



TUXFORD
— ACADEMY —

WELCOME

Part of  Diverse
Academies



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It is with great pride that I introduce you to our academy.

The combination of high-quality educational standards, strong values and extra-curricular opportunities makes places at our academy sought after across the county.

Fantastic outcomes are achieved at Tuxford by focusing on the key elements of excellent teaching and learning, high standards of behaviour and uniform, a strong focus on achievement and community spirit, and clear leadership and management in every aspect of our work.

Visitors often comment on our positive atmosphere, the polite, smartly dressed students and the strong sense of purpose that exists in our academy. This is only possible by working in partnership with parents and we continually seek to strengthen these relationships further.

I am delighted that you are considering Tuxford as a potential place for your child's next step in their educational journey. I look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant, inspiring place of learning, which is at the heart of our community.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Jon Hardy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Jon Hardy
Principal

WHAT MAKES TUXFORD ACADEMY UNIQUE?



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I've been really pleased with how well my son has settled in at Tuxford Academy. He seems happy at school, and I have seen him grow in confidence and maturity since he started in year 7. He particularly enjoyed the school camping trip last year and is looking forward to visiting the Isle of Wight this summer.

Parent of year 8 student

10 reasons to choose Tuxford Academy

1. Academic excellence

We are renowned for our academic excellence, providing students with a curriculum that prepares them for success.

2. Innovative teaching

We have dedicated and experienced teaching staff who are committed to providing inspiring lessons, making use of innovative technologies to support 21st century learning.

3. Broad range of subjects

With a wide range of subjects and courses on offer, students can explore their interests and develop skills across various disciplines from STEM subjects to the arts and humanities.

4. Outstanding facilities

Excellent facilities including modern classrooms, well-equipped science labs, library, art studios, and extensive sports facilities.

5. Strong ethos

We promote a culture of respect and integrity, instilling in our students the values they need to become responsible citizens. We encourage students to take leadership roles within school to develop essential skills, increase confidence and create a sense of responsibility.

6. Our community

Tuxford Academy has been part of the local community since 1958. Established on farmland, we have acres of green space including sports fields, astroturf pitches and gardens for students to enjoy. Our school community is supportive and inclusive where every student is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.



7. Focus on wellbeing

At Tuxford Academy, we prioritise the wellbeing of our students, offering pastoral care to ensure that every student feels safe, happy, and supported at school.

8. Beyond the classroom

School trips and enrichment activities are an essential part of Tuxford Academy life, creating a sense of independence. Numerous benefits include:

- hands-on learning
- enhanced understanding
- social and emotional development
- cultural awareness
- personal growth
- memories and bonding

