



## Joseph Leckie Academy

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Joseph Leckie Academy and congratulations on securing a place for your son or daughter for September – we are really looking forward to meeting you and to working with you in the very near future. As the new Principal of the academy, I am particularly looking forward to meeting my first year group of new students. I began my role just two weeks ago and can already see what an amazing academy Joseph Leckie is. It is such a welcoming, caring and vibrant place and I am sure that your child will soon grow to love being a part of the academy family. We would like to make the transition from primary to secondary school a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone and we will be doing everything that we can to make this possible.

We are delighted that the good news about our academy, including very positive examination results and our caring and inclusive academy ethos is now spreading widely across the local area and we are oversubscribed once again this year. I am sure you will already know that our aim as an academy, is to provide a safe and challenging environment which maximises opportunities for all members of the community and that we work in partnership with parents to equip all of our students to be confident and effective young people and lifelong learners. We really do see the partnership with you as parents and carers as an essential part of being a successful academy. We want our academy to be a place of learning in which all our students can achieve beyond what they ever thought was possible, develop the skills of independent enquiry, work co-operatively with others and ultimately lay the foundations for a happy, successful and healthy adult life.

These academy aims have been in strong evidence throughout this academic year so far in many ways, despite the challenges we have all been facing from the global pandemic. Some of our students' achievements include; raising money for Children in Need and Cancer Research, taking part in the French festival 'La Chandeleur' and designing a jersey design for The Bikeability Trust. We are also extremely proud of one our students whose Paralympic Mascot design has been selected to be displayed in the Athletes village in Tokyo at the 2021 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We are still awaiting further guidelines in holding transition days at the Academy and for you to have the opportunity to have a tour of the academy, meet key members of staff including the senior leadership team and your child's Head of Year. To support a smooth transition to Joseph Leckie Academy, we have set up a dedicated page on our website <https://www.josephleckieacademy.co.uk/transition2021>. This will be regularly updated with key information about JLA, including our curriculum, enrichment provision and pastoral care. Could I please request you visit the website and support us by completing the 'Data Collection form' for your child. Furthermore, we are also looking at supporting transition by holding a dedicated Summer School for all Year 6 students who will be joining the Academy. At Summer School, students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of academic and enrichment activities, become familiar with the Academy campus, make new friends and meet Academy staff. I would also be really grateful if you could complete a form to register your interest for Summer School, which is also available on the website.

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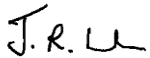
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I am so impressed by the quality of the work and the educational activities that take place in our academy on a daily basis. The focus is very much on learning and we are determined that all of our students will achieve great success in their time with us. Caring for your child will be our absolute priority and we look forward to working with you. By working in partnership we will ensure that your child flourishes here at Joseph Leckie Academy and leaves us in 7 years' time having had an amazing academy experience and fully prepared to face the future and live a happy, successful and fulfilling life.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact myself or Miss Ravat (Associate Assistant Principal) via [transition2021@josephleckieacademy.co.uk](mailto:transition2021@josephleckieacademy.co.uk) or by contacting the Academy reception on 01922 721071. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. R. L.', written in a cursive style.

James Ludlow  
Principal