



SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
ACADEMY AND SIXTH FORM

Prospectus 2018



Headteacher welcome



Welcome to South Nottinghamshire Academy – a vibrant and thriving school at the heart of the communities of Radcliffe on Trent, Cotgrave and Shelford.

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make on their behalf. As an oversubscribed school, we believe that all students have a right to attend a school that is ambitious for them and will strive to ensure they achieve the very best that they can. Our ethos is built around **'Pushing our boundaries to achieve more'** which is underpinned with the highest expectations of what each student is capable of achieving.

In 2018, SNA students once again secured some spectacular outcomes and the Academy achieved its best ever results. Our Progress 8 score was significantly positive and 82% of students achieved the Basics 4+ (English and Maths at grade 4).

We passionately believe that in order for students to reach their academic potential, they must experience the highest levels of individual care, guidance and support. We pride ourselves on our knowledge of every single student and ensuring that students are challenged in their learning but enjoy and feel safe as part of our school community.

In September 2016, we moved into our brand new £10 million school which has provided the school community with a long lasting, modern day facility that has enhanced students' educational experience. At the same time, we joined Redhill Academy Trust and we are already seeing the positive impact that this partnership has made.

This prospectus can only give a glimpse of the Academy. To see for yourself what the Academy can offer your child, please come to one of our Open Days or make an appointment to visit me at a convenient time.

We have a school to be proud of and, for everyone involved with South Nottinghamshire Academy, a very exciting future lies ahead.

 **Dan Philpotts**
Headteacher



South Nottinghamshire Academy and Sixth Form



Why South Nottinghamshire Academy is the first choice for our community

- September 2018 intake oversubscribed
- "99% of parents would recommend South Nottinghamshire Academy to other parents" (*Ofsted parental survey, February 2017*)
- Ofsted (February 2017) confirmed that we are 'Good' in all areas with many examples of exemplary practice.
- "Progress and attainment continue to rise and staff set consistently high standards" (*Ofsted report, February 2017*)
- "Sixth form students are overwhelmingly positive about their experience and their progress is often better than those with similar GCSE results elsewhere" (*Ofsted report, February 2017*)
- "There is a harmonious feel to the school and students behave well in lessons and during social times. Students' well-being is a priority" (*Ofsted report, February 2017*)
- We know every single student so that no-one goes unnoticed or slips through the net
- Our new school building provides us with modern facilities which meet the educational needs of our current students and future generations
- We are sponsored by Redhill Academy Trust (September 2016) who are a local, outstanding provider who have a proven track record of enhancing school improvement

Curriculum

Our aim is to provide a curriculum that enables all students to reach their potential during their time at South Nottinghamshire Academy, as well as meeting all statutory requirements. We have a responsibility to prepare our students for further education, university and work-based learning in a fast-changing and challenging world.

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7-8) students will study:

Art	German, Spanish or Literacy
Computing	History
Drama	Mathematics
Design and Technology	Music
English	Physical Education
Food Technology	Religious Education
French	Science
Geography	

At Key Stage 4 (Years 9-11) students will continue to study:

English Language and English Literature	Physical Education (non-examined)
Mathematics	Science Trilogy (2 Qualifications)

Students then have the opportunity to select up to four subjects from a wide range of options subjects (for example):

Art	Health and Social Care
Business	History
Computer Science	ICT
Digital Art (Photography)	Media
Drama	Music
Food and Nutrition	Physical Education
French	Spanish
Geography	Technology
German	Triple Science

In addition to the main curriculum at Key Stage 4, all students at South Nottinghamshire Academy also study PSHE, Citizenship and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education). These important aspects of our students' education take place during tutor time, assemblies, enrichment activities and during special events during the school year.



A message from the Redhill Academy Trust

Dear Parents,

I would like to warmly welcome you to the South Nottinghamshire Academy prospectus for 2018.

As Executive Principal of The Redhill Academy, I believe strongly that successful academies have four key characteristics:

- High expectations of all students
- Valuing and celebrating academic achievement
- Consistently good and focused teaching
- Widening students' experiences through a range of extra-curricular activities including sports, music and the performing arts

These four principles will guide the development of South Nottinghamshire Academy, alongside the Redhill Academy, for the coming years.

Working with the whole staff at South Nottinghamshire Academy, my priority is to support and ensure that academic outcomes remain consistently high. The Academy is the first choice for all parents and children in the area and the next few years will be an exciting and very successful time.

Andrew Burns
Executive Principal

South Nottinghamshire Academy is very proud of its comprehensive enrichment programme. There are many extra-curricular clubs to get involved with, and an extensive range of trips and visits on offer. Across the year, all subjects contribute to the programme and it is updated on a termly basis.

