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*Inspiring our students to have confidence, character and commitment*



# Open Evening Information 2021

**Mrs Bishop**  
*Principal*





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# Welcome to Atlantic

We are **absolutely delighted** that you are either **continuing** your journey with us or considering **joining** our **Atlantic community**. We are **committed** to **providing** the very **best education** for your child. We **believe** that we offer exceptional **academic progress** and **personal development**

## **Vision**

*By providing an outstanding all through provision we will transform the lives of all of our students; inspiring them to have the confidence, character and commitment to realise their full potential.*





**Mission Objectives:** *To improve the character, commitment and confidence of all our students*

# Character



- We are proud of our school and it is respected in the community
- We care and respect each other
- We define ourselves and are not afraid of opportunity



# Mission Objectives: *To improve the character, commitment and confidence of all our students*



**Confidence**

- We feel valued
- We feel safe to learn and try something new
- We believe in ourselves and each other



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# Mission Objectives:

*To improve the character, commitment and confidence of all our students*

## Commitment



- We work hard and are resilient
- We have disruption free learning
- We have an engaging curriculum

# What Makes Us Unique?



**All-through**  
Our students are with us from Reception all the way through to Year 11



**Applied Transdisciplinary Learning**  
The ATL curriculum helps to develop students' love of learning. Students explore an interest and exhibit their work at the end of the unit



**High Aspirations**  
We ensure every student works towards their full potential to succeed at a top university, apprenticeship or their chosen career path



**Purposeful Climate**  
Our students' clear sense of purpose and staff high expectations ensure learning is disruption free and focussed



**Enrichment Activities**  
All students have the option to select enrichment activities though the year to enhance the curriculum provision



**Outdoor Space**  
Atlantic Academy is situated on the South tip of the Isle of Portland. The location provides ample outside space and breathtaking views



**High expectations**  
All students work hard and are respectful of others at all times



**Student Leadership**  
Our all-through leadership group ensures pupils have a powerful voice in our school and within the local community



**Excellent teaching**  
Our teachers are outstanding and committed to ensuring that all students realise and aspire to reach their potential



**Powerful Knowledge**  
Knowledge organisers ensure that powerful knowledge is interleaved throughout our curriculum



**Heart of the Community**  
We work with our local community to ensure our students are proud of their school and are positive role models



**Small school**  
Our small academy ensures strong personal relationships and personalisation for all



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# Aspirations Framework

## Guiding Principles & 8 Conditions



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SELF-WORTH

ENGAGEMENT

PURPOSE

1

2

3

VALUES

1 BELONGING

2 HEROES

3 SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

4 FUN AND EXCITEMENT

CONDITIONS

CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY 5

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE 6

LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY 7

CONFIDENCE TO TAKE ACTION 8

SKILLS

1

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

2

RESILIENCE

3

CRITICAL THINKING

4

INITIATIVE

5

COMPLEX PROBLEM SOLVING

6

PRODUCTIVITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## The 3 Guiding Principles

- Self worth (Character)
- Engagement (Commitment)
- Purpose (Confidence)

are underpinned by the 8 conditions

Aspirations Student leadership Programme



**Director of Student Leadership and Aspirations**

'To empower future generations to follow their dreams and to build a society of which we can all be proud.'



Aspirations Trust Values 2021



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# Our Location & facilities...





It is the expectation of the Academy that the **behaviour** of our students will be of a **very high standard at all times**. We expect students to behave in a **sensible** and **responsible** manner both **on and off** the Academy **site**.

Everything that we ask our students to do is **purposeful** and about **supporting** them **developing** their **character, confidence and commitment**.

Having **regular routines** from the start of everyday, that are repeated throughout the year, whether it be lining up, having your equipment or homework checked, starting every lesson with a do-now activity, there always being a seating plan for every lesson, whatever the routine may be we practise them relentlessly so that life at school is safe, predictable, **calm and productive**.

Our routines create **disruption free learning** in every classroom, clear and Academy wide expectations that are supported by every member of staff and a **happy** cohort of **young people** who know what is expected of them.





