

E-ACT

OPENING MINDS,
OPENING DOORS

DO YOU THINK BIG?

Candidate Information Pack



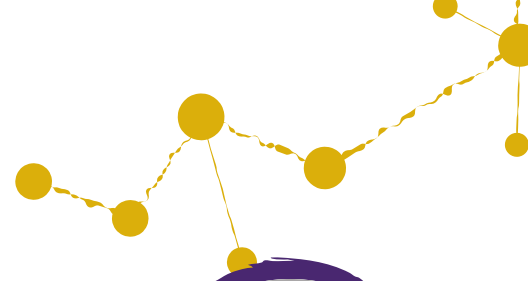
E-ACT St Ursula's
Academy



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WELCOME



Welcome to St Ursula's E-ACT Academy. It is a privilege to lead such a happy, ambitious, and community-focused school where every child is encouraged to achieve their full potential. At St Ursula's, we place great importance on developing not only strong academic foundations but also the personal qualities that enable our pupils to thrive as kind, respectful, and resilient individuals.

We are proud of our inclusive ethos and our commitment to excellence in all areas of school life. Our dedicated team works hard to create a positive learning environment where children feel safe, valued, and inspired. We foster high expectations, promote independence, and nurture curiosity in every classroom.

St Ursula's is a place where families, staff, and children work in partnership to build a strong sense of community and shared responsibility. Whether you are a prospective parent, teacher, or member of support staff, we welcome you to visit our school and experience the warm, purposeful atmosphere that defines who we are.



Nicky Arthur,
Headteacher

Firstly, thank you for taking your time to explore this opportunity to be part of our E-ACT family.

E-ACT is a National and System Leader Multi-Academy Trust, we provide education in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Oldham, Buckinghamshire, Northants, Sheffield, and Walsall. As one of the most established trusts in the country, we serve some of the most disadvantaged young people.

Our commitment to becoming 'best in class' is stronger than ever. At E-ACT, we bring our people-first culture to life through our comprehensive people strategy. We have been diligently refining our educational and operational strategies, governance, and organisational culture to ensure we provide the very best experience for our pupils and, of course, our staff.

My fellow colleagues at E-ACT are dedicated professionals who provide the very best for our children to thrive and to grow. We take great pride in serving our local communities and being part of a supportive trust we call E-ACT.

If you think this could be the role for you, please get in touch.



Tom Campbell
CEO



Academy statistics

AT A GLANCE



St Ursula Academy

Planned Admission Number

630 Across all years in the academy

Students on roll

508 

EAL Students

9.3% 

Pupil Premium

11% 

Ofsted: Good (2020)

Ofsted Rated Good (2020)
Maintained rating in 2025.

Outstanding for
Personal Development.

SEND Students

12%
*overall

Enrolled in the Additional Resource
Provision (ARP) for students with
Autistic Spectrum Disorder

St Ursula's E-ACT Academy is a high-performing and popular primary school located in Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. Serving children from Reception to Year 6, the academy offers a safe, nurturing, and ambitious learning environment underpinned by a values-led ethos. With consistently strong outcomes in reading, writing, and mathematics, the school provides a broad and balanced curriculum designed to develop both academic excellence and character. The academy prides itself on its inclusive approach, effective pastoral care, and vibrant school community where pupils are supported to thrive socially, emotionally, and academically from the very start of their educational journey.



➤ Our Culture

The culture at St Ursula's is grounded in respect, ambition, and integrity. Pupils are encouraged to be responsible, independent learners who show kindness and empathy in their daily interactions. Behaviour is excellent across the school, maintained through consistent expectations, restorative practices, and clear routines. Staff work collaboratively and reflectively, sharing expertise and continuously improving provision for all learners. The school promotes a culture of lifelong learning, with strong partnerships between staff, families, and the wider community. Celebrations, enrichment opportunities, and student voice activities are integral to sustaining a culture where everyone is valued and encouraged to contribute.

➤ Values, Ethos and how we work in the Trust?

At St. Ursula's we are passionate about supporting and encouraging our pupils to achieve their full potential in pursuit of their individual goals and aspirations.

At St. Ursula's E-ACT Academy we have three core values: achieve, believe and create.

These words are enshrined in our academy crest and influence everything we do and are interlinked with the E-ACT values of: **Think Big - Show Team Spirit - Do the Right Thing**

Being part of E-ACT enables staff and pupils to feel part of something much bigger.

We feel at St. Ursula's that are pupils can achieve when they think big, that anything is possible; that they are good citizens and members of their communities (school and wider) when they have a strong belief in doing the right thing, thinking through the decisions they make; that staff and pupils alike have individual responsibility to ensure they create a safe and happy school and the sum total of this shows a collective team spirit, as everyone sees it as their duty to look after each other and the school they are part of.

