



CONCORDIA
ACADEMY



Welcome

Children have only one chance at receiving a quality education and it is the job of everyone at Concordia Academy to ensure that it is the best it could possibly be. We have an ambitious and dynamic vision for our school that includes setting a record of high quality outcomes for all of our students.

Our school is underpinned by a blend of values such as respect, hard work and high expectations, coupled with innovations in relation to teaching and learning. We work together to embed a culture of success, high aspiration and reflection in which children can thrive and achieve. We want our students to have the confidence and knowledge to not just live, but prosper in a modern ever-changing society. We will equip them with the skills to succeed and the understanding that will enable them to make the most of the opportunities that they are given.

We are forward thinking in all we do. Our children will study a modern and innovative curriculum, our staff will have access to the very best and latest professional development that has the greatest impact on learning, and our school will be housed in outstanding facilities that are high-tech and custom built. Our goal will always be to improve on what we have done before.

As the headteacher of this vibrant, new school I am delighted to welcome you and I hope you will join us on our journey.

Raheel Akhtar

Headteacher



About Concordia

Concordia Academy is a brand new three-form entry school in Romford catering for students from Reception to Year 6. Although we begin with only Reception students in September 2016, our school will grow year on year until we have a full Primary intake in 2023 of 630 students from early years to upper Key Stage 2.

As we grow, our school will be well equipped to meet the local, and increasing, demand for school places over the next few years. Working in conjunction with all stakeholders we will meet the needs and aspirations of the local community by offering high quality care and provision before, during and after the school day.

We are proud to be part of REAch2 Academy Trust; a charitable organisation with the aim of providing the best possible education for every student in the REAch2 family. REAch2 schools are defined by exceptional teaching experiences and shared values that are embedded across all of the schools. Values such as enjoyment, inclusion, responsibility and integrity are the cornerstone of all REAch2 schools and this ethos of high expectation has resulted in REAch2 becoming the largest Primary school trust in the country, as well as one of the most successful.

Strive for excellence



Outstanding Facilities

Concordia Academy will be housed in a brand new state-of-the-art building located on Union Road in Romford. Our superb site and facilities ensure that the learning environment is bright, contemporary and well-equipped to deliver 21st century education.

Our students will be taught in exemplary learning environments that inspire and enthuse them on a daily basis. They will have access to the latest wireless ICT facilities throughout the school. Classrooms will be well designed spaces, with an emphasis on creating a positive teaching and learning climate for students. Each floor will have break-out learning spaces designed for small group learning or as reading areas. There will be dedicated learning spaces for Music, and custom built DT facilities on site. Concordia will have two halls for the teaching of physical education; these halls will have a removable dividing wall that can open into one large space and be used as an auditorium fit for whole school assemblies and performances.

Shape the future



Curriculum

We provide a curriculum that is balanced in subjects, rich in experiences and inspiring for staff and students alike. In all of our classrooms you will find our students engaged in stimulating and challenging activities aimed at enhancing their knowledge, skills and understanding.

There will be a strong focus on Literacy and Maths in every year group, delivered by highly trained staff committed to delivering the very best provision.

We will prioritise learning the fundamentals of literacy – fluency in speaking, reading and writing. In the early years and key stage 1 we will teach a structured phonics programme to ensure that no child is left behind. For older students we will be teaching text based literacy through the use of high quality texts, both fiction and non-fiction. This will allow students to immerse themselves in a text in depth.

The texts students cover will be diverse and reflect the community we live in, celebrating talented people from all backgrounds. They will learn about interesting themes and challenging topics that will develop their understanding of the world.

Mathematics will be taught using a mastery approach as we believe that this is the most effective way of ensuring that all students develop a deep and long-lasting understanding of the subject. Students will be given the opportunity to problem solve, reason and develop a strong conceptual understanding in their maths lessons. We will place a high importance on students understanding the real world application of maths, including its use in science, engineering and design. Students will also study famous mathematicians and their work.

Embrace challenge



Curriculum and Extra-curricular Activities

Students will extend their learning and development beyond the classroom, through unique opportunities that stretch their understanding of the world. For example, when they study Mary Anning in science lessons at key stage 2 the teacher will arrange a visit to Lyme Regis so they can experience fossil hunting for themselves. Or when they study mountain topography in geography lessons they will be given the opportunity to climb an actual mountain.

All students will be given the exciting opportunity to learn a new language. Music lessons will extend into after school clubs, with Concordia producing its own school choir and a school band. Life skills like cooking and planting will be taught as part of our commitment to developing fully rounded individuals through memorable real life experiences.

