

Atlantic Academy



 **Atlantic Academy Portland**
an Aspirations Academy



Welcome

We are privileged to lead the team at Atlantic Academy. We are a welcoming, all-through provider who work to transform the lives of all of our students through inspiring them to have the confidence, character and commitment to realise their full potential.

Our goals are to deliver a rigorous, engaging curriculum, to improve outcomes for all our students and to provide opportunities for cultural enrichment. We want all of our students to live happy, healthy and productive lives.

Our school's unique nature and small size ensures we know your children well. We understand their needs and ambitions and help them strive to achieve their very best.

We are an integral part of the Portland community. Portland and Portland's future matter to us and we will equip your children with the skills, attitudes, academic qualifications and imagination needed for the complex and changing world ahead.

We are incredibly proud to lead Atlantic Academy and are honoured to be working with such a professional and committed team.



Miss Heppell
Principal Atlantic Academy
Primary School



Mrs Bishop
Principal Atlantic Academy
Secondary School

"Atlantic Academy sits proudly on the southernmost point of Portland.

Leaders have very high expectations, and have been relentless in their pursuit of these.

Leaders share pupils' pride in the uniqueness of the setting. They are building strong relationships with the community, and making the most of their surroundings. "

Atlantic Academy Portland Ofsted Inspection, January 2022 - Graded
'Good'





**“Lovely
space and
fantastic
teachers!”**

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

Our Mission

Character: Self Worth

- 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

Commitment: Engagement

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

Confidence: Purpose

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

“The education my child is currently receiving at Atlantic is outstanding”



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

Curriculum

Our curriculum vision is to deliver an authentic education for the 21st century for children from the age of Reception - Year 11. 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 whilst at the same time equipping them with the knowledge and skills required to play an active and successful role in today's highly competitive and fast-changing world.

Our Curriculum:

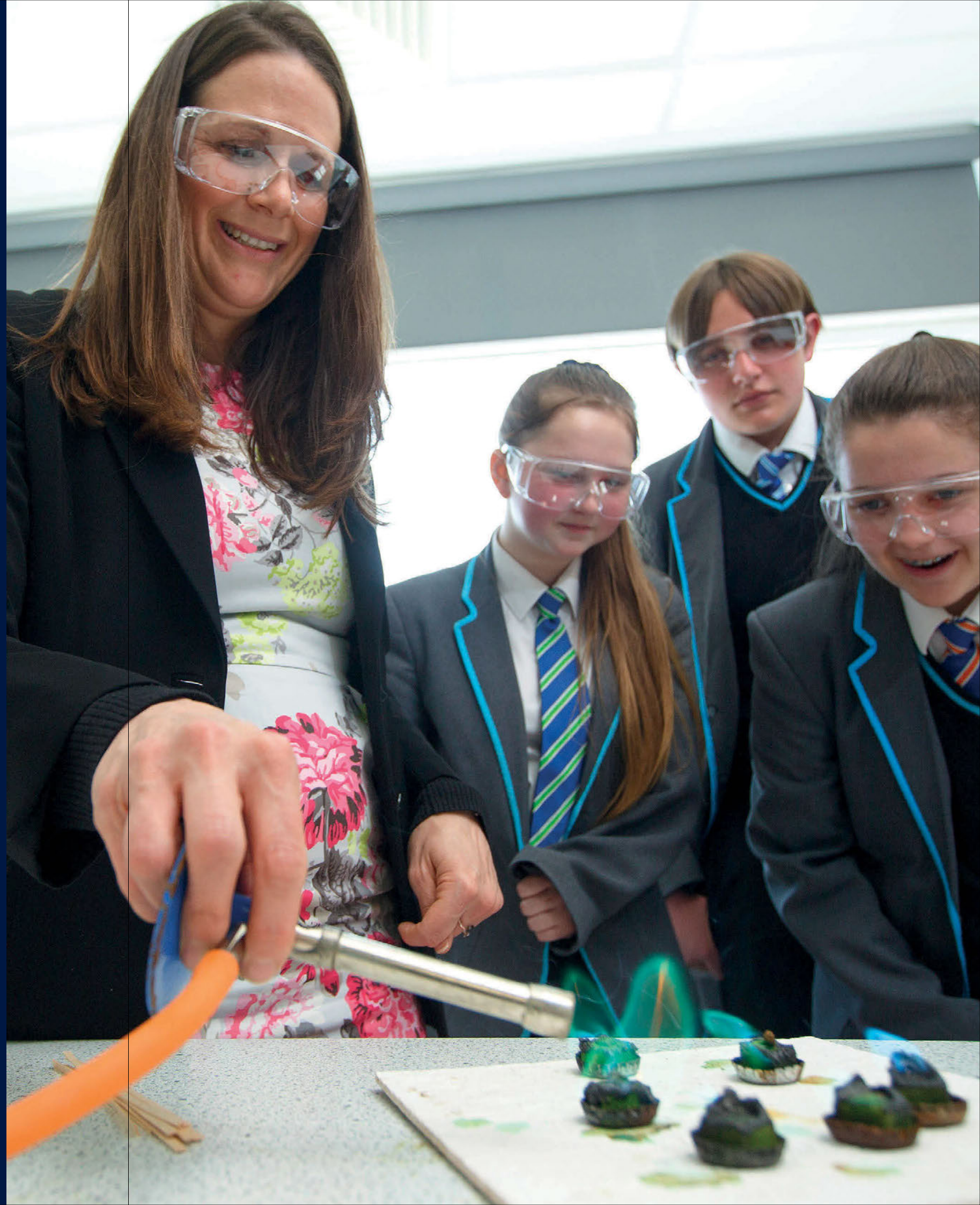
- Ensures a broad curriculum coverage
- Develops a knowledge rich curriculum
- Ensures that knowledge acquisition is enhanced through being effectively applied to real-life situations and problems
- Widens knowledge acquisition through single discipline and transdisciplinary learning
- Ensures all learning is challenging and engaging
- Develops transferable future skills through the application of knowledge into actions for success.
- Ensures high rates of progress for all students.
- Promotes teacher planning that is integral to the success and progression of the curriculum and also manageable.

