



**I'm going to be inspired and reach for the stars!**



**I'm going to be a scientist, and make new discoveries...**

Prospectus 2011

**What are you going to be?**



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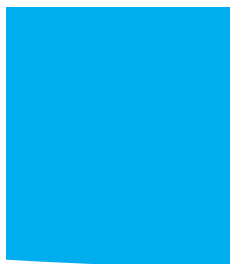
## A note from our sponsors...

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On behalf of the University of Bradford and our co-sponsors Bradford Metropolitan District Council, can I welcome you to the University Academy Keighley prospectus, it contains all of the information that you need in order to make a an informed decision about your child's educational future.

The University of Bradford has a long history of educational excellence and of working closely with its local schools and community partners. The initiatives that this partnership work has developed are recognised locally, nationally and internationally as examples of good practice; practice that helps learners of all ages recognise and reach their full potential.

The University has been involved with the Academy for many years now, so this new formal relationship is seen as the next logical step to our work with the school but also, the Keighley area. We are looking forward to working with our fellow Sponsors and other valued and valuable partners in the Keighley community to raise attainment and aspiration.



**Imran Khan, Chancellor**  
Bradford University

'Moving to and establishing the new site has seen a massive effort from everyone in the school, teachers and students alike.'

Vice Principal David Copeland.



At UAK, we set no limit on achievement...



**The Academy will work with all students to reach their full potential, with no limit to what they can achieve. We are committed to the highest of standards. We expect outstanding levels of achievement in all areas of academic and personal development and excellent behaviour.**

The Academy promotes high-quality learning as an entitlement for all students, no matter which courses they choose. The new building creates exciting learning environments that stimulate and enrich students' learning.

Individual students will develop a sense of personal responsibility so that they can make a full contribution to their learning and to the community. The Academy will raise aspirations and actively challenge low expectations.

The Academy establishes positive learning partnerships with parents and provides strong and effective welfare and guidance services, with individual mentoring, to support students' academic progress and all-round development.

The Academy offers high-quality curriculum opportunities through innovative approaches to learning that excite and motivate students.

## Transforming opportunities for young people...

The Academy's 'core business' is learning and teaching and the entire staff team drive to make this the highest standard. In addition to our specialism of Maths and Computing, the following are strong themes in the structure and delivery of the rest of the curriculum.

- **Numeracy and financial awareness**  
through ICT and Mathematics
- **Literacy, communication and international themes**  
through English and Modern Languages
- **Creativity**  
through Performance Studies and the Social Sciences
- **Discovery, Research and Development**  
through Technology and Science.

Literacy skills are essential to gain full access to the curriculum and to make rapid progress. Young people are bombarded by a huge range of texts, in and out of school, on paper and on screen.

We will be developing literacy skills, especially in our Year 7 Foundation programme and then on into Year 8 and beyond.

Our focus will be on planning activities that strengthen students' literacy skills across the whole of the curriculum, whilst identifying and tackling any weaknesses quickly and effectively through targeted support.

Taking on new challenges and making new discoveries are part of our learning at UAK.



**Leadership Team**  
University Academy Keighley

## For us, support is so important...

Students are supported to progress in each subject area at the rate that best suits them. This approach to progression will make sure that students take assessments 'when ready', rather than follow the traditional expectation of students being assessed when the exam system determines.

There are opportunities for students to progress through the programmes of study at an accelerated rate with early assessment and progression. With the UAK 6th Form, there are progression opportunities to commence Level 3 (Advanced) qualifications in year 11 or to enrich studies with further Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) qualifications. In addition to the traditional academic curriculum, there are a range of vocational options, including Diplomas available for all students as they progress through the Academy, the major focus concentrated on ensuring excellent examination results, especially at GCSE and an emphasis on promoting participation in extracurricular activities.

There will be times when learning often takes place in longer lessons or learning sessions. It would not be uncommon for a student's timetabled day to consist of just two extended learning sessions. The timetable is designed with several classes in a subject running at the same time, to enable staff to work creatively with students in terms of how learning is structured and delivered.

Our aim is to provide a truly personalised education experience for everyone.

There is a dedicated space designated as the Learning Support Base in the Academy which provides a high level of care and support both within the base and in outreach work across the curriculum for those students with additional learning needs.

Beechcliffe Special School is co-located with the new Academy Building.

We anticipate that, although two separate schools, by working in partnership, staff and students from both institutions will benefit from the facilities and expertise both has to offer.

‘Extra curricular sessions can promote greater participation, which can lead to improvements in attainment and results.’





