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# LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

(JOHN 10:10)



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CORE VALUES

ACHIEVEMENT • RESPECT • CHARITY • HUMILITY • WISDOM • SERVICE





## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

### Welcome to National Church of England Academy.

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

As a Church of England academy, our Christian values 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 achievement, and superb facilities create an inspiring learning environment and ultimately academic success.

We offer a wide range of opportunities for personal development through sport, music, drama, extra-curricular and community involvement. We also encourage students to further their understanding of their own faith and beliefs alongside our chaplaincy team, members of staff and local church groups.

I am confident our academy will be an inspiring and supportive environment for your child.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Martin Brailsford  
Principal



### Ofsted 2018

"The school has a calm and purposeful atmosphere. Pupils are keen to learn and to do their best."

### Parent of year 8, 10 and 13 children

"I think the school has been doing an amazing job [...] and all 3 of my children have been very well supported. Every member of staff seems to me to be going over and above to provide the best educational experience they can for my children and for that I am very grateful."



# VISION & VALUES

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Our academy vision is to ensure that all members of our community experience 'life in all its fullness' and live life through our six core values. We strive to develop understanding of our six core values, set within a Christian framework, so students may move on in life to contribute positively to the common good of the whole human community and its environment.

### Our academy should be a place where:

- ◆ Young people and adults alike are engaged on a joyful lifetime of learning.
- ◆ Each person is uniquely valued.
- ◆ The gifts, potential and spirituality of everyone in our community are nurtured and developed.
- ◆ The academy community is a welcoming place for those of all faiths and none.

**Achievement** - We believe we have each been given unique talents and abilities and we want everyone in our community to use these as fully as possible: academically, and also in the 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 talent of others. 'In humility value others above yourselves'. (Philippians 2:3)