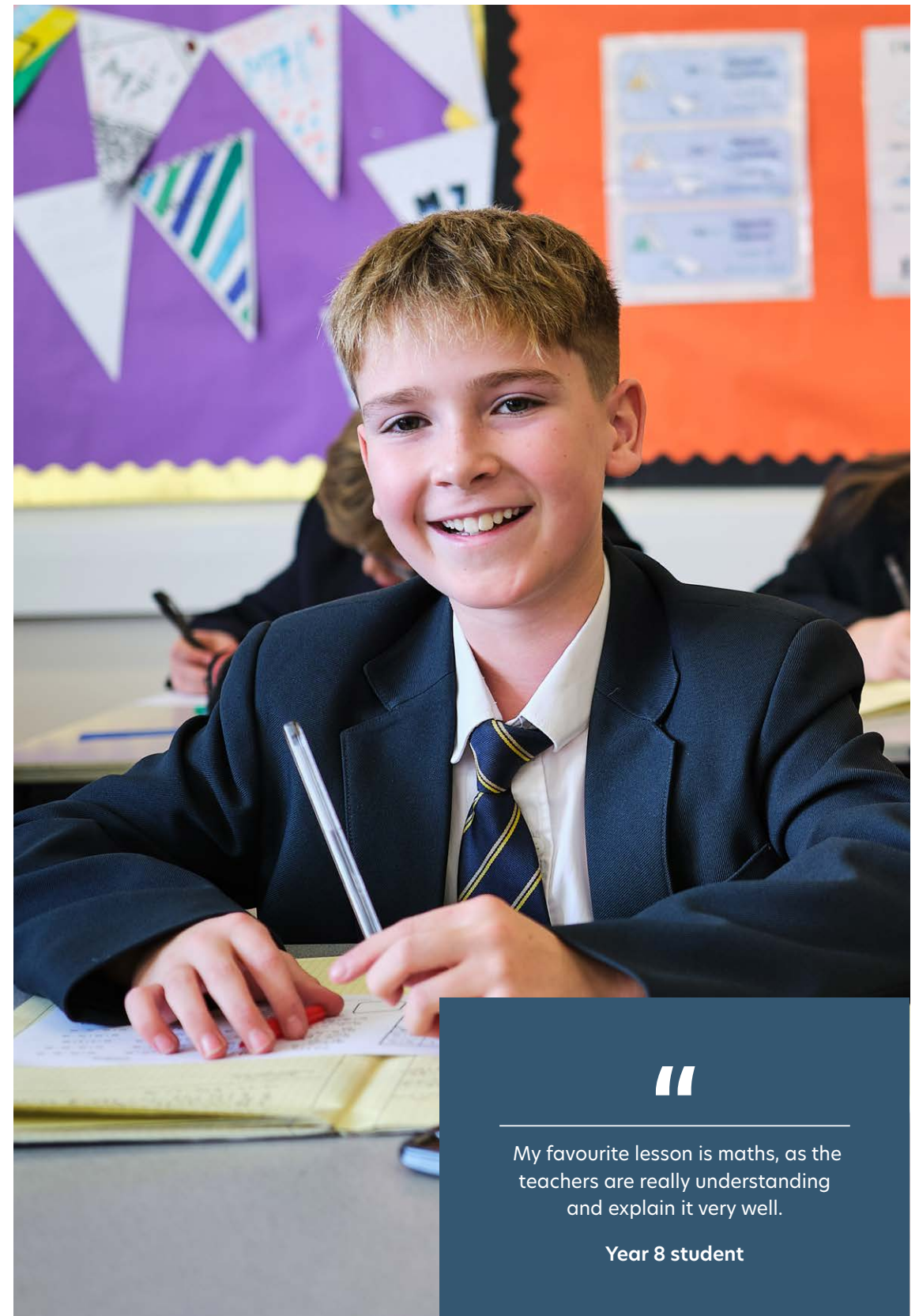
9. Careers guidance and support

Our dedicated careers guidance team works closely with students and helps them explore employment options, develop skills and plan for their future education and careers. We forge links with local universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers.

10. Record of success

Tuxford Academy has a strong track record in sport as well as academia. Our students regularly compete with local schools and in county competitions. We encourage students of all abilities to attend the numerous after school sports clubs on offer.

VISION, VALUES AND ETHOS



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My favourite lesson is maths, as the teachers are really understanding and explain it very well.

Year 8 student

Our ethos

Tuxford Academy is an engaging, vibrant and welcoming place to learn and work. We have extremely high expectations of our students and staff, which can be summed up in our motto:

Excellence through teamwork

To us, this means, as a team of students, staff, families, and community, we strive to achieve a common purpose of excellent outcomes for all.

Our aim is to serve the needs of all our students by providing a broad and balanced curriculum. Our role is to develop and nurture young people to become well educated and well-rounded individuals with the skills and characteristics to contribute fully to society and pursue their ambitions.

Our curriculum is underpinned by subject experts who are passionate about engaging students in their discipline. We strive to offer a curriculum that excites students and provides them with the opportunity to realise their academic potential. We equip students with a growth mindset for learning and celebrate their growing confidence.



Our vision

To inspire.

To raise aspirations.

To create brighter tomorrows.

