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Welcome to National



Diverse
Academies

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The academy has been a core part of the town of Hucknall since 1788 and is a vibrant hub of education for students aged 11 to 19. Our success is built on a rich heritage, combined with strong core values, our sense of community, and a steadfast commitment to improving education for all students.



Martin Brailsford
Principal

As a faith academy our core values around Christianity underpin everything we do. Students' understanding of their place in the world is extended through a rich and diverse curriculum, and we teach all individuals to aspire to great things. Our expert teaching and support staff, a reputation for progress and achievement, and superb facilities create an inspiring learning environment conducive to success.

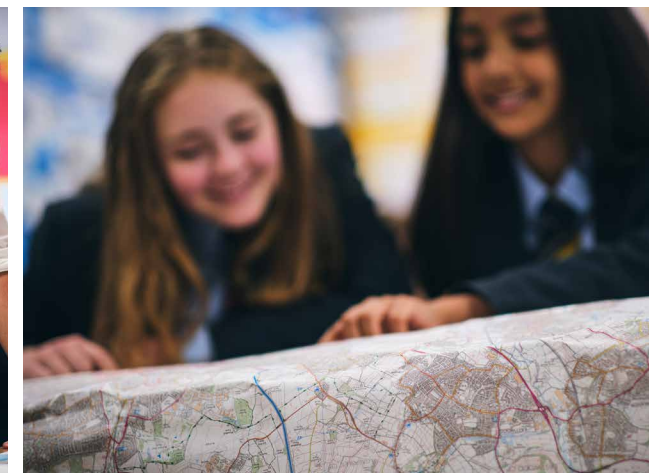
We offer a diverse range of opportunities for personal development through sport, music, drama, extended curriculum and community involvement. We also support students to further their understanding of their own faith and beliefs alongside our academy chaplain, members of staff, and local church groups.

I am confident our academy will be an inspiring and supportive environment for your child. We are delighted to welcome families to look around our facilities and to meet our staff, and invite you to arrange a visit to National.

I look forward to meeting you soon.



‘Life in
all its
fullness.’
(John 10:10)



A photograph of three students in a classroom. A girl with long dark hair is smiling and looking towards the camera. Two boys are leaning over a table, looking at something on it. There are various school supplies on the table, including a pink pencil case, markers, and a notebook.

Vision and values

We believe it is crucial that students develop personal and moral skills alongside their academic progress. Students are supported to understand and demonstrate our core values, ensuring they have the best opportunity to succeed in all aspects of their lives.

Our vision

The academy ensures that all students are able to experience 'Life in all its fullness'. Our role as an academy is to create a place of learning, where we celebrate diversity, encourage spirituality and where young people are engaged on a joyful lifetime of learning.

We provide opportunities for our full academy community to develop as children of God – to deepen their learning, develop their sense of identity and become active members of the wider community.

Our values

We believe in strong Christian values that underpin everything we do. Our expectation is that students develop and display these values throughout their time at National and beyond.

Achievement

We believe we have been given unique talents and abilities. We want everyone to use these as fully as possible – academically and through arts, music and sport. *'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'* (Philippians 4:13)

Respect

By respecting others, the environment and ourselves, we can help to create a better society. *'Show respect for everyone.'* (1 Peter 2:17)

Charity

This means generosity of spirit – giving our time and energy to others and seeing the potential for good in others. *'Do not forget to do good and to share with those in need.'* (Hebrews 13:16)

Humility

True humility is about greater self-awareness. We admit our limitations, and recognise the strengths and talents of others. *'In humility value others above yourselves.'* (Philippians 2:3)

Wisdom

Wisdom is a way of understanding things, which enables us to see what is true or right, and to use what we learn unselfishly. *'Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.'* (Proverbs 3:13 NIV)

Service

For Christians, everything we do is in service to God. Whether Christians or not, the idea of service should be central to everything we do. *'Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.'* (Romans 12:11)

Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad, balanced and intellectually fulfilling. Our core subjects work alongside a wider range of subjects, which together showcase individual passions and talents and align with students' future education and career goals.

Meeting individual requirements is essential for progress and success. Our curriculum team carefully consider the needs of all students and create an environment that nurtures ability and supports improvement.

We place a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy to ensure our students leave with the key skills valued by employers and educational establishments. Moving into key stage 4, students are supported in choosing the most appropriate courses to match their onward aspirations.

Throughout each student's time at National, they are set challenging targets to aim for. We track the attainment and progress individuals are making against these goals, and feed back to students and their families. Our robust approach to information, advice and guidance also ensures that students feel supported during their studies.



Sixth Form

Students attend the Hucknall Sixth Form Centre for their post-16 studies. The centre is a top-class facility with a wide range of academic courses at different levels, giving all students the opportunity to find subjects that match their future education and employment goals.

For more information, visit www.hsfc-ac.org.uk

Enrichment and personal development

With a wealth of enrichment activities available outside of the academy timetable, there are ample opportunities for individuals to express themselves, nurture existing talents or try something new. These activities range from sport to creative arts and music, to clubs and societies specific to subjects, and social action groups.

External visits and residential trips also take place throughout the year to contextualise learning and enhance personal development. Local businesses support with mock interviews and careers information, and students are able to work alongside business networks to develop an understanding of the world of work and gain vital experience.

Community involvement is also very important and emphasises our core values to our students and the Hucknall community. Our chaplaincy team provide an important link to enable celebration event services to be held in local churches, including attendance of Remembrance parades and at Christmas.



Support and guidance

To ensure our students achieve their potential, we place a great emphasis on providing a dedicated support system – covering pastoral care, assistance for specialist educational needs and spirituality.

