURSELF.**

We try and provide our students with a personalised learning experience so that they can reach their full academic and personal potential.



We will also help the students to record and present these experiences in a way that provides them with an exceptional portfolio of evidence that will help them with their future university and career prospects.



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