



# THE DUKERIES ACADEMY

**ASPIRE ACHIEVE CONTRIBUTE**



# WELCOME TO THE DUKERIES ACADEMY

Our aim at The Dukeries is for all young people to leave our academy knowing that they have achieved their personal best and with qualifications that will ensure they progress confidently to college, university and employment. We believe that The Dukeries Academy offers all this, and more.

Academic achievement is at the core of what we do. We want your child to leave school with good qualifications which will provide a solid grounding for their future work. But this is not all we do. We want to give your child the skills for a happy and successful life.

We know that choosing your child's secondary school can be a difficult decision. You want to find a school where your child will be happy and where they will receive support and encouragement to achieve their potential.

Our teaching methods will provide a firm foundation for your child's learning, while giving them the opportunity to explore and to find out who they are and what they want to do. We are passionate about innovative teaching, whether through IT, varied teaching methods or community involvement. This is a world-class education.

Don't just take our word for it, come and see for yourself at our next open day, or book a tour to suit you by contacting the academy or using the 'Book a tour' link on our website. We'd love to meet you and your child.



**CLAIRE LEITHEISER**

PRINCIPAL

## Welcome from Academy Transformation Trust

Dear prospective pupils, parents and carers

We are delighted that you are interested in joining The Dukeries Academy.

Our mission is to transform learning, aspirations and opportunities for all our pupils, and the communities in which they live. We believe that every child matters and deserves a first class education and that everyone has hidden potential to be uncovered and nurtured.

Working with Claire and her team, we will play our part in giving your children the education and opportunities they need to succeed in a changing world.

Choosing a school for your child is a very important decision and we hope that this prospectus gives you all you need to make an informed choice about us.



## 'ASPIRE ACHIEVE CONTRIBUTE' AN ACADEMY WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND THE DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED



### 'ACHIEVEMENT IN ALL YEAR GROUPS HAS IMPROVED RAPIDLY'

### 'THE QUALITY OF TEACHING HAS ACCELERATED THE RATES OF PUPILS' PROGRESS'

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We welcome all students irrespective of their backgrounds. Teachers will get to know your child as an individual and unlock their potential. No matter what your child's ability, our staff will leave no stone unturned to meet their needs, nurture their talents and ensure that they 'Aspire Achieve and Contribute'.

### OUR PROMISE TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD

#### WE PROMISE:

- > To provide the best quality teaching with cutting edge techniques, including the latest technology so that learning is challenging and engaging.
- > To set clear expectations for high standards of work, behaviour and self-discipline, providing the support and challenge to enable students to achieve their aspirational targets.
- > To provide you with regular opportunities to see how your child is progressing, including subject reports and consultation evenings.
- > To provide as many opportunities as possible to help your child to discover their talents and passions, encouraging them to develop skills of leadership, teamwork and innovation in order to be successful in a rapidly changing world.
- > To provide strong pastoral care and guidance through the tutor and house systems so that there is a strong sense of belonging and a happy and harmonious atmosphere.

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# JOINING US

## A SENSE OF COMMUNITY, SUPPORT AND ASPIRATION FROM DAY ONE



### WELCOME TO YEAR 7

Students are part of a tutor group based in a dedicated Year 7 area where their tutor will get to know each of them on a personal basis. They can expect a culture of high expectations, praise and reward and being stretched and challenged in their learning from day one. There are many opportunities for students to develop their independence as well as for group learning and personal development starting with a comprehensive week-long transition programme in the summer term before they arrive. This is very popular with students and parents alike, giving a fantastic springboard into secondary education. In year 7, students feel confident and valued and are rewarded for their hard work.

### STARTING IN OTHER YEAR GROUPS

If your child joins us part way through the year they will receive the same warm welcome as our new year 7s. They will be placed in a tutor group with other students in the same year and their tutor will arrange a 'buddy' to help them settle in.

### PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### GETTING TO SCHOOL

School buses run from Kneesall, Old Clipstone, Kirton, Edwinstowe, Newark, Mansfield, Eakring, Walesby and Bilsthorpe. To find out whether your child is entitled to free transport, please contact Nottinghamshire County Council. The school also provides drop-off points and bicycle parking.

#### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Dukeries Academy provides a range of after school activities. A free minibus runs after school at 4.30 from Monday to Thursday to enable your child to take part.

#### UNIFORM

Our students are expected to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance. All students in years 7 to 11 are required to wear the academy uniform, which includes our new house ties. Shoes, hairstyle, plus any makeup and jewellery must also comply with expectations, which can be found on our website. In the sixth form there is a dress code of smart business wear.

**“TEACHERS AT THE  
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AND PUSHED ME  
TO AIM HIGH.”**

**EX-STUDENT**



# OUR CURRICULUM

### FROM YEAR 7

When your child joins The Dukeries Academy in year 7, they will study a broad range of subjects, including: English, mathematics, science, ICT, physical education, personal social & health education and citizenship, geography, history, religious education, technology, drama, art, music and French.

### ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

As our students progress towards options in year 9 and for sixth form our aim is to give our students the qualifications and skills necessary to follow the career pathway of their choice.

Options subjects are organised into a number of learning routes to ensure our students follow courses that best meet their needs and they go on to achieve the highest standards. There are three learning routes and within them there are a wide range of subject choices. These routes will enable students to tailor their studies based on their abilities and aspirations, whether they wish to study the English Baccalaureate or follow a more vocational route.

### POST 16

Our post 16 centre offers a personalised experience for all of our students whilst maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum offer. We are able to provide a comprehensive number of Level 3 qualifications for students on both academic and vocational pathways. If a subject is offered at GCSE/Vocational level then we will aim to provide that subject in our post 16 centre.

### MORE THAN SCHOOL

Although academic achievement is at the core of what we do, we believe that school should be about more than just passing exams.

The Dukeries Academy provides a broad range of extra-curricular and community activities, to help your child to become a confident, capable adult, prepared for the wider world and with an appetite for lifelong learning.

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#### OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- > Extensive leisure facilities, including floodlit all-weather pitch and swimming pool
- > On-site farm stables and riding facilities
- > Community theatre facilities
- > Combined Cadet Force
- > Community band
- > Drama and dance performances
- > University visits
- > Mock interviews and business involvement
- > Work experience
- > Wide range of after school clubs

# BEYOND SCHOOL



## WE'RE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS

Their hard work here at The Dukeries Academy prepares them for a broad range of careers.

Our strong teaching, guidance and support equips each student for their future, ensuring that your child is ready for whatever opportunities life sends their way. This includes training in new and emerging technologies.

On leaving The Dukeries Academy, some of our students go directly into work, while others continue their education at university.

### HERE'S WHAT OUR PAST STUDENTS SAY:

**'AN INCREASED PROPORTION OF STUDENTS WENT ONTO UNIVERSITY AND INTO APPRENTICESHIPS IN 2016 THAN EVER BEFORE'**

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**IN 2017 100% OF STUDENTS APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY GOT THEIR FIRST CHOICE**

"Although I didn't want to attend university at first, if I hadn't taken the plunge I would never have had so many amazing experiences, such as travelling, meeting new and exciting people, following my dreams and most importantly opening doors to different careers. I'm so proud of what I achieved through being at university and I wouldn't have got there without the guidance and support of the staff at The Dukeries."

"My time as a student at The Dukeries prepared me so well for taking on my degree. When I arrived at university I was able to quickly adapt to the level of work expected due to the teaching I had experienced in the sixth form which required me to be more independent. Not only that but excellent working relationships I built up with the other students and teachers at school helped me to have the confidence to make new friends and fit in quickly."





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