



NATIONAL
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
ACADEMY

LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

(JOHN 10:10)



CORE VALUES

ASPIRATION • RESPECT • COMPASSION • HUMILITY • WISDOM • SERVICE



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LOOKING AHEAD

HEADTEACHER'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
Headteacher

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."

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"Pupils say that they feel happy and safe at the school."



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."

VISION & VALUES

LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS (JOHN 10:10)

In the Bible, Jesus talks about wanting us to have a rich and fulfilling life. This is really important to us. We want our students to grow in every way – spiritually, morally, socially, and culturally. We want children to aim high, explore new things, and show resilience when things get tough. The Bible teaches us that everyone is special and valuable to God. We believe this is key to living a full life. We're all part of one big family, no matter our background or where we come from. Our endeavour is to create a place where everyone's talents are recognised, differences are celebrated, and God's love is shown in everything we do. We show wisdom in how we support each other in our school community. We show humility by serving others. We encourage everyone to live by our ARCH values of aspiration, respect, compassion and humility. These values are the fruits of our vision.

What are our academy's values?

Our values are Aspiration, Respect, Compassion and Humility: an ARCH, underpinned by the two pillars of Wisdom and Service and held together by the keystone, placing God at the centre of our academy.



Aspiration - Christians 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)

Compassion - Christians believe God is a God of compassion. We should actively look to relieve the suffering of those around us. We can show compassion for others through kindness, patience, forgiveness and love.

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32)

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)

Service - For Christians, everything that 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)

What is the keystone?

God is the keystone, holding our community together. Jesus teaches that we should love one another as he loves us. As a school, we believe love should be central to all our relationships and be at the heart of what we do for our school community.

'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'

(John 13:34)

CURRICULUM

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME

(PHILIPPIANS 4:13)

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 and 5, 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.



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"The school's curriculum is broad and ambitious for all pupils, including for those with SEND."

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"Pupils benefit from a thoughtfully designed careers education programme. Staff guide pupils to make choices that will help them achieve their future goals".



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.

Equality, diversity and Inclusion sit at the heart of our academy, ensuring all students are celebrated for who they are as well as their achievements.

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"The culture of safeguarding at the school is strong. Staff are well trained on all safeguarding issues, including issues that are pertinent to the local area. Safeguarding is effective".

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To complement our academic curriculum, we believe it is important to provide students with a range of opportunities to enrich their learning outside of the classroom. All students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational visits, extra-curricular clubs and whole school activities during their time at National Church of England Academy.

Our educational visits range from international residential trips to local day visits. Some examples include:

- Theatre visits
- University experiences
- World War One battlefields
- Bletchley Park
- Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- The National Holocaust Centre and Museum

We offer a range of extra-curricular clubs such as:

- STEM
- Change makers group
- School production
- Sports clubs
- Music groups

Further enrichment activities include:

- Special church services
- Mock interviews
- Work experience
- Social action
- Careers week
- Student leadership



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"Pupils articulate the vision and are proud of how the ARCH values encourage them to strive for academic excellence and live well together in the school community".

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".

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"Staff have high expectations of all pupils. This includes pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)".



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ADMISSIONS



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.

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



The National Sixth Form Centre is now open providing bespoke post-16 facilities.

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