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PROSPECTUS

I love my school and my teachers, they make it a really fun and safe place to be.

- YEAR 4 PUPIL















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Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers

On behalf of the children, staff and governors of Victoria Academy, I am delighted to welcome you to our thriving school community, where every child is valued, supported and inspired to achieve their very best.

As a headteacher, I am extremely proud to work alongside such a passionate and dedicated team who are committed to educating and inspiring your children to learn. As a dad, I also understand the importance and trust that you place upon us to care for, nurture and look after your child's well- being. I can assure you that our school goes above and beyond, providing extensive opportunities for your children to be able to achieve the very best that they can be.

This prospectus has been designed to provide you with an introduction to life at Victoria Academy and an insight into the excellent education and opportunities we provide. I hope you find it informative and that it gives you a real flavour of what makes our school such a special place. However, no prospectus can compare with experiencing our school for yourself. You are very welcome to visit us, meet our staff and pupils, ask any questions you may have and, most importantly, see our school in action.

Victoria Academy is proud to be part of the family of schools within Furness Education Trust. Our multi-academy trust not only provides a seamless education but also guarantees your child a secondary school place at Furness Academy. Working together also enables us to provide a rich and ambitious curriculum, alongside access to high-quality resources, facilities and wider opportunities.

Our pupils are happy, confident and enthusiastic learners who enjoy coming to school. We are proud of our academic standards and our engaging and innovative curriculum, which is designed to challenge, inspire and motivate every child. We offer an extensive range of extra-curricular opportunities, and our reputation for sporting achievement within the local community is something we are particularly proud of.

Most of all, we believe that we do our absolute best to make sure every one of our children feels valued, loves learning and achieves highly. We all look after each other, respect each other's differences and help each other to be the best we can be.

I look forward to meeting you and your family.

Mr M Connell, Headteacher

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Seamless education built on collaboration.

High academic standards - we are always well above National Average.

Ethos & Values

We will inspire our pupils to enrich both their own lives and the lives of others. We will nurture a love of learning; the motivation to succeed; and ensure high academic standards, enabling all students to fulfil their limitless potential through perseverance and effort.

OUR AIM IS...

Through high aspirations we will provide an exciting and ambitious curriculum, with purposeful learning experiences, which engage and motivate children to become:

- **Successful learners** who enjoy school, make excellent progress and are prepared for the next step of their education.
- **Resilient individuals** who are respectful, believe they can achieve and take health risks, leading safe, fulfilling lives for now and the future.
- **Creative thinkers** who are self-motivated, make a positive contribution to school life and challenge themselves.

We will work hard to meet these aims so that whatever their starting point when they arrive, our children will leave with the world at their feet – equipped and ready for continued learning and successful futures.

100% of parents would recommend our school to other families.

Our Sponsors

BAE Systems has worked hand-in-hand with the Furness community for many years and, as highlighted by our on-going work with various schools and colleges, we place great emphasis on the importance of local education. We are a strong supporter of local education and have demonstrated our commitment to education in Furness. With a shared sense of purpose, we want to help provide the best learning opportunities for all local children and young people.

As a sponsor of Furness Education Trust, of which Victoria Academy is a part, we are confident we understand the needs of both the employers and the community to bring a synergy to the development and future success of Victoria Academy.

Furness and South Cumbria offers excellent employment opportunities, particularly in engineering or related disciplines and we are committed to helping local people have the best possible education, training and employment prospects.

At Victoria Academy, you can look forward to your child being provided with a superb education particularly in STEM subjects, alongside excellent learning opportunities and supported by our sponsorship. We understand that investing in our students during their formative school years not only prepares them for the world of work but also allows us to help foster their confidence in exploring new experiences.

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High Standards and Expectations

At Victoria Academy, we believe that every child has the potential to achieve great things. That's why we set high standards in everything we do - from learning in the classroom to behaviour on the playground. Our dedicated staff work hard to create a nurturing environment where pupils are encouraged to challenge themselves, take pride in their work, and strive for excellence in all aspects of school life.

We have clear expectations for behaviour, effort, and respect, and we support children in meeting these with consistency and care. By fostering positive attitudes, resilience, and a strong work ethic, we help pupils develop the confidence and skills they need to succeed not only academically but socially and emotionally. We celebrate effort as much as achievement, and we are proud of the high aspirations our children carry with them each day.

Our commitment to high standards extends beyond the classroom. Whether it's in sports, the arts, or teamwork, we encourage children to always do their best, value the contributions of others, and act with kindness and integrity. In doing so, we prepare our pupils to become responsible, respectful, and successful members of their communities.

Parents say...

'My child absolutely loves the school and his learning. He comes home with a big smile eager to tell us what he has done.' - *Parent Year 3 child.*

...Student thoughts

'I love taking part in all the clubs that the school offers and going on the residentials each year.' – *Year 6 Pupil*

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Say...

Pupils at this school are successful, resilient, creative and happy. They rise to the school's very high expectations of academic achievement.

The school has meticulously designed an impressive curriculum. Pupils achieve exceptionally well in all subjects.

Pupils are immensely proud of their school and enjoy attending.

Curriculum and Opportunity

Our curriculum, graded Outstanding by Ofsted, is very carefully planned to meet the needs of all of our pupils. A large focus is obviously placed upon developing a high standard of reading, writing and numeracy skills together with ICT and creative ability. All of our children access specialist PE coaching and receive swimming tuition plus French lessons. Our broad and rich curriculum is underpinned on the key knowledge and skills that children need for lifelong learning, enabling our children to be successful independent learners who are well prepared for secondary education and beyond. We believe that children should be aware of their achievements. Their self-esteem and confidence should be high and personal success should be celebrated. We award stickers for good work, personal progress or exemplary behaviour.

We promote the children's spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. English and Mathematics are a priority but at the same time we aim to provide rich and varied activities and experiences within the whole of the curriculum, all taught in ways to motivate our learners.

Our extensive programme of clubs has been recognised as a great strength of our school by several Ofsted teams. We aim to encourage all our children to attend at least one of them. Over the past few years over 90% of our children have taken advantage of the clubs on offer.

We provide a wide range of opportunities as a means of enhancing our curriculum, we do this through external visitors, visits to local places of interest and opportunities to work with local businesses. Each year group from Years 3-6 experiences a residential visit which range from Bardsea, The Lake District and London.

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Say...

Pupils' personal development is exceptional. Pupils at this school are successful, resilient, creative and happy.

Pupils flourish in the wide range of opportunities that are available.

Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. They have remarkably high levels of respect for each other.

Parents say...

'She has excelled in all areas and I couldn't be happier about my child attending Victoria Academy.'
- Parent Year 6 child.

...Pupil thoughts

'Teachers have high expectations of us. They think about the valuable lessons which can help us for the future.' *– Year 6 Pupil*

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