

Academy Values, Ethos and Vision

Our academy prides itself on having high expectations for our students and is built upon effective partnerships between school, students, families and the wider community. The need to create socially aware citizens is a key aspect of the work of the academy and this is done through the 'Academy Values' which will become an integral part of a student's learning within the school.

Don Valley Academy believes that every child matters. All students are dealt with as individuals and plans are put in place to support their needs as and when this is appropriate. Attendance at the academy is below the national average and we are consistently working with students, parents and carers to significantly improve and helping to raise standards of attainment and achievement to ensure that their well-being is at the forefront of the work that we do.

Don Valley Academy is a flourishing and friendly place in which to learn. It has a pleasant atmosphere, and a talented and caring staff who are committed to students' success. We are about success for all and positive changes for communities. Our Academy has a common set of values which are shared across Delta Academies Trust.

Don Valley Academy prides itself on being:

- A school with high standards and expectations, where all students enjoy their learning and achieve to the best of their ability, giving them the skills to take them forward into the world of work
- A learning centre which develops lively and enquiring minds, enabling students to become confident and ambitious
- A highly inclusive school by working in partnership with local agencies and supporting a personalised curriculum for all students
- A school where courtesy, co-operation, enterprise and initiative are paramount
- An innovative and energising centre for both students and staff
- At the centre of the community both as a resource, in its service to others and in promoting community cohesion

Don Valley Academy is part of Delta Academies Trust, an educational charity led by Paul Tarn, our Chief Executive.

All members of Delta Academies Trust share the same broad ethos, values and principles and are 'Changing Lives'. Delta Academies Trust prides itself on having high expectations for the individual and for raising community aspirations. The trust provides effective challenge and support to the Academy. This is co-ordinated by the Director of Education working directly with the academy on improvement priorities on a regular basis. The Academy is supported by a number of subject directors in key areas. We are a group of caring schools based upon social responsibility, honesty, equality and consideration for others. This partnership allows for the sharing of excellent practice which is hugely important as continuing staff development is a key priority for us.

A small number of pupils requiring behavioural and emotional support attend St. Wilfrid's Academy which is an Alternative Provision within Delta Academies Trust.

