



Areté
Learning Trust
Striving for
Excellence

**Our
message
to Parents
and Carers.**

Welcome to ALT

“Areté Learning Trust strives for excellence in all aspects of educational provision to realise our aspiration for every child being the best they can be.”

Welcome to the Arété Learning Trust, a charitable education Multi-Academy Trust based in the North of England comprising five primary schools and five secondary schools.

Our recent merger with Ryedale Learning Trust in April 2024 helped us establish a stronger Trust, with greater autonomy to set direction, deliver the outcomes that are important to us, and ensure that, in line with our vision, every young person in our Trust is inspired and enabled to be the best they can be.

This coming together of two strong Trusts has increased our school improvement capacity, enabled greater collaboration and partnership working, supported the delivery of high quality and inclusive educational provision, and maximised resources, all of which benefit every young person and member of staff in our schools.

Working collaboratively has delivered many benefits for the children and young people in our schools, our staff, and the local communities we serve. We believe we are stronger together and collectively strive to ensure that our young people are given both the opportunity and support to achieve their potential and experience the real joy of learning.

We aim to:

- Enable all learners to leave our schools strengthened by our values and aspirations and having achieved well.
- Ensure all learners are well prepared to face the next challenge in their learning, personal and social development.
- Enable schools to work together, share expertise and maximise efficiency and effectiveness across the MAT for the benefit of all.

In an educational climate where things are constantly changing, we want to innovate, collaborate, stay true to our values and work with others who are similarly committed to helping all young people, whatever their starting point, to be the best they can be.

We are delighted to welcome Nunthorpe Academy into our Trust. We are looking forward to working with Kate and her team to continue to drive up standards and strive for excellence in all aspects of educational provision at Nunthorpe, ensuring that every young person can be the best they can be.



A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Mark McCandless', with a long, sweeping underline.

Mark McCandless

Chief Executive Officer, Arété Learning Trust

Education Strategy

Areté Learning Trust Education Strategy has 3 significant strands:

Core Offer for Education

The core cycle of the Framework that describes the trust level work that all individual schools will receive, contribute to and work collaboratively with and is designed to provide regular assurance activity and school development.

This cycle of activity will provide schools with information to improve their self-evaluation and development planning. It also includes regular collaborative activity designed to build capacity, expertise, support and challenge.

The Core Offer covers areas such as Safeguarding, SEND, Assessment and includes our Professional Learning Networks.

Targeted Support

Where schools require intervention and support for particular areas of performance, then through professional dialogue between the head and Chief Executive Officer, the appropriate Trust or external support will be brokered.

Trust Strategic Priorities for Educational Development

Specific professional development programmes and projects are designed and offered to meet the needs of schools where evaluation of key performance indicators, feedback from Heads and national priorities identify trends across the schools that require whole Trust strategies to support improvement.

These are led by the Central Education Team, expertise from within the Trust, or externally led support.

FAQs

When is the conversion due to take place?

Nunthorpe Academy is set to join the Arété Learning Trust on Wednesday 1st January, during the Christmas holidays.

Will the values remain the same?

Yes, as always Nunthorpe Academy is committed to promoting the message 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' in all aspects of school-life. The school values align closely with those of ALT so we are able to remain firmly focussed on providing the very best education for young people.

What impact will the conversion have?

The conversion will have very minimal impact on day-to-day activities and the school name and uniform will remain the same. However, rest assured that work has already begun to support Kate Kell and the team to further improve educational provision at Nunthorpe.

School Support Services

Areté Learning Trust have a well-developed School Support Services Team who oversee and offer technical expertise and leadership in many operational areas including Finance, HR, Estates, Marketing & Communications, Data & Insight, Governance and IT. Having these professional services provided centrally enables our Heads to focus on leading learning in their own schools, and raising educational standards, knowing they can rely on the partnership with the School Support Services Team to help them achieve their individual strategic aims.

Central Education Team

Our MAT has prioritised the formation of a Central Education Team, who provide our schools with support and expertise in Teaching and Learning, Professional Learning, Data and Assessment, Inclusion and Safeguarding.

This will ensure that all learners are *inspired and enabled to be the best they can be*.

Vision & Values

Every learner in our Trust is inspired and enabled to be the best they can be.

Our Trust is committed to promoting:

- Health, happiness and wellbeing
- A safe, disciplined and supportive environment
- A love of learning through a passionate and committed approach
- High standards and expectations
- Integrity, kindness and good manners
- Respect for individuality and difference
- Collaborative working to secure excellence

To realise our aspiration for every child to be the best they can be, we need to ensure that as a Trust we are 'Striving for Excellence'.

Areté Learning Trust has 4 key aims:

Every Learner in ALT is educated

in a great school.

...where the quality of education reflects the highest standards and behaviour, attitudes and outcomes are exemplary and consistent from everyone within the school community.

We want every learner to enjoy their learning journey in our schools and have real choices for the future.

We have a shared mission to deliver exceptional experiences and development opportunities across the Trust.

ALT Schools are schools

of choice for parents.

...a leading educational organisation in our communities that gives confidence. We want to be the 'first choice' in the communities we serve and for our schools to be full, or growing, vibrant places to learn.

Every learner should have access to the best education whatever their starting point.

ALT is the employer

of choice.

...our schools and Central Team are great places to work. We want staff development to be first class and to enable ambitious staff to progress in their careers.

We want our CPD networks to offer significant professional development opportunities - and to recruit and retain the very best people.

ALT is the partnership

organisation of choice.

...an outward-facing, collaborative and innovative learning-focused organisation.

We want external agencies and strategic partners to seek to work with us, and for us to have excellent capacity to support others.

Our reputation should attract like minded thinkers and innovators.

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