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NATIONAL SIXTH FORM CENTRE

**PROSPECTUS
2027-28**



HEAD OF SIXTH FORM WELCOME



Ms J Cliffman
Head of Sixth Form

The National Sixth Form Centre is the home of post-16 education located at The National Church of England Academy and welcomes students from all over Nottinghamshire.

Our new, dedicated post-16 facilities include well equipped classrooms, independent study areas, breakout spaces and a café for students to study and socialise with friends. With a diverse range of courses available, there is something to interest, engage and suit all requirements.

We know each of our students individually and help them to maximise their small group teaching.

We are here to help you grow, to become the best possible version of your future self and to be successful in your chosen career. Together with your qualifications we offer a broad range of enrichment at NSFC; your learning will go beyond your academic qualifications and the prepare you for success in the wide and ever-changing world beyond sixth form.

To find out more about how we can support your aspirations, we would be delighted to welcome you here and show you around our impressive facilities. I look forward to meeting you.



“The Sixth Form is well led and managed”

WHY NSFC?

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ON YOUR DOORSTEP

SPECIALIST TEACHING IN SMALL GROUP SETTINGS

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BESPOKE PASTORAL AND CAREERS SUPPORT

SUPERCURRICULAR LEARNING AND WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

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PERSONAL GROWTH FOR INDEPENDENT SUCCESS

ACHIEVING PLACES AT PREFERRED UNIVERSITIES AND PRESTIGIOUS APPRENTICESHIPS

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE!



97%
OVERALL PASS RATE

Students consistently achieve their goals across all subjects.



72%
OF GRADES ARE A*-C

Nearly three-quarters of our students secure high-level academic passes.



70%
PROGRESS TO UNIVERSITY

The majority of our alumni successfully transition into higher education.



ELITE PATHWAYS TO RUSSELL GROUP & OXFORD

25% of university entrants secured Russell Group places and alumni currently at Oxford.



71%
A*-B IN EXTENDED PROJECT (EPQ)

Students demonstrate advanced research skills through high achieving project work.

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Our sixth form provides you with a bespoke journey that allows you to reach your full potential.

- On your doorstep
- Small group teaching where you are known, supported and celebrated
- Personalised careers support and work experience opportunities
- Dedicated personal tutors

"I enjoy being a student at National Sixth Form as the smaller classes enable you to have conversations in class and get one to one help from the teachers. They are lovely to speak to aswell!"

Eloise Rees
Class of '27 & Head Student



SCAN HERE

**FIND OUT
ABOUT OUR
COURSES &
APPLY TODAY!**

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At 18 what will be in your 'bag'? The bag you show to universities, apprenticeship providers or employers that contains all of your achievements.

How will you stand out from thousands of other young adults with the same qualifications as you?

We know and develop each individual student so that they can exceed their potential and stand out from the crowd.

Welcome to NSFC!



NSFC GROW



At NSFC we pride ourselves on our well-defined support system for all students, helping you to achieve your potential and aspire to reach your unique goals.

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TRIPS AND VISITS

Linked to a number of courses are opportunities to experience new cultures and environments, and to discover how you can apply your studies in real life contexts. We arrange visits throughout the year, both in the UK and further afield. You will also be given the opportunity to visit some of the country's top universities to get a feel for what to expect from an academic, personal development and social perspective



EXTENDED SIXTH FORM OFFER

The Extended Sixth Form Offer allows students to access one course from the partner school as part of their academic programme of study, that is not offered at their home academy. This selection will enable students to benefit from the professional expertise of a much more diverse range of academic staff and give a broader range of qualifications for students to choose from.



ENRICHMENT

All students will have one session of timetabled enrichment in which we invite external speakers in to deliver inspiring and informative sessions. These offer thought provoking discussion, reflection and independent research, and have previously included safe driving, the importance of voting, banking, higher education and alcohol awareness



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

The EPQ qualification allows students to choose and develop a project entirely of their own. You will conduct academic research in order to produce either a dissertation or artefact on the topic of your choice. This qualification is equivalent to half an A Level and highly valued by universities and employers alike.

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We have a defined support system for all of our students, helping you to achieve your potential and aspire to reach further. We offer both pastoral and academic support, with guidance on financial, educational and career matters.



“Students speak highly of the education and support they receive”

16-19 BURSARY FUND

The government provides a funded 16-19 bursary fund for eligible students. This provides financial support to help cover the costs associated with further study, such as educational resources or equipment, transport and food for the days you attend sixth form, and professional clothing. These bursaries provide students with access to up to £1,200 of funding for each year. For further information, visit www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

COUNSELLING/LISTENING SERVICE

Our academy chaplain offers a listening service for students. We also have a counsellor on site who students can access for specialist support.



CEIAG

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) continues for our students throughout sixth form. You are able to request support from our careers advisor who is happy to assist you in any stage of your career or continued education planning.

PERSONAL TUTORS

Tutors are the primary, regular point of personal contact for students at NSFC. Through the tutor programme they will lead a variety of activities on careers, spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) topics, financial education and current affairs.

You will receive regular updates on your progress from your course teachers and personal tutors. Support is tailored to ensure you can achieve your potential and can aspire to stretch yourself academically. We will also provide extra support where required.

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Each student has a unique potential and at NSFC we are experienced at preparing you for your individual future. We have:

- Students accepted into Cambridge University
- Students achieving their first choice university places at a rate higher than the national average
- Students securing highly competitive apprenticeship opportunities
- Students securing influential work experience and internship placements

"Students gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in later life"



ALUMNI STORIES

Ben and Zach enjoyed a productive and successful time at sixth form and have gone on to begin the exciting next chapters of their lives.