For those with a sporting aptitude, the Academy is the lead school, and continues to coordinate the Rushcliffe School Sports Partnership (primary and secondary competitions). Students have a variety of competitions to participate in and in addition, we encourage students to gain leadership qualifications, including the Duke of Edinburgh award.

Performing Arts are a strong feature of our provision and students can access a range of Music, Dance and Drama opportunities. For our musicians, we have a great variety of individual music lessons and many musical ensembles to join. We also have a Junior Dance Club and Senior Dance Academy as well as opportunities to perform in Academy Drama productions and shows, including our annual Performance Showcase event.

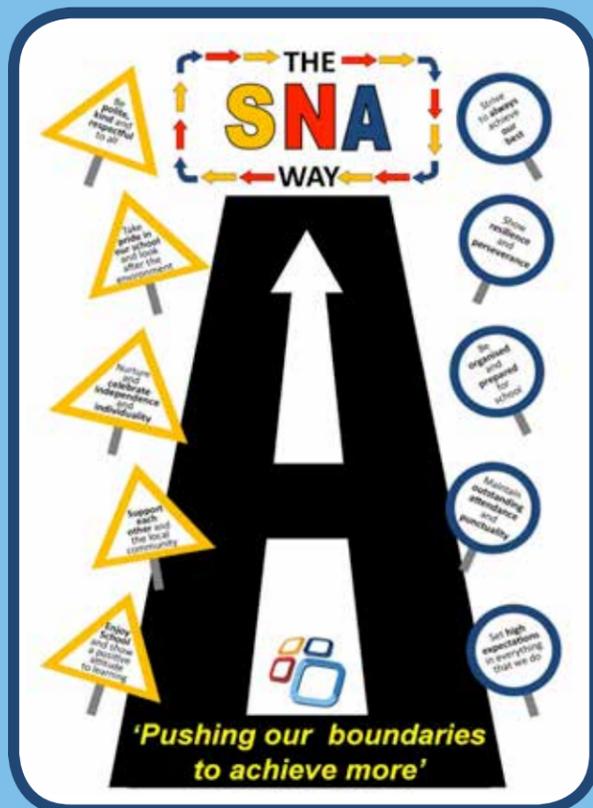
We provide a wide range of trips and visits which enhance students learning and life experiences. They include reward trips, university and business visits, the annual Hagg Farm Outdoor Education Centre visit, Geography field trips, theatre trips and much more. We also provide opportunities of foreign travel to France, Spain and Germany, which help our linguists further develop their language skills. More recently, we have added an excellent ski trip and sports tours abroad to our provision. Students are also able to undertake charity work and as part of World Challenge and Camps International, our students have visited Brazil and Kenya, and are currently planning their trip to Cambodia to support and develop small communities.

“Students are confident and socially well-developed with strong literacy, numeracy and computing skills which prepare them well for the world of work or very aspirational higher education options” (Ofsted report, February 2017).



Academy Ethos

As a school community, we have developed our work around the philosophy of ‘Pushing our boundaries to achieve more’. In continually aspiring to do this, we have created and implemented ‘the SNA Way’ – it represents the set of core values that underpin our work and are understood and lived by everyone within our school community:



Appearance and Uniform

The Academy takes great pride in the appearance of its students and we welcome the co-operation of parents in this matter.

We all need to work together to maintain our high standards. This is extremely important to the general discipline and ethos of the school. Students need to wear the uniform correctly to reflect a smart, dignified appearance.

Years 7 to 11

- **Academy Blazer** – black with academy badge
- **Academy Tie** – clip-on in house colour
- **Trousers** – plain black, formal with optional plain black belt
- **Skirt** – plain black, formal knee-length without splits or decoration
- **Shirt** – formal white shirt with top collar button
- **Academy Jumper** – plain black, V-neck with house colour trim
- **Shoes** – plain black, formal leather (no boots or trainers)
- **Socks** – plain black
- **Tights** – plain black, no patterns
- **Coat** – optional plain coat (no sports tops, casual jackets or hoodies)
- **Earrings** – one pair of small studs (no other jewellery may be worn)
- **Hair** – neat and tidy (no extreme styles or colours)
- **Make up** – minimal and subtle (no nail varnish or false nails)
- **Mobile phones** – we appreciate that students may have mobile phones but they will be confiscated if they are seen being used in school (until 2.50pm).

Physical Education Kit

- **Academy Polo Shirt** – blue with academy logo
- **Shorts** – plain navy blue
- **Socks** – plain navy blue football socks or plain white sports socks
- **Tracksuit trousers** – optional plain navy blue (only during cold weather)
- **Academy Sweater** – navy blue with academy logo
- **Trainers** – appropriate trainers must be worn for all lessons (no shoes, boots or pumps)



House System

We put a lot of care in to considering how we can best ensure that every student achieves their full potential, whilst also being cared for and valued as an individual.