Our support network includes heads of house, our student support team, a dedicated academy counsellor and our chaplaincy team.

Our pastoral system is organised into vertical tutor groups, with all students members of one of four houses. Students from across all year groups form home-groups within these houses, and peer support, guidance and friendships develop as a result.

We support students with a wide range of additional needs through our inclusion faculty. Dedicated and knowledgeable staff work closely with these students to support their educational and emotional needs, together with responding to any behavioural difficulties in a positive manner.



‘We want students to feel safe, secure and supported for the benefit of their learning, and recognise the importance of positive mental health amongst our students.’



‘Explicitly articulated Christian vision and values are deeply embedded in the daily life of the academy.’
SIAMS

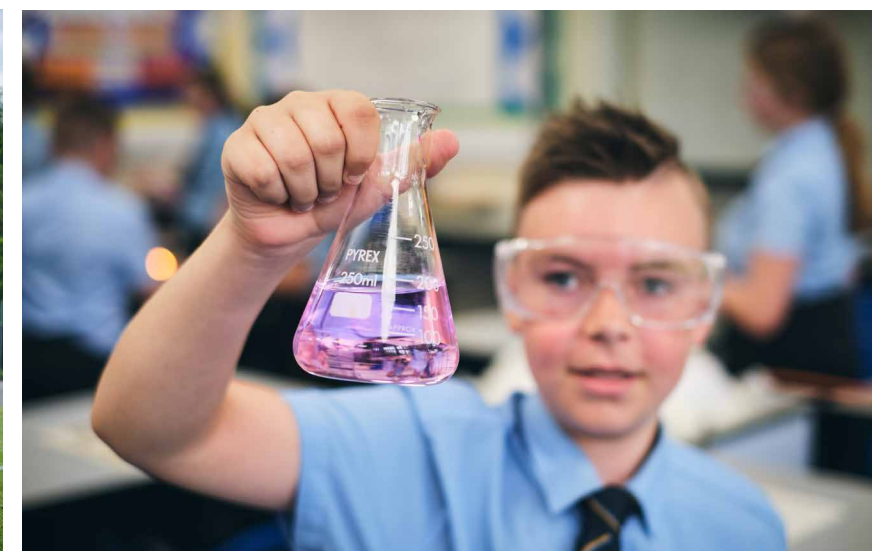


‘There are no words to express our gratitude for what National has done for our son. The growth and progress we see is a true reflection of the quality of the academy and teaching staff.’
Parent of year 7 student



‘Teachers generally set high expectations and challenging activities. They develop students’ ideas and provide effective feedback that supports learning.’
Ofsted

‘Our daughter has made superb progress in her humanities subjects. The teachers have done their utmost to support her with her upcoming exams.’
Parent of year 10 student



Admissions

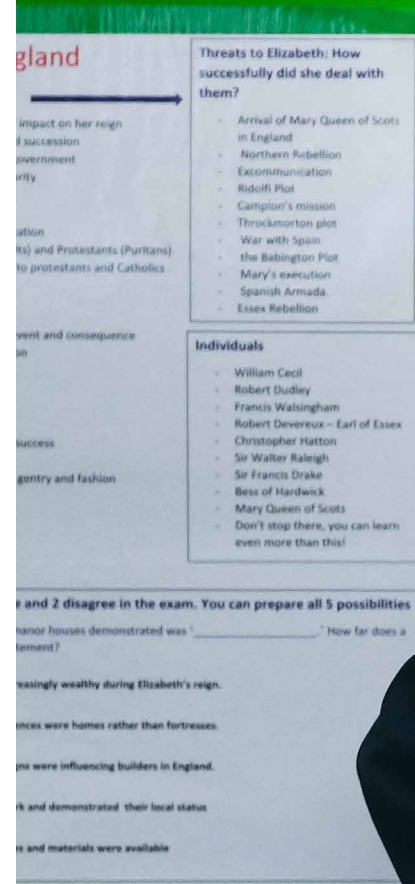
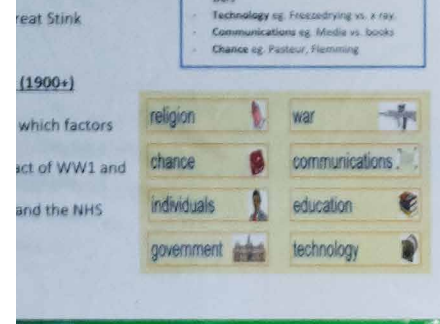
Applications for admission to the National Church of England Academy are welcomed from students of all faiths and none. It is not obligatory for individual students or their families to practise a faith or to worship regularly.

As a faith academy, National has no defined catchment area and accepts applications from pupils attending any primary school or academy. Students attend from all over Nottinghamshire, including pupils from feeder primaries within Hucknall.

For details of our admissions arrangements (including the process around over-subscription), please refer to the academy website.

There are a number of ways to find out if National is right for your child. We host open days throughout the year for students in years 5 and 6, together with an open evening in September. Details of these events are posted on the academy website and social channels.

Term-time tours are also available for parents and students to enable you to see the academy on a normal working day. Call us on **0115 963 5667** to arrange a visit.



Diverse Academies Learning Partnership

National Church of England Academy is part of the Diverse Academies Learning Partnership – a group of academies committed to the development and improvement of schools through collaboration and partnership. Our core focus is the achievement and development of each individual student. We have an established framework of core principles and practice to which all academies subscribe, whilst maintaining and developing each academy's unique identity and individual characteristics.

For more information, visit www.dalp.org.uk





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