Zach has continued to Durham university to study Philosophy and Ben studied has now gone on to a fantastic apprenticeship with Amazon, securing the place against many hundreds of other applicants.

In Zach's words:

"Joining the sixth form had many benefits I didn't initially consider. The smaller cohort of students, both gave sixth form a community feel and meant that student support was personal and prioritised.

Both tutors and subject teachers were always willing to help, for me this support was given to my university application as I was given detailed feedback on my personal statement which made a real difference. We were encouraged to take more responsibility for our own learning with independent study sessions, while also consistently being offered assistance through after school revision and teacher guidance."



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In Ben's words:

"I joined National Sixth Form in September 2023, drawn by the wide variety of subject choices and the supportive, structured environment it offered. I felt encouraged to explore any future pathway, whether that was university, apprenticeships, or other opportunities.

This helped me successfully secure a mechatronics engineering apprenticeship. Sixth Form gave me the independence and trust to take ownership of my learning but also offered support when needed. With hard work, perseverance, and the encouragement of my teachers, I achieved A grades across all my subjects."

HEADTEACHERS WELCOME



M Brailford

Mr M Brailford, Headteacher

We are delighted to welcome you to our Sixth Form as you begin this exciting new stage of your education. At the heart of everything we do is a simple commitment: to know you, help you grow, and support you to succeed.

Be Known - We believe every student is unique, with their own strengths, interests and ambitions. Our dedicated staff take the time to understand you as an individual, providing personalised support, guidance and encouragement to help you fulfil your potential.

Grow - Sixth Form is about more than qualifications. It is an opportunity to develop confidence, independence and character while exploring new opportunities. Our wide range of courses, enrichment activities and pastoral support allows you to create an education that reflects your goals and aspirations.

Be Successful - We have high expectations because we believe in every student's potential. Our expert teachers and experienced pastoral team will challenge and support you to achieve your best. Whether your next step is university, an apprenticeship or employment, we will help you develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed for success.

Our Sixth Form has its own identity and strong community while remaining an important part of the wider school.

We want you to be part of a Sixth Form where you feel you belong, where your ambitions are encouraged and where you are supported every step of the way. Your journey starts here, and we look forward to sharing it with you.

CHRISTIAN VISION & VALUES

Our Christian vision of 'life in all its fullness' underpins all aspects of life at National from year 7 to year 13.

As a Church of England academy, we provide regular collective worship which includes opportunities for students to pray and reflect on the themes of the week.

We believe our vision and values help students to explore the Christian faith whilst being fully accessible to those of different faiths and no faith. Our aim is to provide an environment where all are welcomed and included.

All students engage in our bespoke Religion Philosophy and Ethics (RPE) programme which is delivered in tutor time. This programme encourages students to explore key religious, moral, philosophical and ethical issues.



Our Head Students Kyra, Eloise & Riella exemplify our vision of 'Life in all it's Fullness' John 10:10

ENTRY & APPLICATIONS

OUR COURSES

We have over 20 academic and applied courses on offer at NSFC!
You can find out more about each on our website (Scan the code below!).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to study at NSFC we expect students to have achieved a minimum of five grade 5 qualifications at GCSE in subjects relevant to their choices at sixth form. Students must also have at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths. Prospective students should also be aware that course-specific entry criteria may apply – please see our curriculum guides on the website for details.

APPLICATIONS

Applications should be made via our digital form which can be found on our website.

You can contact a member of staff to discuss the process and any questions you may have.

E: sixthform@nationalacademy.org.uk

ENTRY PROCESS

- ◆ Year 10 and Start of Year 11 – Research your options, meet our staff and students. Sign up to attend Open Evening.
- ◆ By Weds 4th Nov – Submit your application.
- ◆ After Application – You will be invited to interview to discuss your choices and check the suitability of your chosen courses.
- ◆ Next Steps – If successful, we will offer you a place subject to successful GCSE results. Attend induction day in July 2026
- ◆ Sept 2027 – Enrol and begin your NSFC journey!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: HOW MANY SUBJECTS DO I NEED TO CHOOSE?

Students must choose three subjects to study at sixth form. All students will also study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in Y12 which is highly valued by universities and employers.

Q: WILL THERE BE AN INTERVIEW?

Yes, upon receiving your application, you will receive invitation for an interview. As you prepare for this important meeting, we encourage you to come armed with your most current predicted grades and record of achievement. Additionally, we welcome the opportunity to discuss alternative subject choices or potential back-ups during the interview, should you still be uncertain.

Q: WHAT DOES A TYPICAL SIXTH FORM TIMETABLE LOOK LIKE?

Each subject receives five hours of teacher taught time. On top of this students will also have a study period per subject which must be taken in the centre. Students will also have non-timetabled time in which they may choose to study in the sixth form or leave site.

Q: CAN I SWAP COURSES?

Yes, we understand that making decisions on subjects can be a difficult decision. Therefore, during the first weeks of school we are flexible in allowing students make changes to their subjects (ensuring that they meet the entry requirements for that subject). However, in lessons, the work starts immediately so students who do swap subjects will be expected to catch up on any work that they have missed to ensure that they are in the best possible position to succeed on the course



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**CONTACT US: IF YOU HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS
ABOUT STUDYING AT NSFC.**

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