## Our specialism is Mathematics and Computing



Mathematics and computing is at the heart of everyday life and work. To become confident and mature adults, young people need to be numerate and develop the ability to analyse and interpret data. They need to understand and negotiate financial services. Our vision is to empower our young people who have the enthusiasm, confidence and aptitude to develop their mathematical knowledge and skills beyond school.

To do this, we work with local businesses and universities to turn the Academy into a centre of excellence for mathematics. We also expect to see an increasing number of students pursue careers or university courses that involve mathematics.

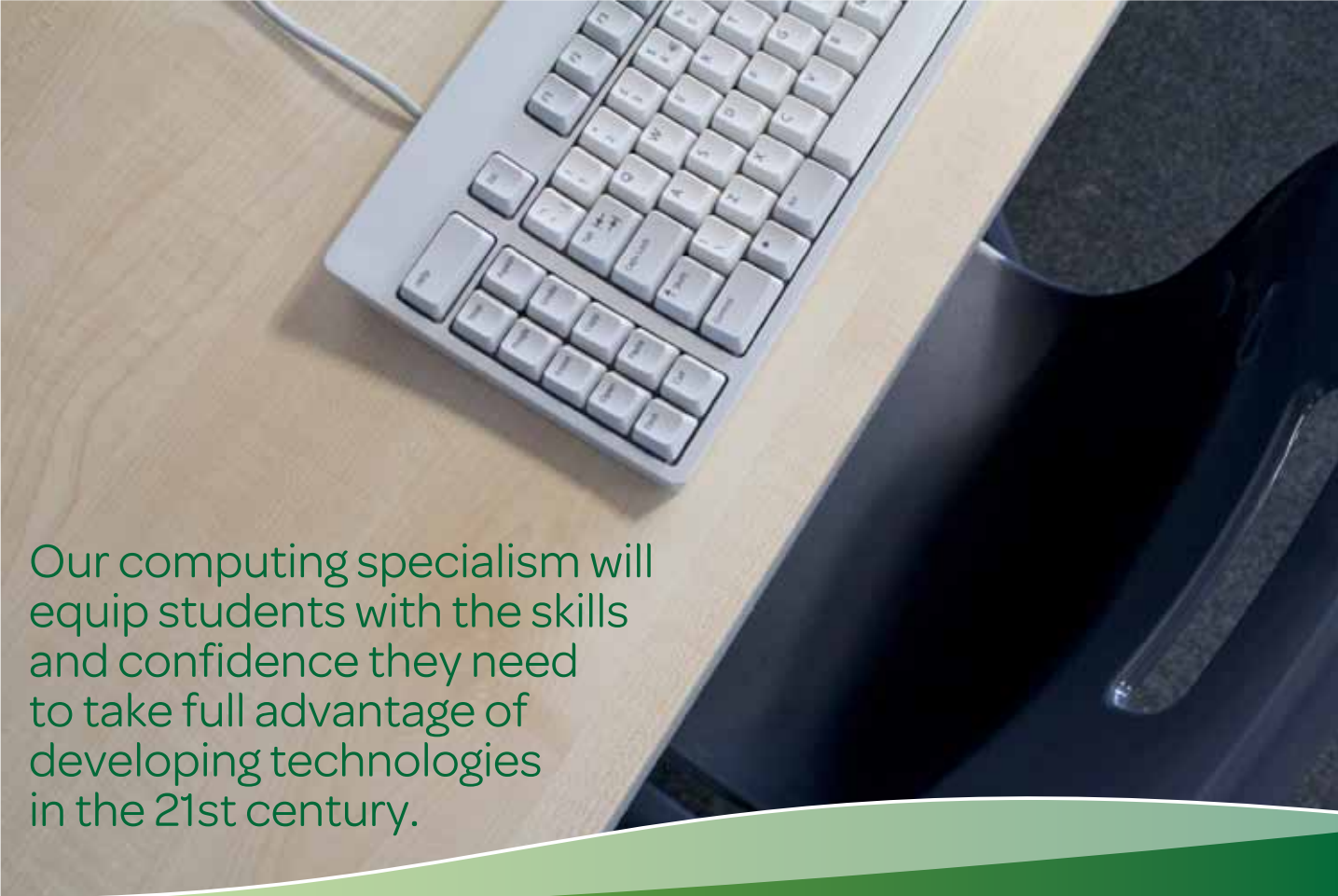
Continued success comes about through high-quality teaching. Our teachers will constantly engage students through innovative learning activities and extensive use of information and communication technology (ICT).

Young people are often at the forefront of experimenting with new devices as they become available...

They have no fear of the digital age. We will harness students' enthusiasm and take the use of ICT in learning as far as it is possible to go. Students will take part in video conferences with peers from around the world. They will use webcams to gain real-time understanding of geographical and social developments.