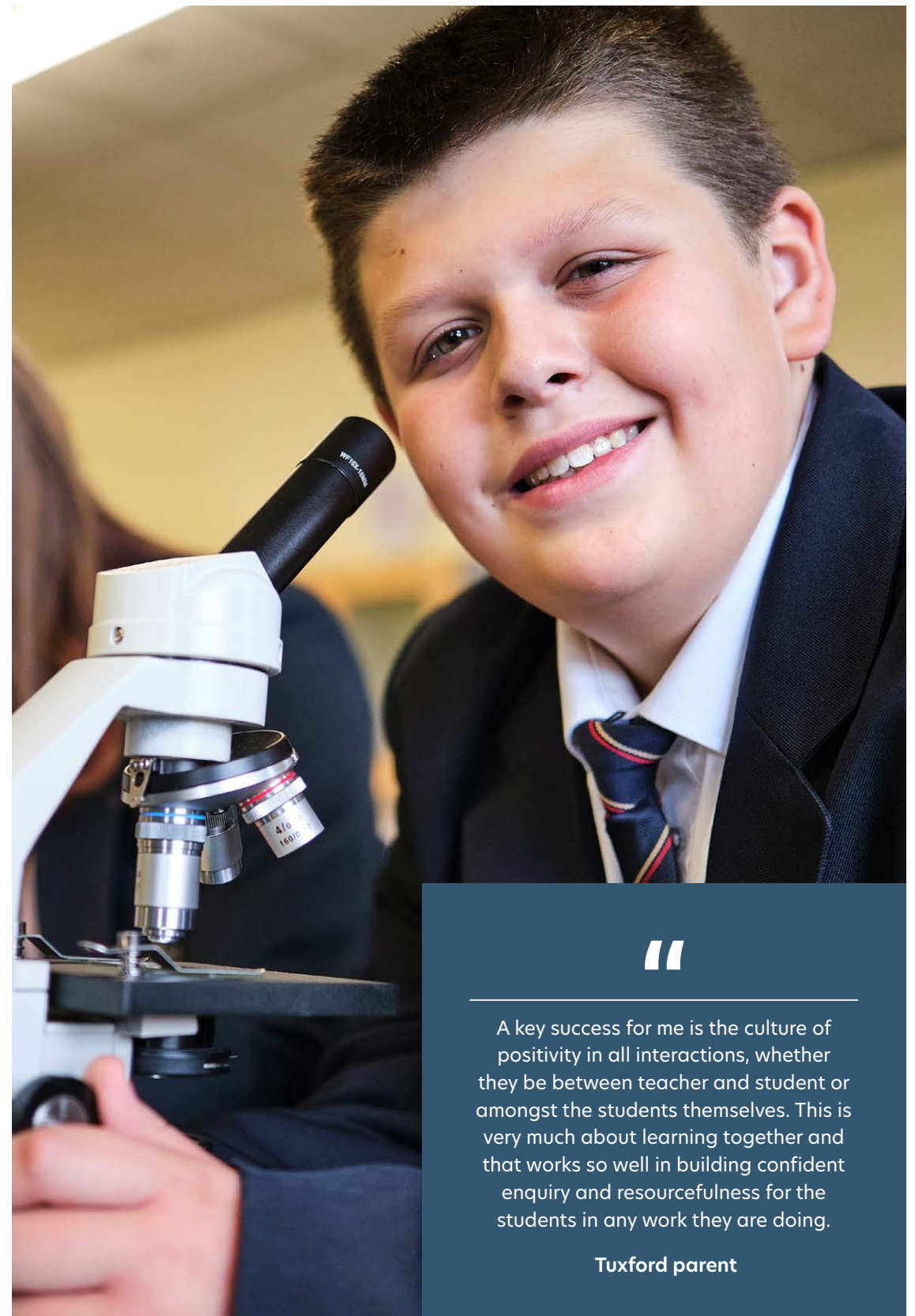
Our values

We empower

We respect

We care

INSPIRING MINDS



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A key success for me is the culture of positivity in all interactions, whether they be between teacher and student or amongst the students themselves. This is very much about learning together and that works so well in building confident enquiry and resourcefulness for the students in any work they are doing.

