



TUXFORD  
— ACADEMY —

WELCOME

Part of  Diverse  
Academies



# WELCOME

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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'.

**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. Inspirational teaching

We have dedicated and experienced teaching staff who bring enthusiasm for their subjects, provide high-quality teaching, and are committed to supporting every student in achieving their full potential.

## 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

Students progress confidently onto higher education, apprenticeships, and rewarding careers through the support, guidance, and opportunities we provide.

# VISION, VALUES AND ETHOS



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It's easy to make friends here and everyone is included.

Year 7 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**

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To inspire.  
To raise aspirations.  
To create brighter tomorrows.

## **Our values**

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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**





## Expert teaching that unlocks potential

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Our dedicated teachers know and value every child, delivering carefully planned lessons that build confidence, deepen understanding, and support strong progress. A broad and rich curriculum, taught by subject specialists, enables students to explore a wide range of subjects and develop their strengths, interests, and talents.

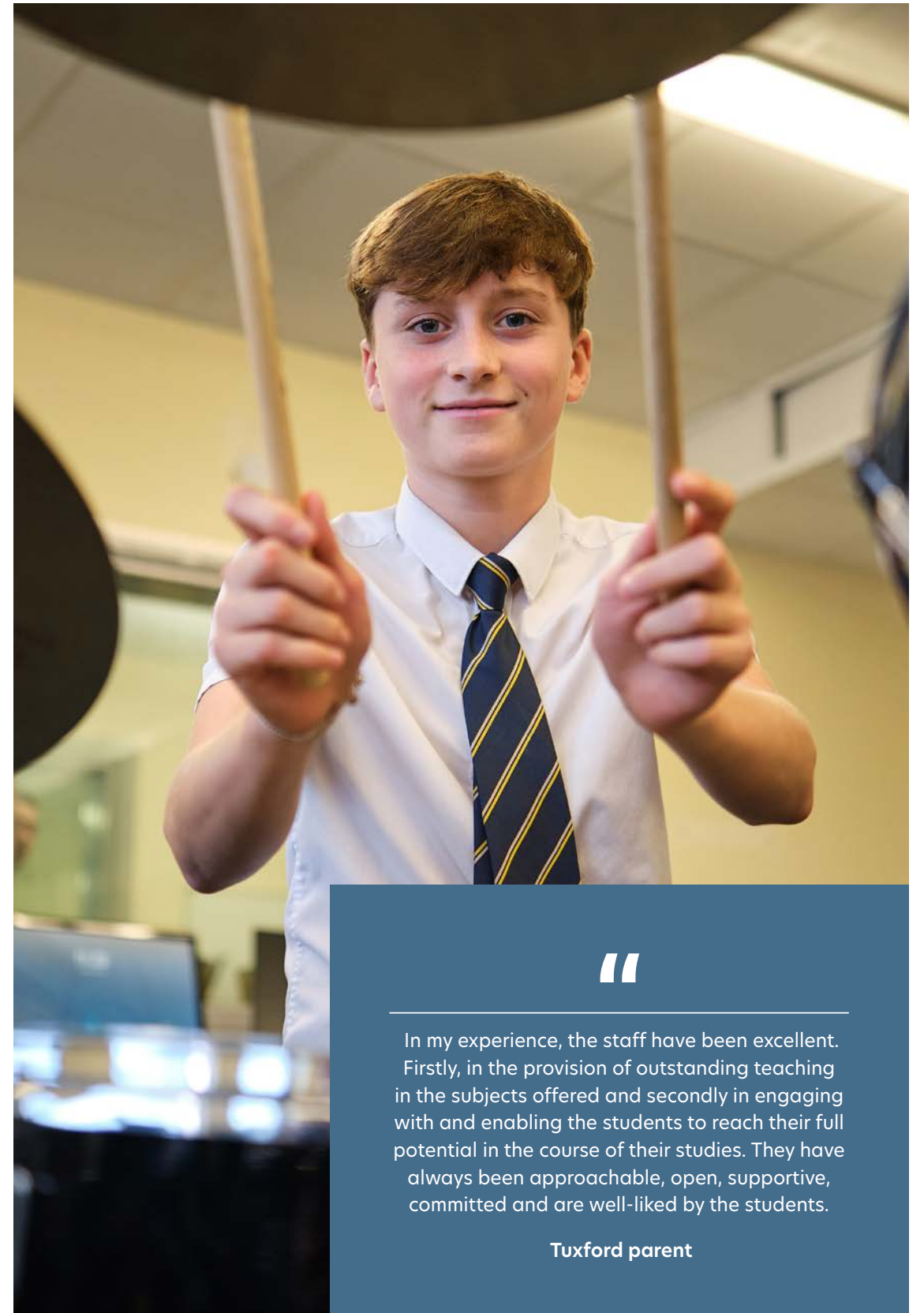


## A curriculum built for success, opportunity and growth

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Our curriculum develops independent, confident and well-rounded learners, with a strong focus on high achievement and excellent progress. It nurtures a love of learning, strong character and independence, supported by a wide range of enriching opportunities. With over 20 key stage 4 options, students can tailor their studies to their strengths and interests, and many continue into our thriving sixth form to progress confidently into further study, training or employment.