We will expect students to support their learning by using their digital media skills to create presentations that involve mixed media, video editing, graphics and on-line publications.

Using up to the minute software, for example, they could create an animated version of an historical event, in which they take part. Their learning will be practical, visual, auditory and interactive. Above all, students will create powerful presentations that will motivate others.



Our computing specialism will equip students with the skills and confidence they need to take full advantage of developing technologies in the 21st century.

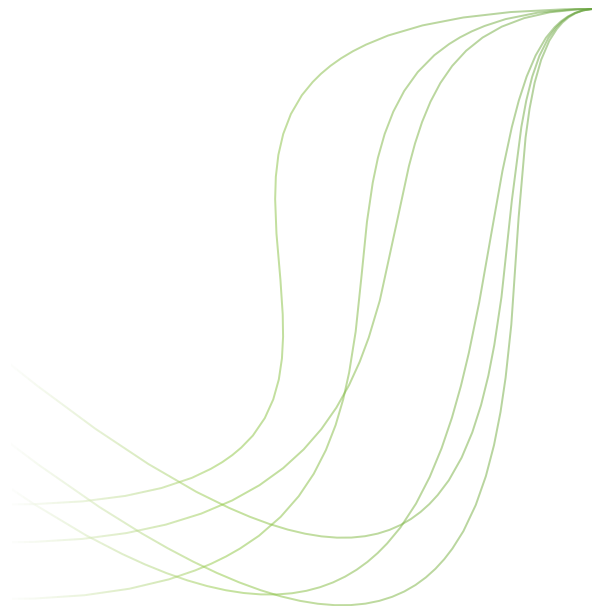


## Caring for our students at UAK.



**We are a large institution and to ensure that each individual student is supported we have developed an efficient and caring system of pastoral care. Students will be placed in one of four Communities within the Academy, which in turn will be divided into a number of different tutor groups.**

**Each of these groups is in the charge of a form tutor, who plays a major role in the academic progress and social welfare of each child in the group.**



The form tutors have extensive knowledge of each student in the group and parents are asked to make contact with him or her in the first instance if any problems or questions arise involving their child. Form tutors are led by Heads of Community, whose responsibility is to co-ordinate and support the work of form tutors and to oversee the academic and social progress of the students as a whole. Wherever possible form tutors remain with the same group of students throughout their time at the Academy.

## Telling our students they matter to us.

We want our students to be proud to belong to the Academy and proud of their achievements. Whatever our students' backgrounds, we want them to be in the best possible position to move on to a successful life beyond school, whether it is in education, training or employment.

We also aim to be a centre for community learning, by offering qualifications and courses for adults within the area. We will respond to identified community need and endeavour to meet these requests as quickly and economically as possible.

## Community links...

The Academy has further established their links with Rugby League Club, Keighley Cougars by becoming Community sponsors in the 2012 season. It provides a fabulous outlet to continue our work with local community partners and business.



At UAK, we adopt the policy that sport is for all...



**Fitness is very important to us and the opportunities to take part in sport are many and varied, with teams in a wide range of activities and coaching sessions at lunch time and after school.**

**It is not just sport, our auditorium can seat 250 people and host drama productions, awards and school events.**

The outdoor facilities are outstanding, comprising an all weather running track and a 3rd generation synthetic pitch; with multi games areas, cricket, soccer and rugby pitches coming online during 2012. Inside we have a 5 court sports hall, a gymnasium, fitness suite and dance studio.

## For the Community...

We host the community Paralympics Club for Athletes with Disabilities as well as the Keighley and Craven Athletics Club. Also our collaboration with Keighley Cougars Rugby League Club means we provide them with training facilities, on the school's site.

The facilities will be available for hire to community and sports clubs outside of the Academy day.

The Academy works with the Rotary Club Organisation, through the UAK Interact Club. Students run a self governing club to carry out service projects, raise funds for international charities and meet with Rotarians and Interactors worldwide. This provides excellent opportunities for our students to develop leadership skills, good citizenship and international understanding.

Extra curricular activities, clubs and societies play an important role in student development.

There are many clubs and out of lesson activities in the Academy which are popular amongst students and enjoyed by staff. Our Learning Resource Centre is open before school, at lunchtime and after school for supervised student use.

Many activities take place during the course of the year involving visits in support of many curriculum areas and other outdoor education.



**Learning Resource Centre**  
University Academy Keighley

The facilities at UAK are quite simply second to none and cater for a wide range of sports. The desire is to make sport a key part of school life and open to everyone, no matter what the ability.



We look forward to  
seeing you in 2012...



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find out more  
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