Atlantic Academy, like any Aspirations Academy, shares a common philosophy but has a distinctive approach to education. There are 3 guiding principles and 8 conditions that all Aspirations Academies adhere to. These principles are central to the curriculum:

Self-worth : Belonging; Heroes; Sense of accomplishment

Engagement: Fun and excitement, Curiosity and Creativity; Spirit of adventure

Purpose: Leadership and responsibility; Confidence to take action



Facilities

At Atlantic we provide as broad a spectrum of opportunities as possible for students to explore and discover a love of learning. We have excellent educational facilities onsite to support these ambitions.

Technology is at the forefront of our curriculum and to support this we have a range of devices from Chromebooks to iPads in every classroom to enhance our curriculum provision. We also boast a state of the art 'Creator Space', decked with 3D printers, robotics and Virtual Reality headsets so that our students can explore.

Our five Science laboratories with sea views over the Atlantic, are housed within a dedicated Science wing. The department has a well stocked preparation room and a study area which allows for great flexibility in terms of use of time, with the transition between practical and theoretical activity able to be made very quickly.

We have extensive resources to support students to access their design and technology curriculum including a spacious, fully equipped kitchen. The design and technology workshops have a range of fixed machinery inclusive of pillar drills, lathes and a brazing hearth.

Finally our light and airy art studio and exhibition space boast enviable views across Portland Bill creating the inspiration any budding artist would wish for.



Sports Facilities

Atlantic Academy is housed on an enviable 17.5 acres of land with surrounding sea views reaching far beyond the playing fields.

On site we have a large six-court sports hall as well as a purpose built dance studio. The Academy supports a community Gym which is housed in the grounds of Atlantic Academy and provides modern equipment for both students and members of our community to use.

Our large grass field is perfect for football, rugby and hockey and we host a number of Summer events for the community to attend. Our netball and basket ball courts are nestled in our grounds and are used through the year to compete in inter school competitions.

We have strong links with sporting activities in the local community. Children can access sailing courses, mountain biking and explore the many trails on the island and try rock climbing in the local area.

Our Reception students will be participating in weekly Beach School visits to help promote their love and understanding of the historical Jurassic Coast we live in.



Our Local

Curriculum



Portlands unique History and local area

Beach School

Weekly beach sessions for students at Atlantic are timetabled into the school week.

Elements of Beach School are sewn into the curriculum for practical science, geography, maths and English. The work of the students feed into projects run by academy research bodies including the British naturalists' Association, the Marine Biological Association and also local university studies. Children work with local expert groups and twinning with other Beach Schools to share learning.

Beach School aims to demonstrate the importance of Portland's unique and historical coastline to the students and also instil in them an understanding of their impact on the environment.

ATL Curriculum

The curriculum developed at Atlantic Academy aims to reflect our local community and the particular needs of our students.

This curriculum outline reflects the knowledge and skills, and the local social and employment context, that pupils need in order to take advantage of opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. Our curriculum will help to powerfully address social disadvantage.



Beyond the

Curriculum



“There is always time for children to think, explore and become confident students”

Enrichment

Our teachers and staff seek to discover and nurture at least one special talent within each child. There is something for everyone in our Enrichment programme which is packed full of music, dance, art and sport. As your children progress through their education, typical outings might include learning residential trips both local and global; finding out about different types of animals at local farms and zoos; and exploring the many great museums and attractions Dorset has to offer.

A Sense of Belonging

We want the Academy to feel friendly and welcoming and we always make sure our students feel happy and included. Our children are taught to respect each other and their teachers. We promote our anti-bullying ambassadors and specialise in peer mentoring to ensure our students have the best support available to them.

Healthy School Status

Our school lunches and other snacks and meals are healthy as well as tasty and you will be given termly menus so that you know what your child is eating. Family dining plays an important part in developing the confidence and character of our students from a young age.

“Both children are very happy, thank you for excellent standards & teaching”





ASPIRATIONS



“We aim to provide each individual student with the keys to a successful life and also give them the opportunity to compete on the global stage.” – Steve and Paula Kenning.”

Aspirations History

Steve and Paula Kenning are two former principals with over 21 years of experience leading their own schools.

In 2011, they launched the Aspirations Academies Trust and since then, we have transformed learning in 15 academy schools in southern England.

We educate over 9,000 young people from ages 2 to 18.

Aspirations Vision

As a Trust we have developed very good systems and structures for turning poorly performing schools into good or outstanding schools. However, the desire has always been to move away from the 'traditional' knowledge based, single subject approach to learning towards a provision that delivers 21st century skills, challenging and engaging learning and high level qualifications.

Ever since our inception, our mission has been to deliver authentic, quality education to children in an efficient and interactive way, that will enable them to develop the necessary skills for career success in the 21st century. We aim to ensure all students achieve high levels of success in a broad range of SATs, GCSE and A Level examinations, whilst at the same time equipping them with the skills required to play an active and successful role in today's highly competitive, fast-changing world.

As the future world of work landscape is being reshaped by six drivers of change, working independently or together, we want to equip pupils with all the future skills they need to make sure they thrive in the new work environment and achieve career excellency.



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