

South Nottinghamshire Academy  
and Sixth Form



# South Nottinghamshire Academy

*Post-16 Prospectus*

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# Headteacher welcome

Welcome to the South Nottinghamshire Academy Sixth Form prospectus. We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to gain the highest educational outcomes whilst also having the best possible educational experience, where they can flourish through challenge and enjoyment.

SNA has a track record of excellent academic results with students securing places on the most aspirational degree courses and at the best universities including the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge. Other students have secured prestigious apprenticeships at the likes of Aston Martin and Hambleton Hall. We are successful and strive for a 100% pass rate and the percentage of students securing the highest grades (A\*-A and A\*-B) continues to be strong.

Our ethos is built around 'Pushing our boundaries to achieve more' which is underpinned by the highest expectations of students in order for them to reach their full potential. Our Post-16 provision builds on the excellent foundations already achieved at GCSE and our students make a significant contribution to the life of the school and the wider community.

We offer a broad and balanced range of exciting courses which are designed to challenge and stimulate learning for all students, from academic A Levels to vocational Level 3 courses.

Our Sixth Form are based in their own exclusive space on the first floor of our brand new Maple building. Within this facility, the first floor of the building provides our sixth formers with their own study rooms, ICT facilities and common room equipped with a kitchenette.

We are proud of our students' academic and personal successes, and aim to support and encourage all students as they strive to achieve the very best they can and to progress to university, further training or employment.

South Nottinghamshire Academy Sixth Form study will be exciting and challenging, and we look forward to celebrating success with you. Please take the time to read this prospectus. We hope what you find will fill you with enthusiasm and we look forward to welcoming you into South Nottinghamshire Academy Sixth Form.

*D. Philpotts*

**Dan Philpotts**

Executive Headteacher



*"The school ensures that pupils achieve highly in subjects they choose to study in key stage 5"*

*- Ofsted 2022*

# A welcome from Sixth Form Team

We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form. We have high academic standards, excellent teaching and high expectations of all our students.

The Sixth Form team comprises a Head of Sixth Form and an experienced team of specialist Sixth Form Tutors. Our job is to ensure that you leave South Nottinghamshire Academy reaching your full potential. You will also receive outstanding teaching and guidance, which will include your own dedicated Sixth Form Tutor. You will be closely monitored and supported to enable you to not only achieve excellent results, but also having all the skills to successfully take your place in society.

The South Nottinghamshire Academy Sixth Form is also driven by a desire to see our students aim high in life; we actively encourage students to apply to university or for advanced apprenticeships. We run a successful support programme for students

applying to Oxbridge or to study Medicine. We are delighted that, last year, across the Trust, many students were offered places at Oxford, Cambridge and to study Medicine. We encourage all our Sixth Form students to become involved in the wider life of the school and offer opportunities for students to take leadership roles, as well as acting as mentors, fundraisers and Subject Ambassadors, all of which help to produce well-rounded individuals ready to take their place in the world.

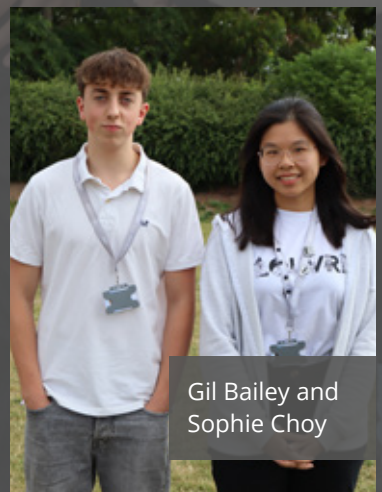
If you would like any further information, please visit our website or contact the school office. We look forward to meeting you all.

**Anna Cox**  
Head of Sixth Form

# A message from our Head Boy and Head Girl

Sixth Form study at South Nottinghamshire Academy focuses on the development of individuals academically and socially, giving students a chance to transition into their authentic self within a supportive environment. Post-16 study offers a plethora of classes taught by experienced, knowledgeable teachers, ensuring pupils fulfil their potential in the classroom.

Alongside timetabled lessons, students will be allocated study periods, where individuals have a varied choice of locations to study at. In the Maple building, students can choose to collaborate with others or work alone, encouraging a sense of unity within the school community whilst supplying pupils with freedom in their learning. Apply here at South Nottinghamshire Academy to widen your horizons, gain more opportunities and find your passion.



Gil Bailey and  
Sophie Choy



# Why come to South Nottinghamshire Academy?

Our Sixth Form provision has been enhanced since we moved into our new £2.6 million extension, The Maple Building. The upper floor accommodates our sixth formers with their own exclusive study rooms, ICT facilities and common room equipped with a kitchenette.


The Sixth Form fosters a culture of independence, learning and success and provides a wide range of opportunities for students to flourish as individuals. Every student will be supported and encouraged to aim high, enjoy new experiences and achieve their full potential.

Our student support system is led by an experienced team including a Head of Sixth Form and a dedicated team of Sixth Form Tutors. The Sixth Form Team provide support and guidance to students throughout and beyond their A Level study.