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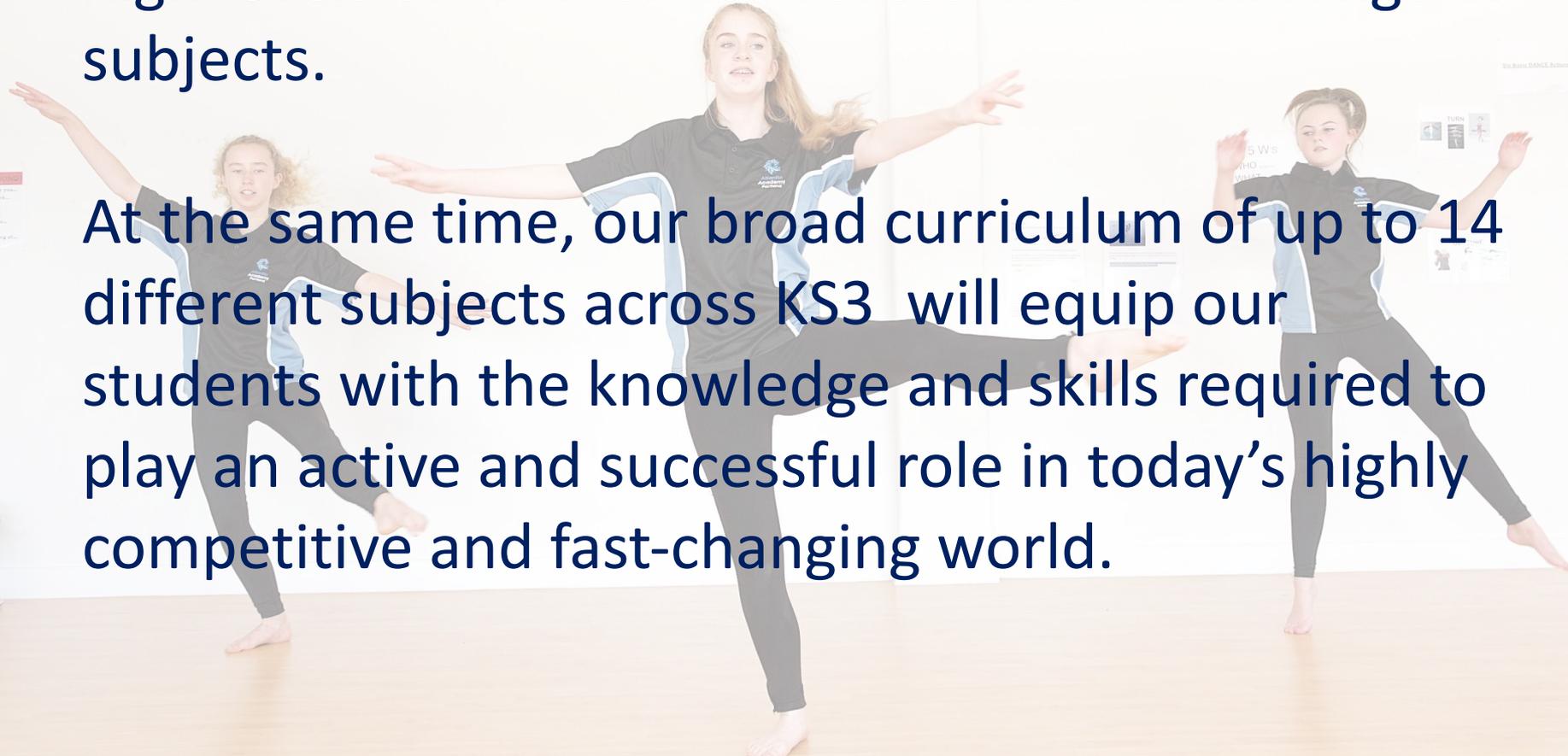