Our mission is to learn together to become the best we can be, in a happy and inspiring community, created by staff and pupils, we truly believe that we work towards this aim every day. All staff are committed to ensuring that our pupils are safe, happy and are getting the most out of their education.

St. Ursula's is a kind and inclusive academy. We encourage our pupils to respect, accept and help others in their everyday actions. These values are intrinsically linked with British values, and we promote these throughout the whole curriculum and assemblies. Pupils are expected to display these positive attitudes and are rewarded when they are seen to be carrying them out.

St. Ursula's is a special place whose staff provide a stimulating, proactive and structured environment, where pupils are supported to become equipped with the skills required to function within a complex and ever-changing world. Our culture is one of empowerment through inspirational education. There is a vibrant and creative energy at St. Ursula's.

Let us introduce **OUR TRUST**



You will already know this, but we are a large multi-academy trust dedicated to providing exceptional education across our network of academies. Our mission is to inspire and challenge every student to achieve their full potential, and we are committed to creating a supportive and dynamic learning environment.

At E-ACT, we often refer to the wisdom of crowds and believe in the power of collaboration and innovation. Our team of passionate educators and staff work tirelessly to make a positive impact on the lives of our

students and the communities we serve. We are proud of our achievements and the progress we continue to make in delivering high-quality education.

As you consider joining our team, we want you to know that at E-ACT, you will be part of a forward-thinking trust that values professional growth, inclusivity, and excellence.

We are excited about the future and the opportunities it holds for our academies, our staff, and most importantly, our students.



Pupils

25,000

93%

of academies **GOOD**
or **OUTSTANDING**.



Staff

3,500



100%

of academies have leadership & management
GOOD or **OUTSTANDING**.

Awards



Based in **6**
major cities.

Academies

38



Opening Minds, Opening Doors

Opening Minds, Opening Doors embodies our trust-wide strategy that empowers our academies to triumph.

We want to give our academies the best possible support and guidance, enabling them to provide an exceptional education that impacts on the achievements of our children and young people.

How do we do this?

Every day, all our colleagues demonstrate our three values:



THINK BIG

We dare to dream big. Pushing the boundaries to create extraordinary opportunities for our young people and staff alike.



DO THE RIGHT THING

We consistently make principled choices even when faced with adversity, guided by moral purpose that fuels impactful change.



SHOW TEAM SPIRIT

Together we foster a culture of collaboration to improve, support and progress, propelling us forward as a united force.

Our academies

We are proud to have **38 academies** across England that supports children and young people from the beginning of their education experience right up to sixth-form.