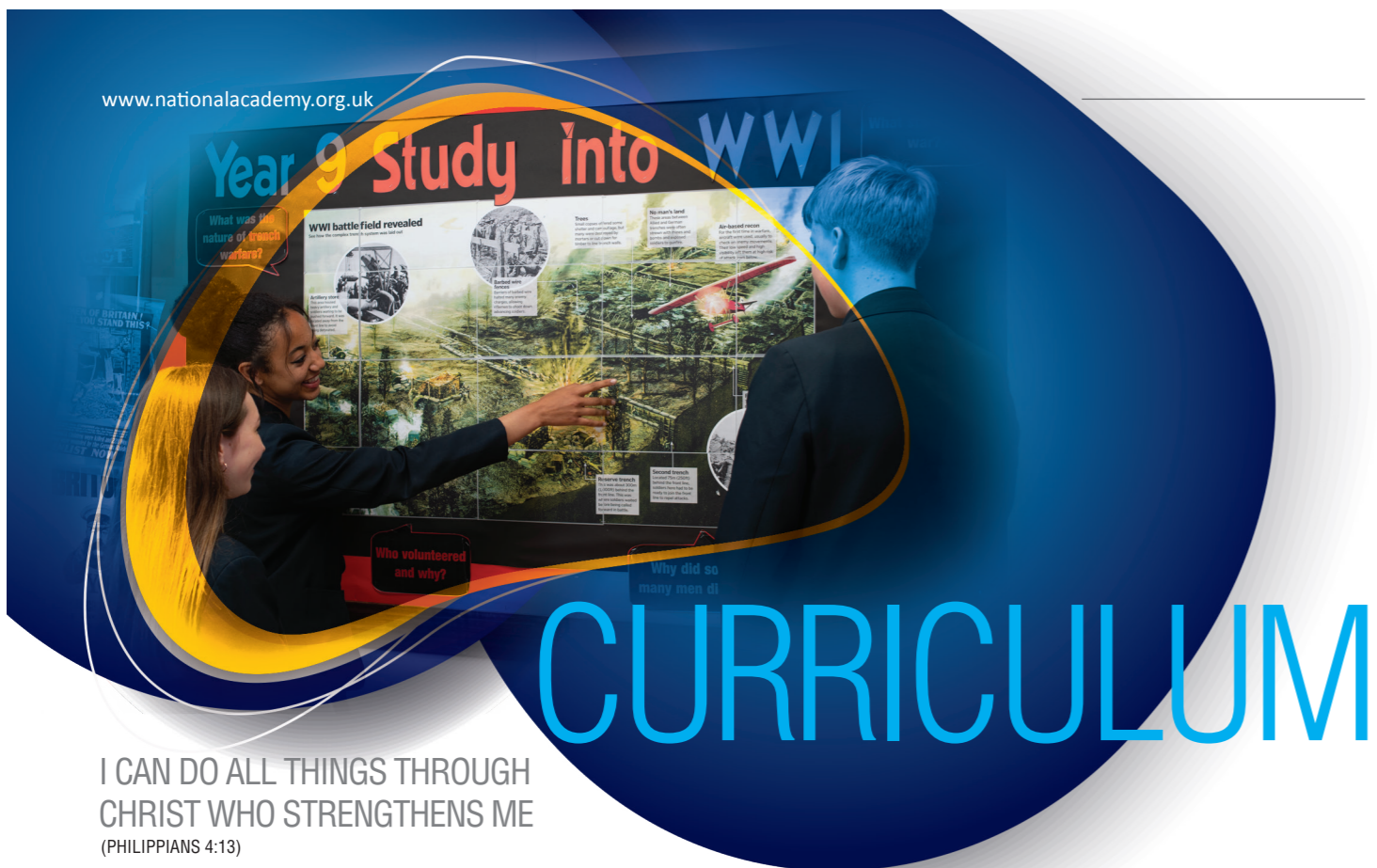
### Parent of year 8 and 13 children

"Both our children have continued to receive the best education [...]. This has been down, in no short measure, to the planning, direction, commitment, enthusiasm and exceptional leadership at National."

**Wisdom** - Wisdom is a way of understanding things which enables us to see what is true or right, using 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)

**Keystone** - At the National Church of England Academy, it is God as seen in the life of Jesus and as experienced today through the working of the Holy Spirit who is the keystone holding our community together. 'Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise like a person who builds a house on solid rock'. (Matthew 7:24)



I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME  
(PHILIPPIANS 4:13)

## Sixth Form

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.

### Parent of year 11 child

*"I have the utmost respect for everything that has been put into place, every decision that has been made and every effort taken."*

Our Post 16 provision is based at Hucknall Sixth Form Centre (HSFC). HSFC is purpose built to facilitate the delivery of a wide range of A-level and level 3 courses, giving students the opportunity to find subjects that match their future education and employment goals. For more information, visit [www.hsfc-ac.org.uk](http://www.hsfc-ac.org.uk).



### SIAMS

*"Explicitly articulated Christian vision and values are deeply embedded in the daily life of the academy and have a positive impact on behaviours, attitudes and achievements."*

# SUPPORT & GUIDANCE

SHOW RESPECT FOR EVERYONE  
(1 PETER 2:17)



We have a dedicated support system in school which covers pastoral care, assistance for special educational needs and disabilities, and mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Our pastoral system is organised into tutor groups, each with their own dedicated tutor who they will see each day, and a Head of Year. Tutor groups provide peer support, guidance and friendship.

We support students with a wide range of additional needs through our Inclusion team. Expert staff led by our SENCO work closely with students to support their individual educational and emotional needs, together with responding to any behavioural difficulties in a positive manner.



We offer a wealth of enrichment and extra-curricular activities outside of the main school timetable. These give students a chance to express themselves, try something new or nurture existing interests and talents. These activities range from sporting to creative, to clubs and societies, and social action groups.

