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National accolade awarded to The Cavendish High Academy

A national accolade for quality has been awarded to The Cavendish High Academy in Runcorn for its work in improving the well-being, resilience and self-esteem of its pupils who are vulnerable to underachievement.

The Quality Mark Award recognises the impressive work being done by the school to improve progress in reading, writing and maths for all pupils, particularly those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

The award has been developed by leading education charity [Achievement for All](http://www.afaeducation.org) (AfA), which offers support programmes to schools and settings to help them improve outcomes in the lowest achieving 20 per cent.

The Cavendish High Academy has been working in partnership with Achievement for All since 2012 and has seen a marked improvement in many aspects including working with parents and carers on children's targets as part of the AFA framework.

Achievement for All works closely with parents, carers, teachers and the individual child to secure the best outcome and attainment for their students through personalised and specific targets. The unique programmes are delivered directly to schools and settings via a highly skilled and trained team of expert coaches and specialist online support tool called The Bubble.

Schools are assessed for the Quality Mark Award within the second year of the Schools Programme. The award focuses on a variety of categories such as strategic planning, quality of teaching and learning, effective use of interventions, pupil progress and community relationships.

Garath Jackson, Regional Lead at Achievement for All, said:

"We are thrilled to present The Cavendish High Academy with this much deserved award. They have shown a high quality of leadership and teamwork, and most importantly the target groups have made more than expected progress and are closing the gap with their peers. Our programmes are designed to be a whole school improvement tool and The Cavendish High Academy as shown a continued commitment and success in improving outcomes for their children.

"Achievement for All believes that every child can progress, and through our programmes we hope to enable every child to be the best that they can be regardless of background, challenge, or need. Huge congratulations to teachers, parents, carers and young people at The Cavendish High Academy for all their hard work."

Notes to Editors

- Achievement for All is a movement focused on educational change; building a world in which all children are seen as having potential, and where every child is enabled to be the best that they can be regardless of background, challenge or need.
- Achievement for All programmes have worked with staff in over 4000 schools, colleges and early years settings across England and Wales.
- The charity is the leading provider of improved outcomes in reading, writing and maths for the lowest achieving 20% of children and young people.
- Achievement for All uses a unique direct deliver model and a team of highly skilled coaches.
- Each programme is tailored to meet the needs of the individual school/setting and is delivered in partnership with the leadership team, teachers/staff, parents, pupils and support professionals. It has been developed in collaboration with the sector and is supported by the Department for Education.
- The charity's latest Impact Report demonstrates that vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils, including those identified with special educational needs and disabilities, in schools and settings working with Achievement for All, continue to make faster progress in reading, writing and maths than their counterparts in other schools. Many are making as good or better progress than the national expected levels of progress for all pupils.
- Further information can be found at www.afaeducation.org or by contacting gemma.lowtoo@afaeducation.org



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