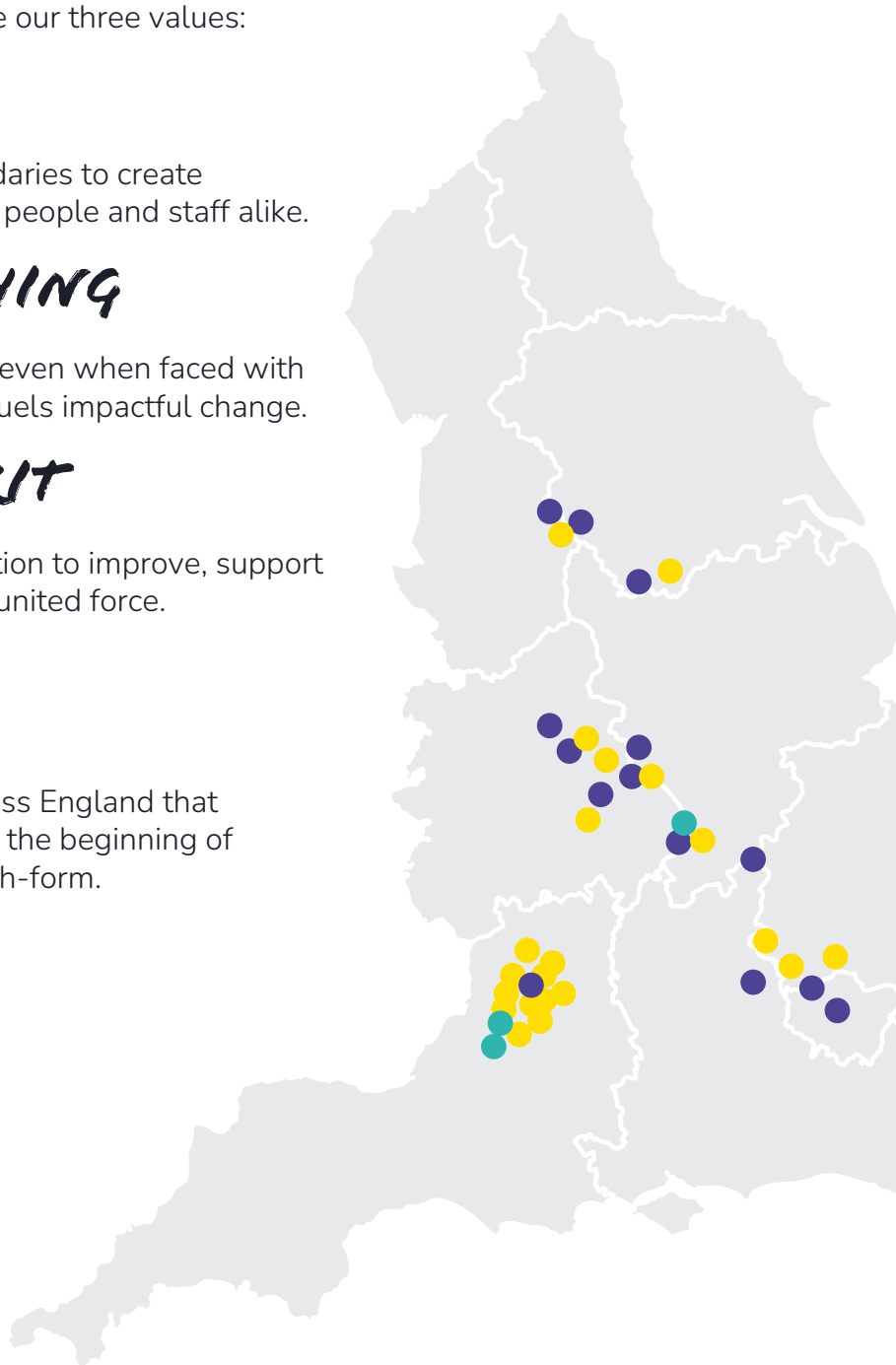
All-through Academies



Primary Academies



Secondary Academies



OUR PRIORITIES

To put it simply, we are on a very clear mission.

We believe that it's our duty and privilege to change lives of our young people across England. And to achieve this we need the very best people working with us.

Do these priorities resonate
with **YOU?**



Did you answer **YES?**

Then **YOU** are what we're
looking for! Read on

People-first, always!

At E-ACT, we genuinely prioritise a people-first culture. We have developed our People Strategy to be a cornerstone of our Opening Minds, Opening Doors Strategy, playing a vital role in achieving our strategic priorities. This forward-looking strategy outlines our aspirations as an employer and envisions the experience of being part of the E-ACT family.

Every single role within E-ACT is crucial to fulfilling our mission. Whether you work in the classroom, the office, our national teams, or on our grounds, your contribution is valued and essential.



Our People Strategy has eight key objectives, each aimed at creating a supportive, inclusive, and dynamic environment for all.

How many mean something to YOU?





We invest in **YOU**

You've heard about our People Strategy, and the very first principle is our commitment to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for educational excellence. We believe that when our educators and leaders grow, so do the students they serve.

We have a dedicated learning team that works across our entire trust, ensuring that all staff have access to the best resources and support. Additionally, we offer countless networking opportunities so you can connect with like-minded individuals across the trust.



I feel really energised and grateful to work in a trust that invests so much thought and care in its staff.

James Hughes,
Education Director – Primary



What do we **OFFER?**

Quite simply, we offer training and professional development for each and every one of our staff – which means our offering is large (very large!).

Here is a snapshot of what we offer:



Middle Leadership

- Diversifying Excellence in Leadership
- Early Years Clusters
- Aspiring SENDco Course

Senior Leadership

- Peer Review Training
- Exceptional Senior Leaders
- Road to Headship

Professional Services

- Apprenticeships
- Sector-leading Qualifications
- Strategic leader development

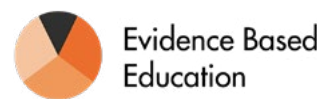
Qualifications

We partner with National Institute of Teaching to ensure our staff get the best possible training for their own growth.

The National Professional Qualifications we offer include:

- NPQEL (Executive Leadership)
- NPQH (Headship)
- NPQ SENCo (Special Educational Needs)
- NPQ LEY (Leading Early Years)
- NPQ LT (Leading Teaching)

Our Partners



Networking

Remember when we said we have a people-first culture?

We all thrive better together when we collaborate with like-minded people. We bring together our colleagues and other professionals from across the sector to join forces at our E-ACT Ideas Conference.

Our conferences represent what we are about, showcasing our diverse, passionate people.

E-ACT Ideas Conferences include



Women in Leadership

Bridging the Gap

Early Years Conference

THIS IS US!