# Curriculum Offer



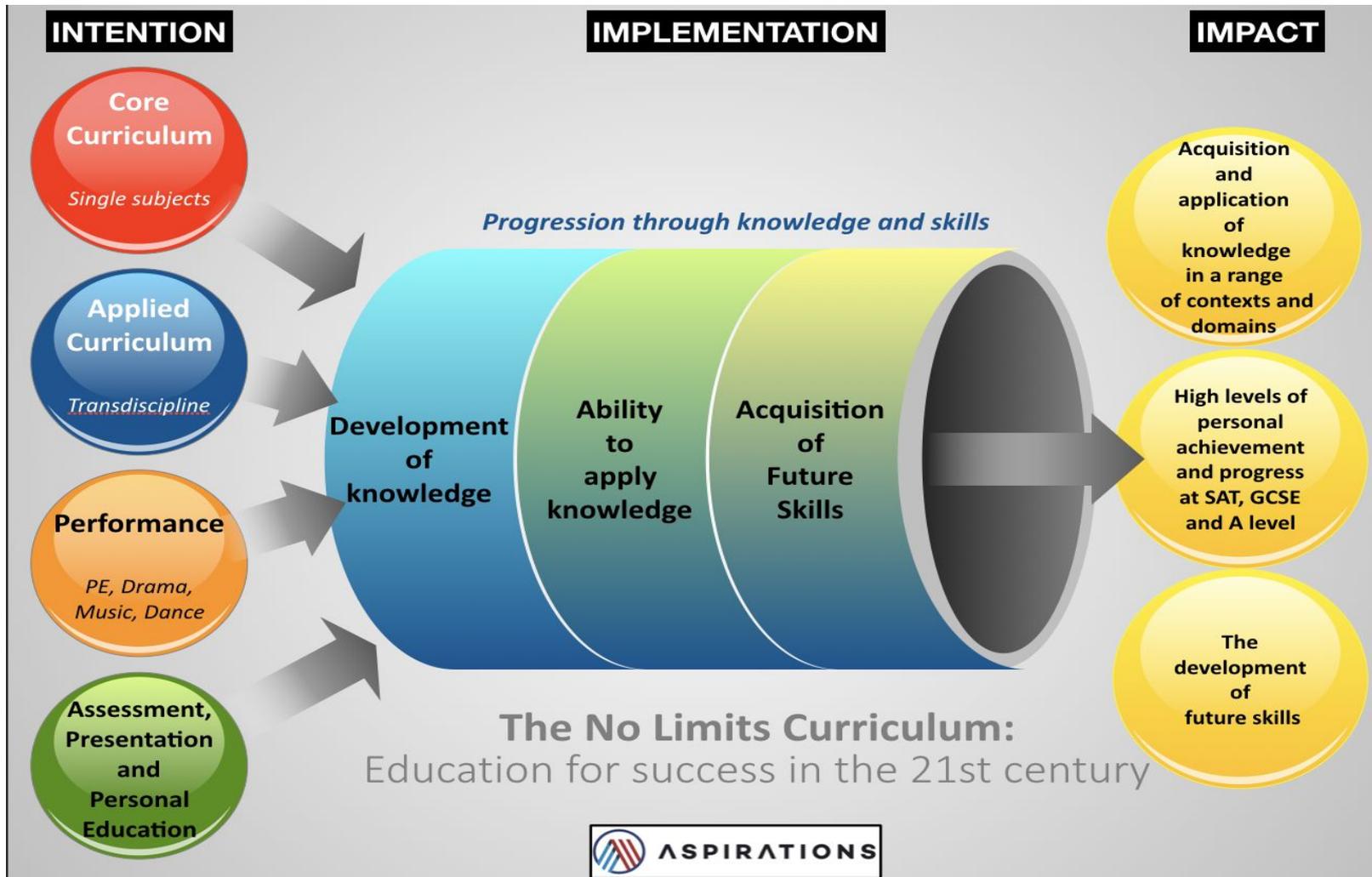
The aim of the curriculum is to ensure all students are inspired with a passion for learning and achieve high levels of academic success in a broad range of subjects.

At the same time, our broad curriculum of up to 14 different subjects across KS3 will equip our students with the knowledge and skills required to play an active and successful role in today's highly competitive and fast-changing world.





Our curriculum has been developed to meet the needs of students so that they have both embodied and institutional cultural capital with **Employability and Future Skills** as the centerpiece of our educational provision:





# ATL

One of the things that has really made a difference in our curriculum over the past two years has been the development of the ATL curriculum or ***Applied Trans-disciplinary*** learning.