Tuxford parent



We benefit from a wealth of subject specialism.

Teachers with strong subject knowledge and experience work collaboratively to design our curriculum. This approach to pedagogy enables our students to progress from shallow to deep learning. This ensures greater levels of understanding and recall.



Our curriculum aims for all our students to be:

- self-confident individuals who care for others and demonstrate strength of character
- independent learners with the breadth and depth of knowledge to be empowered in the pursuit of their future pathways
- enriched young people who benefit from a range of experiences that improve their lives now and in the future


BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



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In my experience, the staff have been excellent. Firstly, in the provision of outstanding teaching in the subjects offered and secondly in engaging with and enabling the students to reach their full potential in the course of their studies. They have always been approachable, open, supportive, committed and are well liked by the students.

Tuxford parent

A young woman with dark braided hair, wearing a school uniform, is smiling and pointing her right hand towards a world map on the wall. In the background, another student is visible, also looking at the map. The map shows various countries and continents, with the title 'The World' visible at the bottom.

Gaining qualifications is only one part of the education our students receive.

Our enrichment opportunities are broad and complement what happens in the classroom. Enrichment can be either extra-curricular or super-curricular. Extra-curricular activities are things that students do in addition to their academic courses. They include recreational clubs, trips and residentials, as well as student leadership and community action opportunities.

Super-curricular activities take students' academic study to a higher level and encourage students to embrace their curiosity. These include subject focused clubs, trips and residentials, as well as extra guided study, workshops, external visitors and subject leadership opportunities.

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My favourite things about Tuxford Academy are PE, lunch time, history and science practicals.

Year 7 student

A FRIENDLY COMMUNITY



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We as parents are very happy with the support Tuxford Academy has provided and deeply appreciate the fantastic level of support and empathy.

Tuxford parent

Tuxford is an engaging, warm and welcoming place to learn.

When students start, they join a tutor group where they develop supportive bonds with their peers and tutor. We place great emphasis on helping everyone feel at home and settled as quickly as possible.



Based on their tutor group, students will belong to one of four colleges - **Ash, Beech, Oak** and **Willow**. These colleges celebrate the achievements of their students and compete at events such as our annual sports day and charity days.

A number of services are available to students, such as mindfulness and mental health support. We also have a counselling service available to all students.

READY
FOR THE
FUTURE

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The students are encouraged
to be ambitious, curious and
self-disciplined in their work.

Tuxford parent



We aim for our students to leave us as self-confident young adults, ready to pursue their ambitions and enjoy the next stage of their life journey.

All students have a planned programme of careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG). We ensure all students have opportunities to recognise their own strengths and we support them in taking responsibility for developing their own employability skills.



Having built strong relationships with their teachers and excited to progress in their learning, many of our students choose to stay on at our post 16 centre after key stage 4.

With a large selection of A level and Level 3 courses on offer, students are able to explore new areas of interest and pursue their academic passions.

More students than ever are gaining their first choice of university, with many taking up places at Russell Group universities. The vocational route is also increasing in popularity and our links with local employers have helped many students gain higher apprenticeships.

Visit the academy website to see some of the many and varied paths our students have taken after studying with us at post 16.

PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER



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The residential trips at Tuxford Academy are fantastic! They offer students unforgettable experiences, excitement and fun. The trips build confidence and allow students to form new and existing relationships with their peers and members of staff.

Parent of year 8 student

Admissions

To apply for a place at Tuxford Academy, parents and carers will need to submit an application to Nottinghamshire County Council by the published deadline. The application process for year 7 normally opens in August each year, closing in late October, with offers made to families in the following March.

Further details of how to apply can be found on the 'admissions' section of our website.

www.tuxford-ac.org.uk

If you have any questions at all about applying to Tuxford, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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We are proud to be part of Diverse Academies Trust

Across primary, secondary and special settings, we share a common mission to nurture curiosity, develop wellbeing and empower children and young people to go beyond their aspirations.

Together, we believe we can make a difference in our diverse communities, and in the lives of those who learn with us and work with us.

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