#WeAreEACT

Sometimes, pictures just speak a thousand words. We celebrate our people—students, staff, and the communities we serve—through our annual events:



STAFF IMPACT AWARDS

The Staff Impact Awards shine a light on our dedicated colleagues who have made significant contributions to our Trust. These awards honour individuals and teams who have gone above and beyond in their roles, demonstrating excellence and commitment to our mission.





NATIONAL PUPIL CELEBRATION EVENTS

Our National Pupil Celebration Events bring together an extraordinary display of talent, creativity, and inspiration from across the Trust. These events showcase the diverse range of student achievements in areas such as music, poetry, art, and sports.



OUR BENEFITS



> Financial and Lifestyle

Generous Pension: Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) or Teachers Pension Scheme (TPS) - both defined benefit schemes

Life Cover: 3x pensionable pay

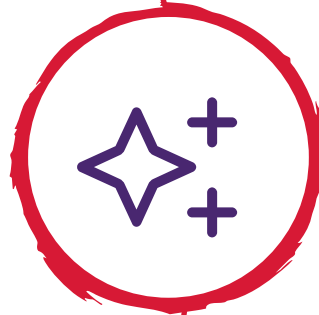
Cycle to Work: for healthy commuting

Annual Leave: 31 days for year-round employees

E-ACT

At E-ACT, we care about you and are committed to supporting your wellbeing, both in your role and beyond.

Our benefits package is thoughtfully designed to help you stay healthy, develop professionally, and maintain a balanced lifestyle.



> Professional Growth and Development

Opportunities: excellent Professional Development and Learning for all

Investment in staff development: including bespoke and tailored Trust INSET days

TLR progression: automatic progression through TLRs for teaching staff

Teacher pay scale: 9-point teacher scale from M1 to UPS3

TLR Payments: Full TLR payment for part-time teachers carrying out full responsibilities



> Culture and Wellbeing

People-first culture: that values every colleague

Employee Assistance Programme: free confidential counselling, financial advice, and more

Wisdom Wellbeing App: to support mental health and wellbeing

Collaborative working: we value teamwork and collaboration, encouraging a culture of shared knowledge and collective success.



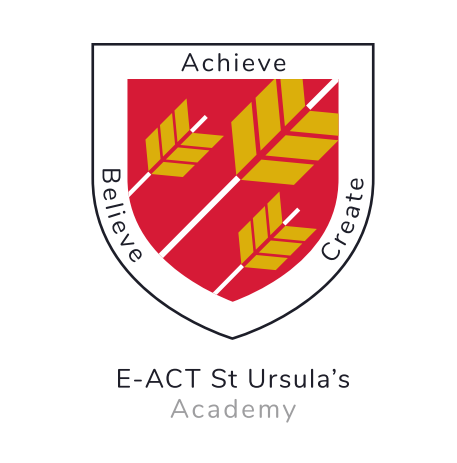
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ACHIEVE



CREATE



THIS IS US!



Visits to the Academy

How do you know if it's right unless you try? We always welcome candidates to our academy before the interview so you can truly get a feel for the place.



Fill Out Your Application Form

This is important! We can only accept applicants who fully complete our application form. This is due to safeguarding

References

Your referees will only be contacted if you are shortlisted.

You will need to provide two references:

1. From your most recent employer
2. Second reference details



Shortlisting

All of our shortlisting will be made against the criteria of the job role. Applicants who meet the specification will be invited to an interview.

Checks

If you attend the interview, don't forget to bring:

1. Photographic identification
2. Proof of the right to work in the UK
3. Proof of qualifications



Offer of Employment

We're excited to offer the successful candidate a job! We'll start with a phone call to share the good news, followed by a written offer sent via email or post. Please remember, this offer depends on satisfactory references, enhanced DBS clearance, and other necessary safeguarding checks.

If you're not selected this time, we'll let you know by email. Thank you for your interest!



How to **APPLY**

We hope this pack has given you a valuable insight into our Academy and Trust and the exciting opportunities we offer. We warmly invite you to visit us and experience the Academy in action.

If you would like to arrange a visit you can contact us at:

📞 **Phone:** 0117 962 2616

✉️ **Email:** ReceptionURS@E-ACT.org.uk

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us using the details below. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your application!

E-ACT Recruitment Team

✉️ **Email:** recruit@e-act.org.uk

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your application.

Please read the supporting documentation carefully before completing and returning our application and equal opportunities form. If this role isn't quite right but you are interested in joining our talent pool then please email recruit@e-act.org.uk.

E-ACT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults, and all appointments are subject to enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks and satisfactory references. E-ACT is also committed to promoting equality, challenging discrimination and developing community cohesion. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

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latest vacancies and news from E-ACT

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