



Cedar Mount Academy  
BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

# Prospectus 2015/16



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Mr P. Rice, Principal

## Welcome from the Principal

I am extremely proud to welcome you to Cedar Mount Academy.

Cedar Mount Academy is a Bright Futures Educational Trust school, working together with a group of schools across the North West to provide a well-rounded education for all of our students. Being part of Bright Futures Educational Trust means that our students and staff can access resources from across the Trust's schools, helping to raise aspirations and boost achievement across our community.

At Cedar Mount Academy we value hard work, respect, and aspiration. We are committed to the belief that every one of our young people can achieve, regardless of social background. Our aim is to provide the education that our young people need to become confident, independent thinkers who are well prepared for the demands of the 21st century.

Through the provision of a high quality learning experience we deliver a curriculum that is both challenging and rewarding, and one that will provide students with the qualifications they need to move on to the next stages of their lives.

Cedar Mount Academy is a culturally diverse and inclusive academy that is committed to meeting the needs of all students. With this foundation, our students' journey to becoming confident, happy and able to achieve their aspirations has already begun.

Choosing the right school for your child is a very important life decision. I hope that you find all the information you need in our prospectus, but please feel free to make an appointment at any time. I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Mr Patrick Rice  
Principal



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**I've found the staff very open and friendly, and they are passionate about teaching.**

Parent



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## Bright Futures Welcome

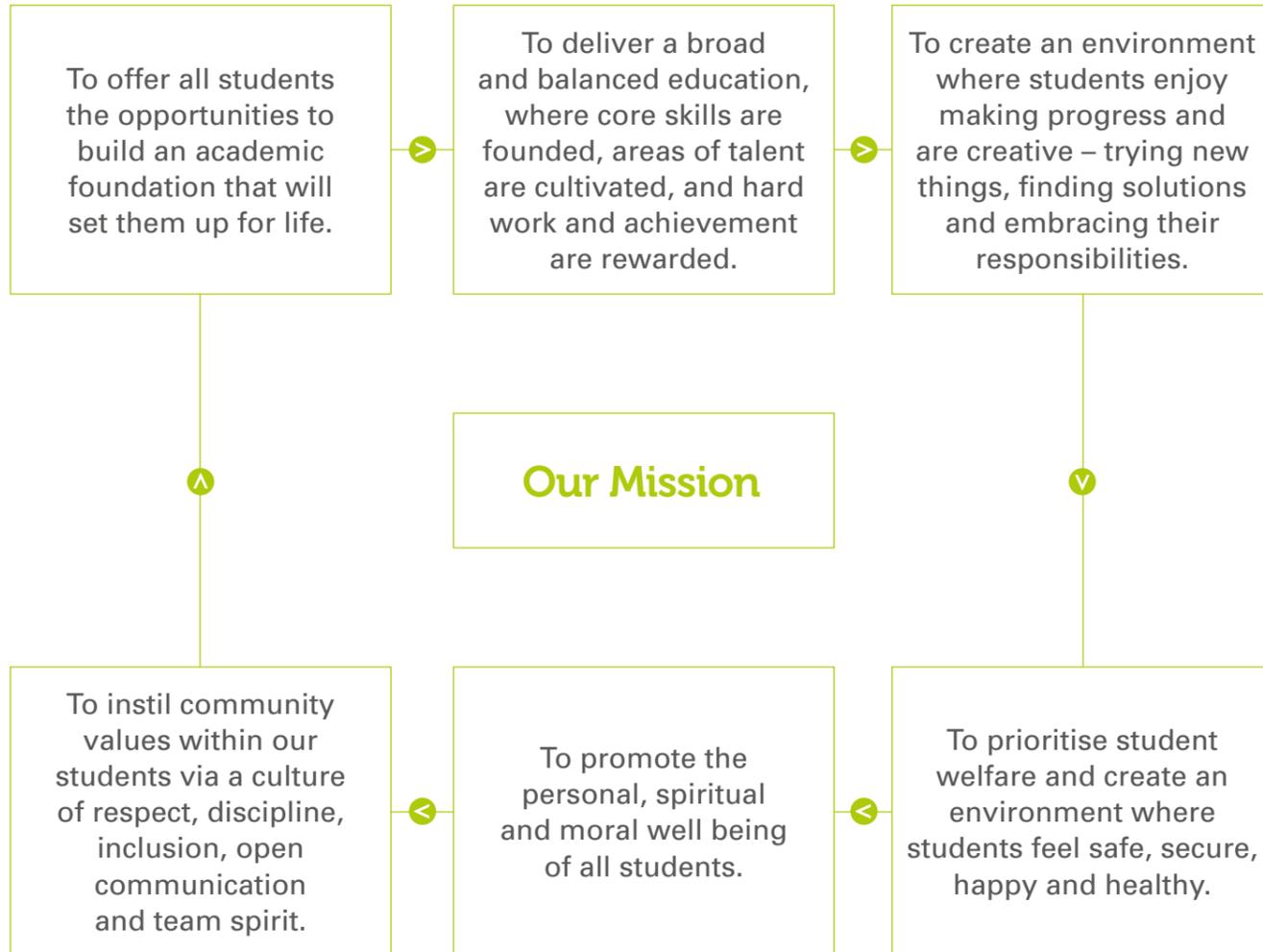
Welcome to Cedar Mount Academy, a Bright Futures Educational Trust school.