The Academy is divided into 3 houses: Aquitaine, Maine and Rollo. Each of these Houses are led by a Head of House and has a member of the senior leadership team linked to them. Within each House there is a team of House Tutors who have a focused role on knowing and supporting the achievement of every student in their care.

Tutor groups are made up of students from years 7-12 creating a strong family atmosphere within the group. Normally, family members belong to the same house as their siblings.

All houses have a formal assembly at least once a week. As a parent, your main point of contact with the Academy is through the House Tutor(s) to which your child belongs.

We strongly believe that organising a secondary school in this way helps to divide the student population into manageable groups where we get to know every individual and where everyone is well cared for and their academic progress is very carefully monitored, giving them the maximum opportunity to achieve.

“Staff make sure that the physical and emotional well-being of pupils is a priority. Parents told inspectors that pastoral care at the school is excellent”
(Ofsted, February 2017)

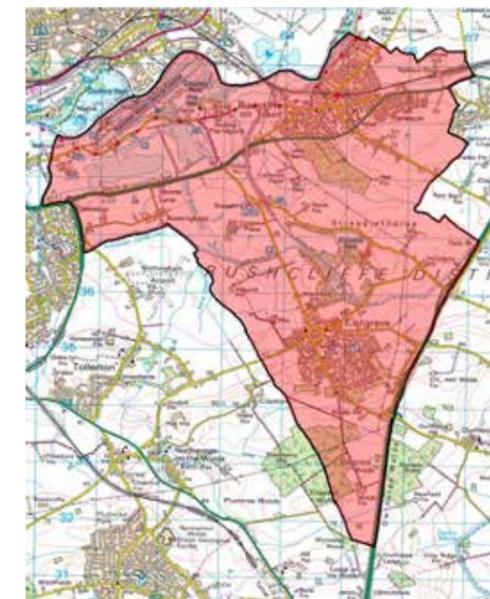
“Staff set consistently high standards for the pupils’ appearance. Pupils are immaculately dressed as a result”
(Ofsted February 2017)

In the event of over subscription we will apply the following criteria, in priority order, to determine which applications we will grant:

1. Children who are looked after, or who have been previously looked after, by the local authority.
2. Children who, at the time of admission, will have an older sibling attending the Academy in Years 7 to 13.
3. Children who live in catchment and attend one of the 3 link primary schools:
 - Radcliffe on Trent Junior School
 - Cotgrave Candleby Lane School
 - Cotgrave Church of England Primary School
4. Other children who live in the catchment area.
5. Children whose parent is an employee of South Nottinghamshire Academy and has been employed for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. Children who live outside the catchment area but who are attending a linked primary phase school (see above).
7. Other children who live outside the catchment area.

In 2018, applications exceeded the number of places available within the Academy. A waiting list is then operated in which priority for places will be given on the basis of the above criteria. Proximity to the Academy, within each of the criteria, will be measured 'as the crow flies' from the home address to the main reception office. For further details, please visit the Academy website.

All admissions processes are operated in line with the Schools Admissions Code.



We work in partnership with our three main feeder schools to ensure a seamless transition to secondary education. We will continue to ensure that every child who lives in our catchment will be guaranteed a school place here.

We are proactive in working with Nottinghamshire County Council to provide a free bus service for all Cotgrave (including Hollygate Park) and Shelford students for the entirety of their schooling from Year 7 – Year 11.

In addition, we provide a free late bus so that extra-curricular opportunities are not missed, and for our Year 12 and Year 13 students, we are able to subsidise the cost of transport to support their continued education into our sixth form.

Transition

At South Nottinghamshire Academy, we aim to make the transition from primary to secondary school as happy and as smooth as possible for everyone involved.

We believe that effective transition begins as early as possible and therefore we plan many activities which involve students from across our feeder schools in a range of subjects. Visits from authors, sports festivals and music concerts are all part of our provision.

Our more formal transition sessions begin in Year 5 when pupils are invited to come and take part in a series of lessons at South Nottinghamshire Academy on three dates throughout the year. These lessons ensure that students become more confident and familiar with our school expectations, whilst experiencing what life will be like and meeting our staff.

At the start of Year 6, students and parents are invited to attend an Open Evening where they can come and listen to a talk from the Head Teacher and find out information from subject staff about the curriculum in each subject area. Later in Year 6, students who have chosen South Nottinghamshire Academy are invited to attend a taster week in July. The emphasis for this week is on a variety of fun, engaging activities which enable your child to work with other students, to experience lessons taught by our subject specialists and to prepare them for their start in September. We also work very closely with our feeder schools to make sure that the necessary pupil information is discussed and shared with staff at the Academy so that we can group pupils effectively and ensure they get off to a flying start in the Autumn term.



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