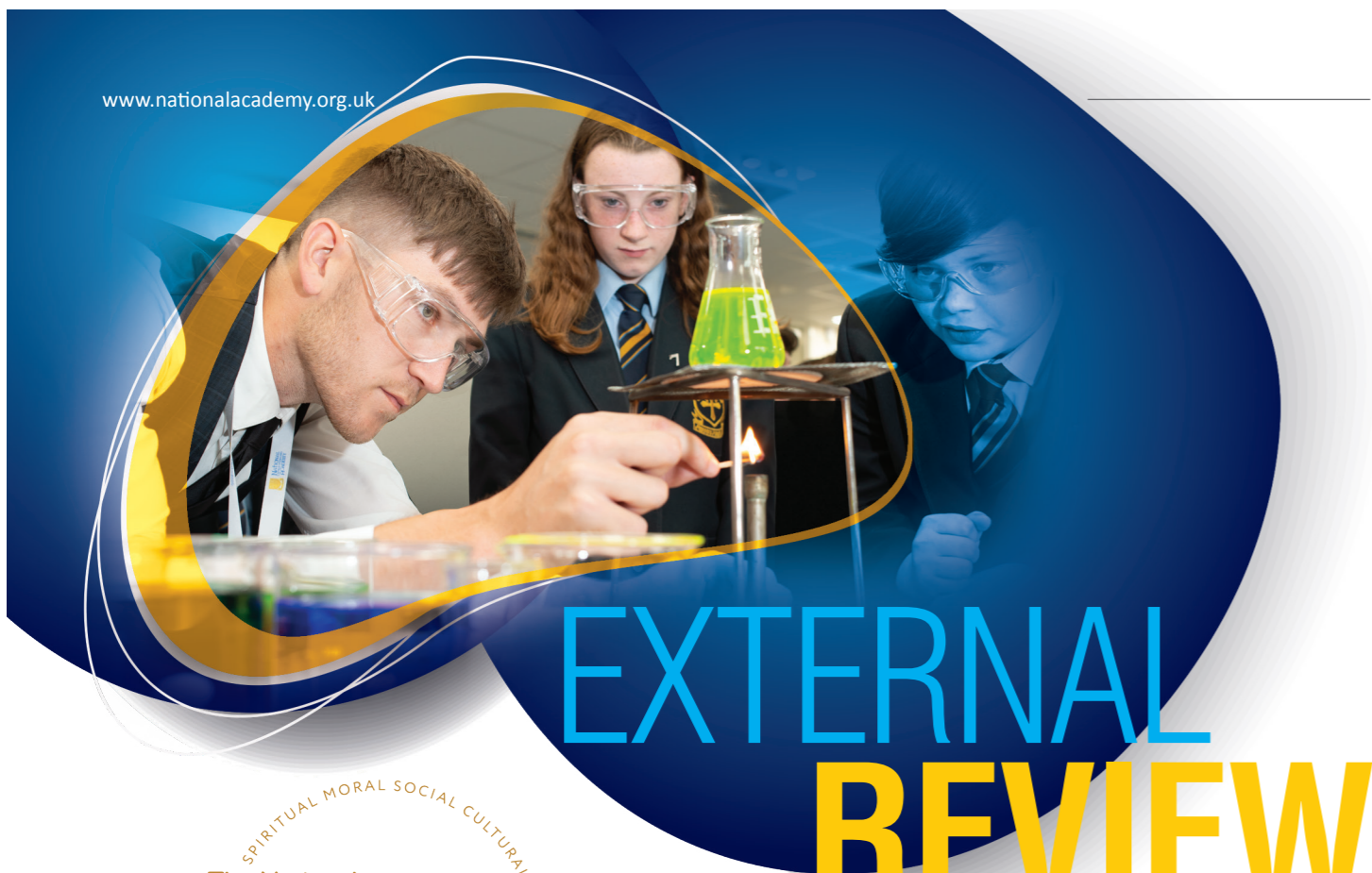
There are opportunities for local and national visits as well as some international residential trips. These help to put learning into context and skills into practise.

Community involvement is also very important and emphasises our core values to students and the Hucknall community.

Our Careers Information, Education, Advice and Guidance leader ensures that students develop an understanding of the world of work and gain vital experience.

### Parent of year 9 and 10 children

*"At 13 and 14 years old they are in our eyes really blossoming in character and their learning and I think this is credit to all of your work. Your natural ability to care, nurture, encourage and engage is priceless and I for one feel that this year has really made me thankful for such amazing teachers."*



# EXTERNAL REVIEW

SMSC AWARD VERIFICATION, 2021

"Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is interwoven throughout the vision and values of the National Academy and is visibly evident."

"The Academy places high importance on developing social and emotional skills ...in supporting friendship skills, social understanding and enabling pupils to have the skills to integrate and communicate effectively in the wider world."

"Students... have high aspirations for themselves and reported that teachers encouraged them to achieve and were passionate about their teaching, which made lessons interesting, engaging and active."

#### Ofsted 2018

"Behaviour in lessons is well managed. Pupils said that [...] they have seen improvements in the school and feel well supported in planning the next steps in their education."



#### Parent of year 9 and 10 children

"I feel that my children are well looked after when they come to school, that everyone wants the best for them and expects the best and encourages them to reach that".

#### Ofsted 2018

"Teachers generally set high expectations and challenging activities. They develop students' ideas and provide effective feedback that supports learning."



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# ADMISSIONS

ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO MY TEACHINGS & FOLLOWS IT IS WISE LIKE A PERSON WHO BUILDS A HOUSE OF SOLID ROCK  
(MATTHEW 7:24)

Applications for admission to the National Church of England Academy are welcomed from students of all faiths and of none.

As a Church of England academy, National has no defined catchment area and accepts applications from students attending any primary school, both inside of Hucknall and from the wider Nottinghamshire area.

There are a number of ways to find out if National is right for your child. Details of open days and other events can be found on our website and

social media channels. You can also contact us on **0115 963 5667** to arrange a school visits if you are applying for an in-year transfer.

For details of our admissions arrangements, or for the process surrounding over-subscription, please refer to our website.