We aim to help all students adjust to the new working methods of Sixth Form study in a caring environment, underpinned by a culture of hard work and commitment.

We develop strong partnerships with all of our students, ensuring that we give regular careers guidance, financial advice and specific UCAS application support. We want our students to become fearless learners, who understand the power of organisation, allied to a well-developed work ethic. Most importantly, we want individuals to understand their own potentiality and how to fulfil it, becoming young adults who have the strength and determination to actively change the world for the better.

**“At South Nottinghamshire Academy Sixth Form we work as a team; we pride ourselves on students, teachers, tutors and parents working together to achieve excellence.”**

A photograph of two students, a girl and a boy, sitting on a light-colored sofa in a library or study area. They are both wearing dark grey hoodies and are focused on reading books. The girl on the left is holding a book with a dark cover, while the boy on the right is holding a book with a white cover. In front of them is a round, light-colored table with several other books and papers scattered on it. The background features large windows with a view of greenery outside, and a potted plant is visible behind the boy. The overall atmosphere is quiet and studious.

**“The best thing about this Sixth Form is the friendly and welcoming atmosphere, the help and support from the teachers and the facilities such as the library for study periods. I have really enjoyed the independence we are given and the opportunity to organise our own study in free periods.**

**I am glad I chose here because of the facilities and the teaching. Studying here for my A Levels, I have gained writing skills and social skills as well as independence, which makes me feel confident about going to university. I know I will be able to cope.”**

***- Year 13 student***

# Beyond the classroom

South Nottinghamshire Academy Sixth Form offers a wide-ranging Post-16 co-curriculum. You will have the chance to further develop skills that will ensure you leave South Nottinghamshire as an active citizen.

There will be opportunities for you to choose from a range of extra qualifications and activities such as:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- EtonX
- Extended Project Qualification
- Future learn
- Independent living
- Participating in Performing Arts activities
- Representing the Academy in a variety of sports teams
- Sixth Form Leadership Team
- Subject ambassadors
- Taking on leadership roles within the school
- Work experience

We work with the University of Cambridge, Peterhouse College to support academically able Year 12 students who have the potential to make strong applications to the University of Cambridge and other research-intensive universities. It is intended to provide these students with activities to stretch and challenge them academically and provide them with the advice and guidance needed to make competitive applications to higher education.

*“Students in the Sixth Form are mature and focused. They act as role models for younger pupils. Many undertake extended projects and volunteering opportunities through the ‘stellar’ programme. This helps students to strengthen their applications for their next steps, including those who choose to go to university.”*

**- Ofsted 2022**

2026 Redhill Trust minimum entry

# Requirements for Post 16 study

All students must attain five 9-5 grades at GCSE (or BTEC equivalents) with preferably a grade 5 in either English Language or Mathematics. Individual subjects will require a specific grade in a particular subject at GCSE (see course booklet).

All students will be expected to choose 3 A Levels which they will study for 2 years (the exception being students who study 3 A Levels plus Further Mathematics) Students no longer sit an AS exam at the end of Year 12 but will sit all examinations at the end of Year 13.



# Courses available

## A Level courses

Courses available at A Level\*.  
Students will choose three courses.

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Business
- Design and Technology
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Further Maths
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- PE
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

## Level 3 BTEC

Level 3 BTEC courses are equal to one A Level. Courses available:

- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport

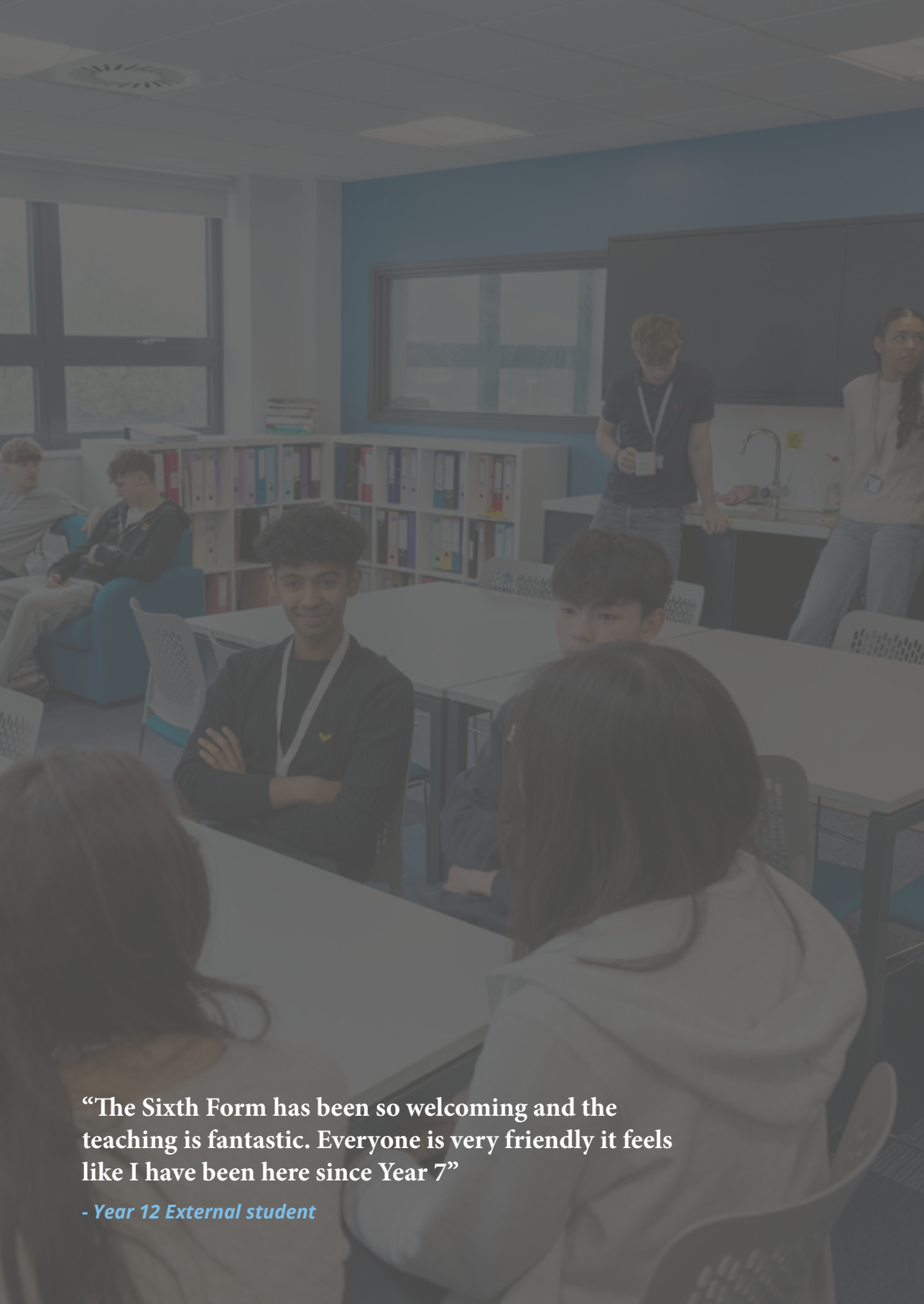
## GCSE resits

Resit courses are offered in:

- GCSE English
- GCSE Mathematics

*All students who do not achieve at least a grade 4 in either of these subjects at GCSE, will be required to retake these in Year 12.*

*\*All subjects are subject to having suitable numbers on the course.*



**“The Sixth Form has been so welcoming and the teaching is fantastic. Everyone is very friendly it feels like I have been here since Year 7”**

***- Year 12 External student***

# Reasons to choose South Nottinghamshire Academy

- Ofsted 2022 'Good' school
- Proven success with excellent results at A Level
- Challenging and exciting courses
- Proven track record of academic and personal success
- Smaller class sizes
- Excellent pastoral care
- State of the art facilities
- Individual guidance towards university, further training or employment
- Dynamic and exciting student life
- New opportunities
- Innovative Enrichment Programme
- Excellent teaching staff
- Freedom and responsibility to learn independently
- Special programme for Oxbridge and Medicine applications

## Contact details

Further details and an application form are available from:

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A message from

# Redhill Academy Trust

Dear students and parents, I would like to warmly welcome you to The South Nottinghamshire Academy Post-16 prospectus. As CEO of Redhill Academy Trust, I believe strongly that successful schools have five key values;

- High expectations of all students
- Valuing and celebrating academic achievement
- A commitment to equality and diversity
- Consistently good and focused teaching
- Widening students' experiences through a range of co-curricular activities, including sports, music and the performing arts.

These five values continue to guide the development of South Nottinghamshire Academy. Working with the Headteacher and the whole staff, my priority is to support the students and ensure that academic outcomes remain consistently high. I now believe that the Academy has become the first choice for all families in the local area.

*A. Burns*

**Andrew Burns**  
CEO, Redhill Academy Trust

I am the Trust Director of Post 16, and I work closely with each of the teams across our seven Sixth Forms. This allows us to share ideas and collaborate to provide you with an exceptional Post 16 experience. This means that when you join one of our Sixth Forms you are also part of a much wider community, dedicated to supporting you to achieve your ambitions.

Working together brings you many benefits; it enables our Sixth Forms to share the very best lessons, resources and extra-curricular sessions; it allows us to run exceptional programmes such as our Oxbridge preparation scheme, Medicine mock interview days, our Year 13 Moving on day to prepare you for independence, our stepping up days and many apprenticeship and careers events.

We also lead one of the largest HE+ hubs in the UK - this is a partnership with the University of Cambridge and offers some unique and exciting opportunities to our students.

I look forward to meeting you all and supporting you to achieve your ambitions.

*A. Edwards*

**Andy Edwards**  
Trust Director of Post 16



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