We will be offering Breakfast Club as soon as we are in our new building, as well as a variety of after school clubs including:

- Debate Club
- Chess Club
- Art Club
- Dance Club
- Film Club
- Football Club (for boys and girls)

Our links with the local community will include visits to West Ham's training ground in Romford, and trips to Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch to see local productions.

Seize opportunity



Teaching and Learning

We take pride in building excellent relationships and developing strong and meaningful partnerships, within and outside of school.

As staff our professional practice is rich and personalised, enabling each individual to thrive. We enjoy our work and want our students to develop a love of learning, a desire to succeed and a respect and compassion for others - not just for now but throughout their lives.

We always stay at the forefront of developments in learning and teaching, regularly working with other schools and organisations. We make sure that our practice is informed by the most successful schools around the world and the growing body of educational research. By doing so, we ensure that all students are challenged and supported to become confident, successful and autonomous learners.

Nurturing and caring are strengths of our school team, with experts dedicated to supporting our children through their important formative years and in overcoming barriers to learning.

Be inspired by the success of others



School Values

We believe that a school should play a key role in a child's social and moral development, just as it does in their academic development.

Our students are taught to have the highest expectations of themselves and of each other, thereby building a school community where all can thrive and achieve excellence. Our staff focus on developing the positive qualities in our students, encouraging and challenging them constantly to learn and improve.

We teach our students values which we expect them to use to inform their own behaviour. Values like honesty, being respectful to each other, showing consideration, and taking responsibility for one's own actions. These values underpin all the good work that we do and we refer to these continuously.

Support and encourage each other



School Uniform

Wearing a smart uniform fosters a sense of pride and belonging in our students. It shows them that they are part of something greater than just themselves, something to which they are linked to and have an attachment with.

Our Concordia uniform is our badge of honour and shows our identity to the local community. Looking smart and being part of the Concordia community is something we encourage in our students as a point of pride. Our uniform helps to build a sense of school spirit which can be utilised in many positive ways, such as peer support, fundraising and healthy competition.

At Concordia we are united and connected.

Look the part



Home Learning

Helping your child at home with their learning is very important. We provide opportunities that extend and enrich the learning that takes place in school and this in turn provides an opportunity for parents and carers to become more closely involved with their child's education.

Reading books are sent home regularly with children and we encourage parents and carers to read with their child every day. Older students should be reading independently on a daily basis to improve their fluency, knowledge and understanding, as well as developing a love of reading which is so intrinsic to a successful education.

Additional homework is provided which covers maths, spellings and writing, but we also set project based homework that allows students to study a topic in depth. Regular parent events and workshops on phonics, reading and maths are held throughout the year to support parents and carers in helping their child with learning at home.

Go beyond your best



Healthy School

Our vision is to raise attainment and achievement by improving the health and well-being of all students at Concordia. We achieve this by ensuring that our students emotional and physical health is nourished and that they are well educated in healthier lifestyles.

Key to this is educating students about food so they can make good choices and develop positive attitudes towards food and a healthy diet. Educating students in healthy eating forms an important part of our curriculum, balanced nutrition and healthy food choices are explicitly taught in Science, DT and PSHCE lessons, and our DT Room is used for developing cookery skills.

As a school, we provide nutritious and well-balanced school meals that are cooked on the premises and offer good value for money. There is always a choice of menu, including salads, fruits and vegetarian options. Our students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal every day. Reception students also benefit from milk and fruit at break times. We ask that all parents in these year groups who are in receipt of support or benefits complete a Free School Meal application form regardless, as this affects our school funding.

Students who eat packed lunches are encouraged to keep these healthy and balanced. Water is provided for all students at break and lunch times, and teachers remind their children to bring in bottles of water with them every day.

A healthy body leads to a healthy mind.

Be resilient and overcome obstacles



Admissions

Concordia Academy will be supporting the local community by providing additional school places over the next few years. As a three-form entry we will have places for 90 children in each year group as the school grows.

From 2016/2017 we will have 90 school places on offer for Reception students.

From 2017/2018 we will have 90 school places on offer for Year 1 children as well.

Each subsequent year will see the opening of an additional year group so by the year 2023 we will have a complete Primary school from Reception to Year 6.

The school welcomes visits from prospective parents. Please contact the school office to arrange a tour of the school and to meet the headteacher. Children transferring during their primary years are warmly welcomed.

Children are admitted to our academy in accordance with Concordia Academy's Admission Policy (available on our website). We are part of Havering's coordinated admissions process.

If you are interested in applying for a place at Concordia Academy then please go to the Havering website and follow the guidance on the School Admissions page - www.havering.gov.uk/admissions

If you have any questions or queries on the admissions process, then please contact Havering Council on 01708 434600. Alternatively, you can email them on schooladmissions@havering.gov.uk

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Our website contains key information for parents and carers.

We will continue to update it with new information as the school grows.

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