

# DARWEN ALDRIDGE COMMUNITY ACADEMY



12 Students receive good care, guidance and support. These are striking examples of students overcoming difficulties, developing high aspirations and making strides towards them.

11 The Sixth Form has improved, significant improvements have been made to information, advice and guidance, students enjoy life in the Sixth Form, demonstrating sensible attitude to their studies and well-being.

1 A deep commitment to providing tailor- made care, guidance and support for students makes a significant difference to their personal development and life chances.

10 Teaching has improved, around 50% is Good or Outstanding. Teachers use their good subject knowledge to ask questions that check student's prior learning and probe their understanding.

2 The successful development of the curriculum has increased the breadth of student educational experiences and raised outcomes.

9 Students feel safe in the Academy and speak of continuing improvements in behaviour. No student has been excluded since the Academy opened.

3 Students' behaviour is good.

8 Attendance is improving and persistent absence reducing.

4 The characteristics of entrepreneurship becoming a hallmark of learning.

7 All 2010 university entrants are the first from their families to go to university.

5 The sports specialism is aiding healthy lifestyles and enjoyment as well as providing opportunities to contribute to the community.

6 The 2010 exam results saw a marked improvement on most measures and clear, positive impact of the curriculum. The Academy's most recent assessment data and results of examinations already completed indicate results are likely to rise again in 2011

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