

Yassine and Suzana believe New North Academy is full of energy and enthusiasm and is providing their children with a holistic approach to education.



The New North Academy

Yassine and Suzana Bouaddi live in Islington with their daughters Sara, ten in Year 5 and Hana, seven in Year 2.



Yassine and Suzana chose what is now New North Academy, after visiting the school in 2010. They were impressed with its new building and great facilities. The school became New North Academy when Sara was in Year 1 and they've been really impressed with the changes that the transition to academy status has brought.

Renewed energy

"I believe change can be really positive. Becoming an academy has brought a renewed energy and enthusiasm to the school from the teaching staff. The new headteacher has brought with her a focused leadership. She's an excellent Headteacher who is not afraid to make changes when they are needed," says Yassine.

Excellent engagement with parents

A real strength of the school for Yassine is the level of engagement that takes place with parents. "The opinions of parents are valued and considered important. The school has introduced a parent and teachers association to help organise events in the school with the aim of bringing everyone together. It's a great idea and is working well."

Parent involvement

Yassine adds; "There are lots clubs for the children in and out of school hours and many for parents too. We feel our children's education is being enriched by these and as parents, it's good to have opportunities to get involved. Children can attend clubs ranging from computer coding to Japanese; there's a whole variety and something to cater for every child."

"As a parent, I've enjoyed attending a yoga class, something I probably wouldn't have tried had it not been available at the school. There are also classes where parents and children can attend together, and workshops for parents to attend which provide guidance on supporting children with social media or emotional well-being for example, so there is lots to get involved with."

Approachable and open

Yassine and Suzana believe the Headteacher genuinely has the best interests of the school at heart. "Changes like these have been very welcomed. The Headteacher is very approachable and very honest. We feel we know well the direction in which she is taking the school and we've been impressed with the initiatives she has introduced. She has a good energy and enthusiasm for New North Academy and we like that."

Shaping personalities

Yassine believes this enthusiasm runs throughout the teaching team and passes to the children. "The school is shaping our daughters' personalities. Hana was quite introverted in the way she dealt with any problems, but

the school has encouraged her to speak out if she has any concerns or anxieties. We really welcome this and she's become a very expressive girl. The teaching team is very responsive, which I think has really helped Hana to grow in confidence."

Holistic approach

Yassine likes the emphasis placed on teaching values to children. "It's a school that works hard to demonstrate the importance of values such as sharing, respect and tolerance. They are not only providing a good education but are teaching important life lessons which are having a positive impact on my daughters."

According to her delighted parents, Sara too is doing very well at New North Academy. "Sara is achieving very well in her classes and we feel she is stretched and encouraged to ensure she is reaching her potential. She interacts well with teachers and she enjoys school. As a parent, it's reassuring to know our children are happy in their learning environment."

Delighted

Yassine adds: "We believe New North is thriving in its academy status. We're delighted with the progress our children are making, academically and in terms of developing comprehensive values important for their future."



Children say:

Hana says, "I really enjoyed cooking club!"

Sara says, "The camera club was a lot of fun and I really enjoy my music lessons!"



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