# 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

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

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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 opportunities for students to engage in beyond 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**

## A school life to enjoy and celebrate

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We want every student to feel happy, supported and successful at school, and to thrive both academically and personally. In a caring and positive environment, every child is known and valued, and effort and achievement are celebrated. Students are recognised through a wide range of rewards, including our Tuxford Award, which celebrates their involvement in school life and wider contribution.

Our enrichment programme helps students grow in confidence, curiosity and character. It includes clubs, trips and residential visits in years 7-9, such as camping and London experiences, which are often real highlights. Students also take part in leadership opportunities, community projects and super curricular activities including workshops, guest speakers and subject clubs that broaden learning and spark interest.

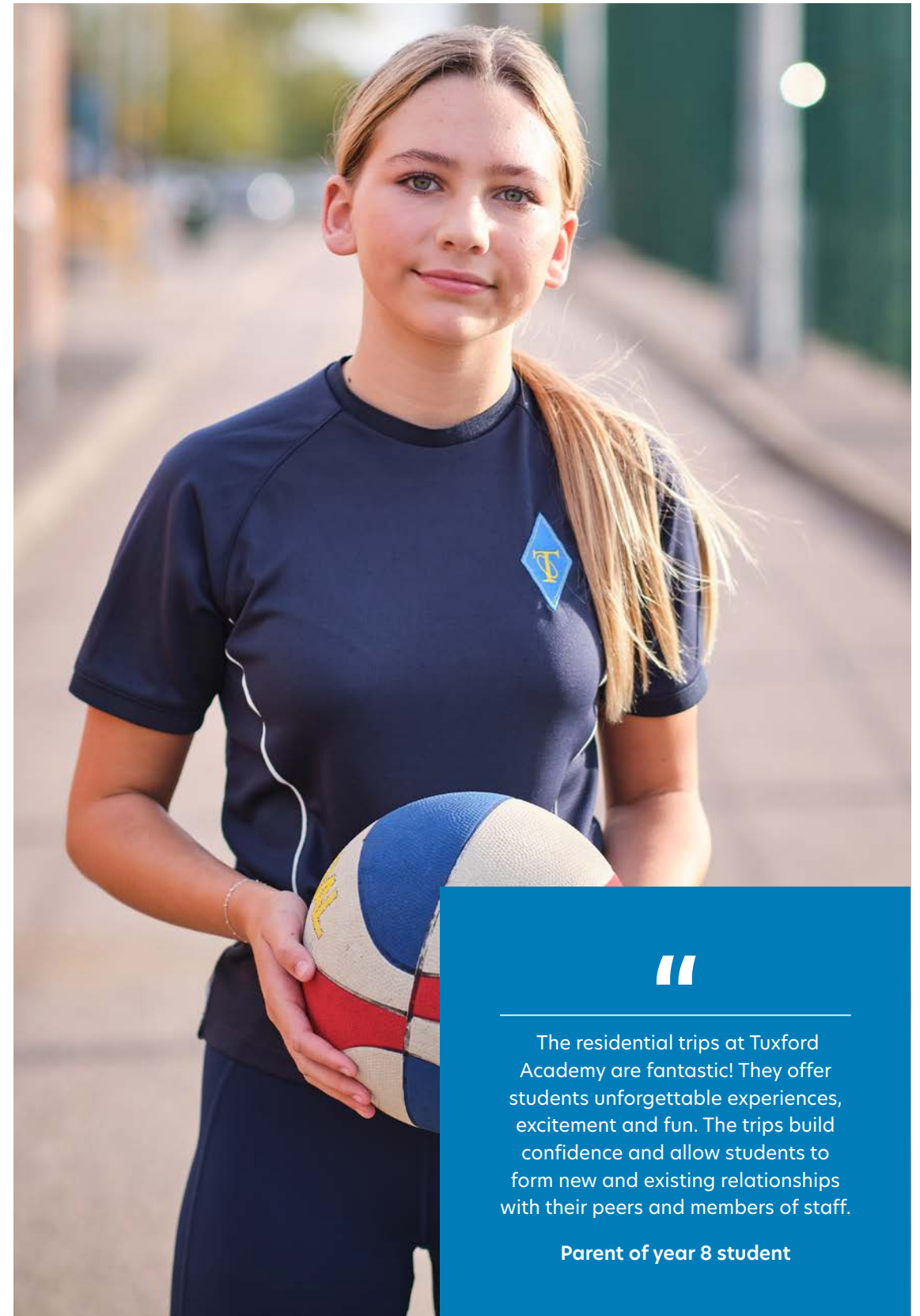


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Starting secondary school felt like a big change, but I've settled in really well. I've made good friends and feel happy and confident in my new school.

**Year 7 student**

# 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

When students join us, they are warmly welcomed into form groups where they quickly build positive, supportive relationships with their peers and tutor. We place great importance on helping every student feel happy, safe and settled from day one, and we work closely with primary schools to ensure a smooth and supportive transition.



Each student belongs to one of four colleges - **Ash, Beech, Oak and Willow** - which create a strong sense of belonging and school spirit. The colleges celebrate success, encourage teamwork and bring students together through events such as Sports Day and charity activities, helping students to feel part of a wider community.

We are committed to ensuring every student feels known, valued and cared for throughout their time with us. Alongside a strong pastoral system, students can access additional support whenever they need it, including counselling and guidance from trusted staff.

# READY FOR THE FUTURE

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

Tuxford parent



# 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](http://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.



For more information, visit [www.diverseacademies.org.uk](http://www.diverseacademies.org.uk)

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