Bright Futures is a multi-academy, school-led partnership formed to provide quality education across our member schools and to give every child the opportunities they need to fulfil their potential.

Leaders from Cedar Mount Academy collaborate with other schools across the Trust, as well as our Teaching School, sharing knowledge and expertise to enable us to meet all the varying needs of our pupils. All of the schools within our Trust have created an environment where teachers love teaching and students love learning – using creative ways to enable pupils to develop both inside and outside of the classroom.

We are passionately invested in providing the best possible chance for all of our students to thrive. I warmly welcome you to join our Cedar Mount Academy community.

Dame Dana Ross-Wawrzynski  
DBE Chief Executive Officer



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I am delighted to see my daughter growing into a happy, intelligent and well-rounded young woman at Cedar Mount.

Parent



## Making a Smooth Transition

At Cedar Mount Academy we understand that the move from primary to secondary school can be a daunting prospect.

This is why we invest a significant amount of time and resources to ensure that this process is as smooth as possible for both students and parents.

Our expert staff work closely with our partner primary schools to ensure that your children are already familiar with us well before they start. We also invite primary students to visit our academy throughout the year to attend booster sessions, lessons and borough-wide extracurricular activities.





## The Cedar Mount Uniform

At Cedar Mount we are proud to wear our uniform.

### – Compulsory Uniform:

- Blazer with Academy logo – green
- Collared shirt – white (no polo shirts)
- V-neck jumper with Academy logo – green
- Academy tie
- Tailored trousers – black (no tight trousers or jeans) / Skirt – black (no more than 10cm above the knee)
- School shoes - black (no trainers. No colour trims or logos. Shoes should have a low heel)
- School bag
- Pencil case with pen and pencil
- Socks / tights – black
- Suitable waterproof outdoor coat – preferably black

### – Compulsory PE Kit:

- Polo shirt with Academy logo – black
- Suitable trainers
- The following items of uniform can be purchased from all good retailers:
  - Tracksuit bottoms – black
  - PE shorts – black

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Uniform gives a sense of 'belonging' and by dressing correctly students can show pride in their school.

Mr P. Rice, Principal



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Through our values, we aim to give all of our students the best possible start in life.

Mr P. Rice, Principal

## The Cedar Mount Values

Cedar Mount Academy is a purposeful, happy and dynamic community.

As a result, not only are we continuing to drive up standards in all areas of our academy, we are also reviewing our curriculum to ensure it provides the academic depth and rigour to ensure our students are given every opportunity to succeed.

