



**COCKBURN**  
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST  
TRANSFORMATION TO EXCELLENCE



# Schools Information Booklet

## **Cockburn School:**

Cockburn School is part of a wider family of schools belonging to Cockburn MAT. Our secondary schools consistently achieve excellent academic results and are either graded 'Outstanding' or 'Good with outstanding features' by Ofsted.

Cockburn School is an exceptional school serving an incredible cohort of students living in South Leeds. From its inception, the Cockburn School's vision is to pursue a relentless journey of "Transformation to Excellence", aligned across all our academies, creating a group of exceptional schools that radically improve students' life chances.

Being a Cockburn School teacher means belonging to a high performing, supportive and value driven team. Our teachers are supported to become experts in their field and to be reflective and skilful practitioners. Working at means accessing world class CPD, collaborating and crafting a curriculum with subject experts and being supported by strong pastoral systems to translate this into strong and effective teaching. We are a school where practitioners are passionate and proud of what they do and empowered to make a real difference to the lives of the young people they teach.

We encourage you to visit us, explore us on our social media accounts or speak to our staff team to find out more about our excellent school.

The original Cockburn School was opened on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1902 on land near the corner of Dewsbury Road and Burton Road in Beeston, Leeds, now the site of Hunslet Moor Primary School. Cockburn School was named after Sir George Cockburn, a former Chairman of the Leeds School Board.

In the 1980s, the school moved to the former Parkside County Secondary School site on Gipsy Lane. The school underwent a full refurbishment in 2010 under the government 'Building Schools for the Future' scheme and now has state-of-the-art modern facilities.

Cockburn School announced plans to become an academy in October 2015 and the conversion was completed in February 2016, under the Academies Act 2010. Thus, Cockburn School became the founding member of the Cockburn Multi-academy Trust.

Cockburn School is designated by the National College for Teaching and Leadership as a National Support School using their success and professionalism to provide additional leadership capability in other schools.

Cockburn School's provision in the arts has been awarded Artsmark Platinum status in recognition of the school's commitment to, and excellence in, arts education. Artsmark is Arts Council England's award recognising excellence in cultural education. It celebrates schools' commitment to embracing arts across the curriculum and bringing creative learning to life for children and young people.

Cockburn School was judged to be Outstanding in all areas in their Ofsted inspection in February 2022. During the inspection, inspectors judged the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, and leadership and management all to be outstanding, leading to an overall effectiveness judgement of outstanding. This latest recognition again puts the school in a position amongst the UK's elite of 'outstanding' education providers.

## **Cockburn John Charles Academy:**

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Being a Cockburn John Charles Academy teacher means belonging to a high performing, supportive and value driven team. Our teachers are supported to become experts in their field and to be reflective and skilful practitioners. Working at means accessing world class CPD, collaborating and crafting a curriculum with subject experts and being supported by strong pastoral systems to translate this into strong and effective teaching. We are a school where practitioners are passionate and proud of what they do and empowered to make a real difference to the lives of the young people they teach.

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Cockburn John Charles Academy (formerly The South Leeds Academy) is located in Belle Isle, Leeds. It was originally known as Belle Isle Middle School, before becoming a secondary school. It was then renamed Merlyn Rees Community High School. The school was formally merged with Matthew Murray High School in 2006 and was renamed South Leeds High School. The school then relocated to a new site near John Charles Centre for Sport in state-of-the-art modern facilities.

In 2009 the school converted to academy status and was renamed The South Leeds Academy. The academy was rated as Inadequate by Ofsted before joining Cockburn Multiacademy Trust and being re-named Cockburn John Charles Academy.

In the first four years, results improved dramatically as did the number of students on roll as the academy earned a strong reputation in the local community.

Cockburn John Charles Academy was inspected by Ofsted in April 2022. During the inspection, inspectors judged the quality of education along with behaviour and attitudes as Good. Both personal development, and leadership and management were judged to be Outstanding, leading to an overall effectiveness judgement of Good.

As well as academic success, the academy has built up strong partnerships with a range of businesses including IBM as a founding school in the UK for the P-TECH programme. Students from the academy excel in the arts and sport and have represented the academy at regional and national levels.

## **Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy:**

Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy is an aspirational and ambitious school based in south Leeds. *Government statistics, in all measures, may be historically bleak for the young people growing up in our ward, but at CLCA we stoically refute the assumption that high levels of deprivation equal low levels of aspiration. Our young people have a million dreams; and as a staff team we are mission aligned in our determination that they are realised.* It is time to close the gap.

Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy stands proudly as a brand-new academy in the heart of south Leeds. In September 2021, we opened our doors to our first cohort of 210 students to begin the journey of 'Transformation to Excellence'. We have watched our students settle into their secondary education and flourish while they experienced many 'Calvert Firsts'. This academic year, we have welcomed our third-year group to the academy and are heavily oversubscribed for the following year; a testament to our growing reputation as the third secondary academy in the Cockburn Multi-academy Trust.

The Academy was built in 2 Phases: The Phase 1 academy building opened for students joining the academy in September 2021. The site was developed further in preparation for the September 2022 with Year 7 and 8 students. The Phase 2 Academy, our brand new multi-million-pound building that features state of the art teaching and sports facilities, finished construction in in September 2023 and we moved into the building with three year groups. We are delighted with our brand-new building and the exceptional learning environment that this provides for our students to learn and flourish in.

The academy's third year is an incredibly exciting year for us. From the inception of Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy, Executive Headteacher David Gurney and Head of School Vicky Smith, have driven each aspect of the academy from application to the completion and running of Phase 1 site and finally working alongside the DfE design team and moving into the Phase 2 site.

We are growing the team for 2024 and this is a unique opportunity to join us at this key juncture; it is a rare an opportunity to help shape, design and grow the academy ethos and community as it continues on its journey. Colleagues at Cockburn Laurence Calvert Academy have an incredible team ethic and are fully committed to the vision of the growing an exceptional academy together.

Our academy and Trust Values and Expectations run through all aspects of academy life and staff and students alike. We are looking for strong and ambitious professionals to join the team who are passionate about their role in supporting young people to enjoy and succeed.

Not many colleagues get the opportunity to join an academy at the beginning of its journey so if this resonates with you, please do get in touch.





# Your wellbeing matters. We have signed up to the Education Staff Wellbeing Charter to:



**Prioritise staff mental health**



**Give staff the support they need to take responsibility for their own and others' wellbeing**



**Give managers access to the tools and resources they need to support the wellbeing of those they line manage**



**Establish a clear communications policy**



**Give staff a voice in decision-making**



**Drive down unnecessary workload**



**Champion and enable flexible working**



**Create a good behaviour culture**



**Support staff to progress in their careers**



**Include a sub-strategy for protecting leader wellbeing and mental health**



**Hold ourselves accountable, including by measuring staff wellbeing**

**Education Staff Wellbeing Charter**  
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