In short, this is joining up the curriculum so that in addition to students studying each of their discrete subjects, students in years 7 and 8 have the opportunity to work **across a range of subjects** on a unified theme - again supporting the idea of **an interlinked curriculum** that places learning within a **broad context**.

Speaking with Year 7 and 8s it is clear that they have really enjoyed this element of their curriculum and the **discussions, exploration** and **creativity** this has allowed.

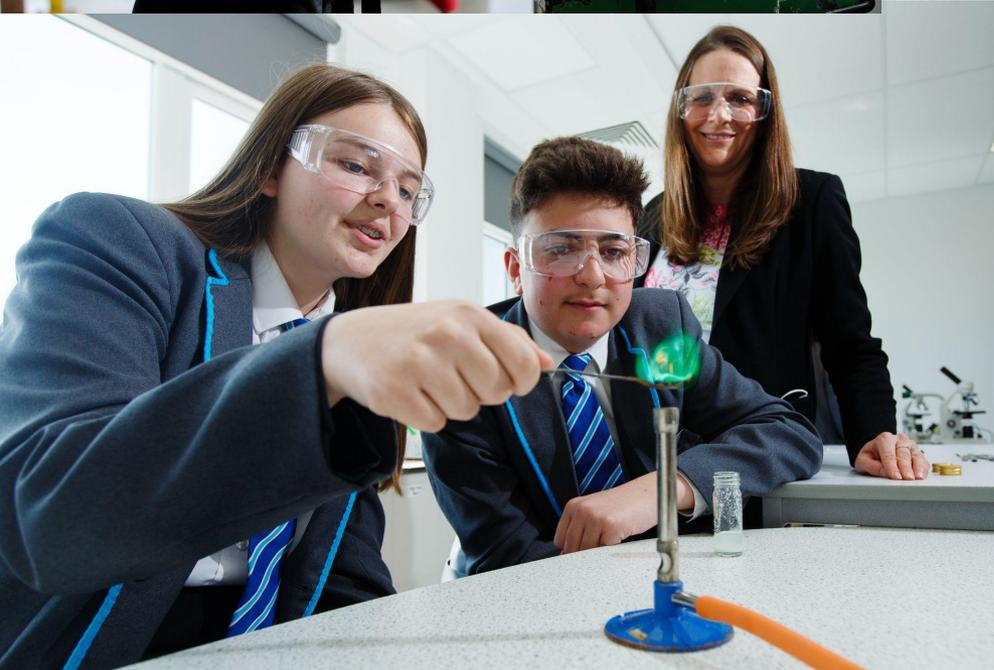


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## Video from Head Boy & Girl





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# Pastoral System



**The 'Faculty' System in secondary is an innovative way of combining the pastoral and academic sides of academy life.**



The system offers more opportunities for students to become engaged and support the **Aspirations Framework** including the **'3 Guiding Principles'** and the **'8 Conditions** That Make a Difference'.

In supporting the academic side of Academy life, the Facility Director also acts as Line Manager to the Subject Co-ordinators that are within their Faculty. This system makes communication easier. In the Secondary phase all members of staff and students belong to one of these Faculties and each Faculty is overseen by a member of the senior leadership team:

- Blue: Ms Detterick                      English and Maths.
- Green : Ms Winsborough      History and Geography
- Orange: Miss Board                      Performing Arts, Sport and Technology.
- Purple: Mrs Hendrie                      Science and Modern Foreign Languages.



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# Personal Development (PSHRE/RSE/Enrichment/ Trips/ Healthy Living & Careers)





## Wellbeing Curriculum ( PSHRE/RSE)

- **Students study wellbeing throughout the curriculum and during pastoral time. In Year 7 students have 1 lesson of PSHRE per fortnight within their curriculum time. This focuses on PSHE, RSE, mental wellbeing & health, British Values, careers and finance.**
- **Additionally, students are given many opportunities to work with external agencies for specific days on various topics.**



# Enrichment

Enrichment will be taking place on a Tuesday/ Wednesday/Thursday after school. There are also enrichment activities during some break times and lunch times as well.