Cedar Mount Academy has the highest expectations of its staff and students and we expect all members of our community to look smart, behave well, try hard and achieve their personal best in all that they do. We also want our students to be happy and successful and we work hard to ensure all students are provided with the right support to succeed.



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The curriculum at Cedar Mount Academy offers a lot of choice to help your child receive the best possible education.

Parent of a year 11 student



## Hard Work

A Broad and Balanced Education

### – Personalised curriculum:

We offer a full and rounded curriculum with opportunities for students to personalise their study choices according to their individual learning needs.

### – Meaningful learning:

Our curriculum covers three key areas and is designed to provide all students with the academic foundation to set them up for life:

1. Core academic subjects of English, mathematics, science, history, geography and a foreign language.
2. Talent development through classes in art, drama, music, food, textiles and ICT (information and communications technology).
3. Social and personal development across physical education, health, careers and SMSC (social, moral, spiritual and cultural studies).

### – EAL (English as an Additional Language):

Cedar Mount Academy is able to offer support and tuition to students whose first language is not English. Multi-lingual teaching staff in our EAL Department are on-hand to provide subject-specific support to students in lessons across the academy. We also help to integrate pupils culturally and socially into the academy community.

### – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND):

At Cedar Mount Academy we welcome everyone into our community. Our academy endeavours to make inclusive provision available to all students to ensure that students identified with SEND can enjoy and benefit from a broad and balanced education, helping them achieve their full potential.



## Respect Community Values

### – House system:

Our House system enables every member of our community to realise their full potential, and in particular, their full academic potential. The House system allows every member to feel a sense of belonging and pride in representing their House colours in a number of sporting and academic competitions.

### – Safeguarding:

All students at Cedar Mount Academy have the right to feel safe, secure, happy and healthy. Safeguarding is about protecting children, young people and adults at risk from abuse or neglect. It also means helping children to grow up into confident, healthy and happy adults.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff, volunteers and external agencies to share this commitment. We are always available to support and challenge staff as well as governors, parents, carers and outside agencies to improve the outcomes for young people.

### – Welfare:

We are very proud of our open and inclusive ethos. Every student has a progress leader and a non-teaching assistant progress leader, who will be their first point of contact if they have any concerns. In addition to this we have a team of mentors and teaching assistants who are committed to tackling any barriers to student learning. We also work closely with various external agencies to support our students and their families.



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My daughter was able to quickly make friends thanks to the wonderful sense of community at Cedar Mount Academy. I always feel assured that she is in a happy and safe environment.

Parent of a year 8 student



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My son has responded well to the teacher's encouragement and positive teaching style. They are taking a real interest in his development.

Parent of a year 10 student

## Aspiration

### Personal Development

#### – Leadership:

At Cedar Mount Academy we believe that students should be given a wide range of opportunities to develop and practise leadership skills in preparation for life beyond school. Our Student Leadership Team work collaboratively with students, teachers and support staff to bring about school improvement. Many Student Leadership activities focus on improving the quality of learning and teaching in the classroom, supporting the school's aim to be a place where students enjoy making progress and are creative – trying new things, finding solutions and embracing their responsibilities.

#### – Rewards:

Our star rewards system recognises performance and excellence, attendance, punctuality and good behaviour, with an annual event to celebrate our students' wide range of achievements.

#### – Behaviour:

Cedar Mount Academy demands a high standard of behaviour from all pupils. As a caring community, we expect consideration and concern for others to be shown at all times by staff and students.

#### – Extracurricular:

There are a number of clubs at Cedar Mount Academy that cater for the varying interests of pupils. These generally take place after school and are designed to develop further skills and interests outside the classroom environment.



## Facilities

Here at Cedar Mount Academy, students benefit from world-class facilities designed to enhance their education and development.

- FIFA 2\* Full Size Floodlit Football Surface
- 250 Seat Conference Venue
- Sports Hall
- 2 Indoor Cricket Lanes
- Hydrotherapy Pool
- Dance & Performing Arts Studio
- Industrial Catering Facilities
- 100 PC ICT Training Venue

## Where to find us

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