



**Nunthorpe**  
Academy



PROSPECTUS

## Welcome to Nunthorpe Academy

Nunthorpe Academy is a high performing 11-19 Academy that prides itself on the support and guidance given to every one of our students.

We value our positive relations between staff and students and are proud of our friendly and purposeful atmosphere. Acknowledging and rewarding excellent behaviour, hard work, personal responsibility and participation are integral to our high levels of achievement.

A key ingredient in our continued success is recruiting and retaining the very best staff who are committed to our students. High quality classroom practice is crucial in supporting students' academic success. We ensure that teaching staff are engaged in thoughtful reflection and collaborative training as part of our drive towards further improvement.

We believe that success is built through partnership between parents, staff and students and welcome the views of all of our stakeholders for the further development and increased 'aspirations' of all who attend the Academy. In addition, we have a well established Parent Voice Group.

Our curriculum is based on a rigorous academic core but with the ability to offer a range of vocationally based courses. This means every student can follow a pathway to success. Our curriculum develops the knowledge and skills for future success and we are proud of the high number of our students who further their studies at Colleges and Universities.

We have an enviable reputation for excellence in all that we do. This was echoed in our most recent 'Outstanding' Ofsted report. Our GCSE and A Level results are some of the best in the area and have led to our enhanced status as the lead school of the North East Schools Teaching Alliance (NESTA) – teaching the 'teachers' of the future.

I am very proud of our Academy and know that we are striving towards further successes. We welcome you to come and visit us, speak to our staff and students and get a feel for what life at Nunthorpe Academy is really like.



**Lee Brown**  
Principal



“ Outstanding teaching over time has been highly effective in securing and sustaining improvements in students' achievement. Ofsted 2013 ”



## Our Vision

All students have an entitlement to be provided with opportunities that allow them to achieve their potential.

To ensure that they make a valuable contribution as members of their community.

## Transition

The move from primary school to secondary is a significant one and we work hard to ensure that the transition process is as smooth as possible. We invite our Year 6 students into the Academy for a prolonged period at the end of the Summer term so that they can follow their Year 7 timetable, begin to build relationships with their form tutor and peers within their vertical tutor group, breaking down many of the barriers that may worry them over their summer holidays.

## SEN

(Special Educational Needs or Inclusion)

Nunthorpe is an inclusive academy that strives to respond to the needs of all of our learners. Every child is an individual with different needs and we endeavour to implement strategies that help them to achieve their potential. Our SEN offer is available via our website.

## Our Curriculum

### Key Stage 3

In Key Stage 3 our students build upon their skills and knowledge developed in their primary schools. They experience a broad range of subjects with a mixture of traditional academic subjects as well as a commitment to more practical subjects. These include English, Maths, Science, Languages, Humanities, Technology, Computing, Sport, PSHE, Art, Music and Drama.

### Key Stage 4

At the end of Year 9 students begin to specialise; after advice and guidance for both yourself and your child, they will embark on a bespoke pathway in Year 10 and 11. The majority of students will study GCSEs only but some students will study a mixture of GCSEs and vocational qualifications. A wide range of subjects are available ensuring that students are able to gain the qualifications that they require to meet the requirements of the next stage of their education.

### Key Stage 5

Nunthorpe Sixth Form offers a range of A Level qualifications and it is a popular destination for many of our students. This continuity from Year 11 provides a unique opportunity with a proven track record of achieving the highest A Level grades and boasts an excellent progression rate of students moving onto university.

### Reporting to parents

Progress is reported to parents five times each year and you have the opportunity to discuss these reports in depth with your child's form tutor twice every year.



## Pastoral Care

Our five houses operate a vertical tutoring system with form groups made up of students from each year group. The houses have a Head of House, a non-teaching Pastoral Manager and 15 form tutors. Each form group has 18 students. The form tutor meets their tutees for 20 minutes each day and is the key member of staff to monitor the attainment and progress for your child.

“ Teachers and support staff work at a very high level to meet the needs of the students. They set aspirational targets and constantly check how well students are learning. ”  
Ofsted 2013



“ Students say that they feel safe in the Academy. Excellent pastoral care provides a warm, safe environment where strong relationships flourish. ”  
Ofsted 2013



## Extra-curricular opportunities

We believe that learning should not be restricted to the classroom and pride ourselves on the range and quality of our extra-curricular provision. These opportunities promote excellence whilst fostering enjoyment and nurturing friendships. Highlights include drama productions, concerts and rock nights, foreign visits, participation in a plethora of sports as well as more academic 'catch up and enrichment' opportunities.

## The partnership

We passionately believe that the student comes first and that communication is the key to an effective partnership. It is crucial that we work together to help your child reach their potential.




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