## **Examples of enrichment on offer include:**

Breakfast club

First aid courses

Badminton /Rounders/ Cricket/ Sports

Gym training

Sailing

Singing club

Book club

Drama Club

DT Club

Running Club

Writing Club

Podcast Club



# Trips

We offer an extensive range of trips that link to the curriculum and culturally enrich the lives of our students.

Secondary based school trips include:

- Year 7 French trip
- Year 8 Eden Project Study
- Year 9 - Arts in the city
- Year 10 Ski trip visit
- Year 11 New York City
- All years- French Christmas Market





## Our Field Trips

Trips are a key part of our curriculum at Atlantic Academy. Investigating and exploring the world outside the classroom provides students with opportunity's to develop an understanding of cultures and experiences. Here are some of the trips on offer at Atlantic Academy.

### Reception

Dorchester Dinosaur Museum and Kingston Maurward Farm visit



### Year 1

Local Lighthouse visit, Portland Castle and fossil finding exploration



### Year 2

Chesil beach Centre, Fire-station visit, Monkey world Careers trip



### Year 3

Tutankhamen Exhibition and museum visit

### Year 4

WOEC outdoor adventures and cultural penpals-London



### Year 6

Hooke Court, London, water-sports day, Evacuee experience



### Year 5

Portland Castle, Radipole lake field trip, Carey camp



### Year 7

London cultural experiences residential



### Year 8

Science study at the Eden Project



### Year 9

Day out celebrating Arts in the City



### Year 10

Christmas Markets, Europe city visit and Ski Trip



### Year 11

Kenya fundraiser and New York Business Trip



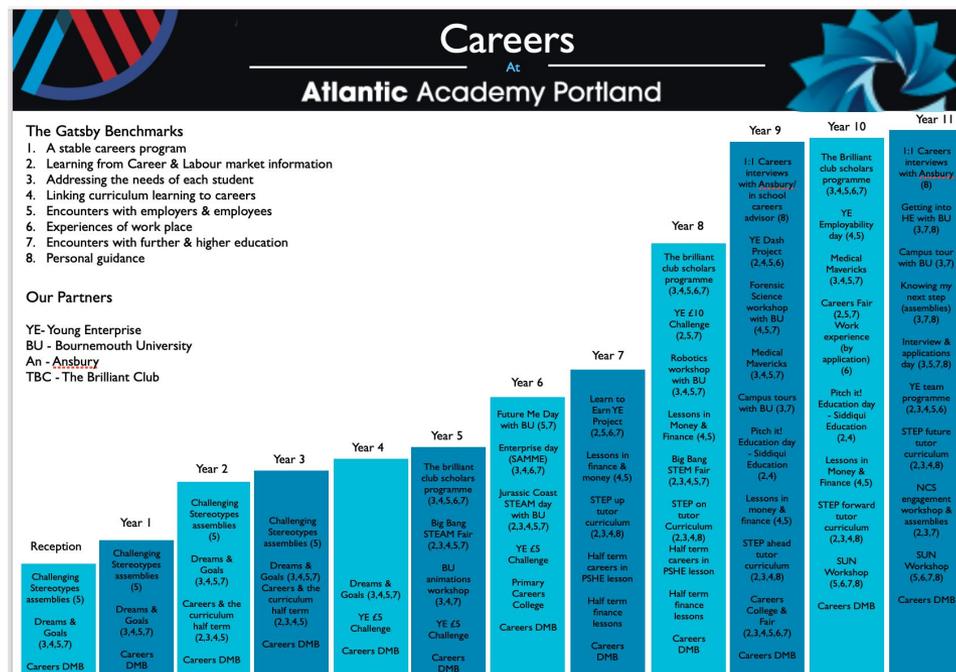


# Careers education

Students study the topic of careers during their time at Atlantic through the use of the Daily Message Board, tutor times and curriculum time. Activities include performances and meet and greets in the theatre, online workshops and face to face visits.

Careers events to look forward to:

- Guest speakers
- Bournemouth University trips
- Forensics day
- Medical Mavericks





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# Admissions & Applications

## Enquiries

### Mrs Delany

[apply@atlantic-aspirations.org](mailto:apply@atlantic-aspirations.org)

**Those already at Atlantic do not need to apply**



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**Thank-you**  
**Any Questions**

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