



# Prospectus 2018/19







# *Think Excellence*

A message from the Head



North Kesteven is a school like no other. We are exceptionally proud of our vibrant community of students, parents, staff and governors who work together to provide an engaging and exciting learning environment where our young people can flourish.

I hope that this prospectus will give you a flavour of the ethos and culture of our unique Academy and the extensive opportunities we offer. These are built on the principles of creating a safe, stimulating, respectful environment in which students can be inspired, grow and develop into aspiring adults.

We encourage all of our students to achieve excellence in all that they do. They are at the very heart of everything that we do. Our core purpose is to prepare students for the next steps in their lives and equip them with the confidence, skills and qualifications to become well rounded people. We provide support for growth, development and ambition so that they can turn their goals into reality. In order to achieve this, we are not afraid to be different. Our educational vision is to go above and beyond “ordinary” and encourage and support our students to excel both academically and personally, due in part to our supportive staff, the wide range of subjects we offer, our superb teaching methods and relationships with students and parents.



# *Think Together*

Forging excellent partnerships

We have high expectations and are passionate about offering the best educational opportunities for all. We welcome students from all backgrounds and abilities and our aim is to ensure that every student is inspired to fulfil their potential, no matter where their talents lie.





As an independent Academy, we have been able to retain the elements that make it a unique and vibrant place to work and learn. Partnership working is important to us and our students benefit from the close connections we have made in further and higher education and commercial organisations.

We have become Lincoln City Football Club's education partner, delivering their post 16 qualifications and we are very proud to be their school of choice.

Another great example of this is our partnership with two University medical schools and the Medical School Council, enabling us to be the first school in the country to create and deliver a series of conferences with our partners.

As Headteacher at North Kesteven Academy I am determined to ensure students achieve their potential and that we continue to offer the highest quality teaching and learning, enrichment experiences and personal development.

I encourage you to visit us so you can experience our ethos and high standards for yourself and I look forward to welcoming you and working in partnership with you.

J Tunnicliffe



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Support*

The image shows a computer lab with several students sitting at desks with computers. In the background, a sign on the wall reads "Resources". The text "Think Support" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font. The background is slightly blurred, and there is a red vertical bar on the right side with some white text that is partially obscured.



# *Think Potential*

Nurturing well-rounded individuals

North Kesteven is a large Academy made up of five different colleges which represent the broad spectrum of talents that shape our curriculum and our world. Each college is driven by the desire to achieve and to generate happy, successful individuals and within these communities you will find challenge, flair, leadership, comradery, creativity and teamwork.

To help them unlock their potential, students are encouraged to hone their individual attributes, adopt an agile approach to thinking and learning and develop the confidence and resilience to solve problems.

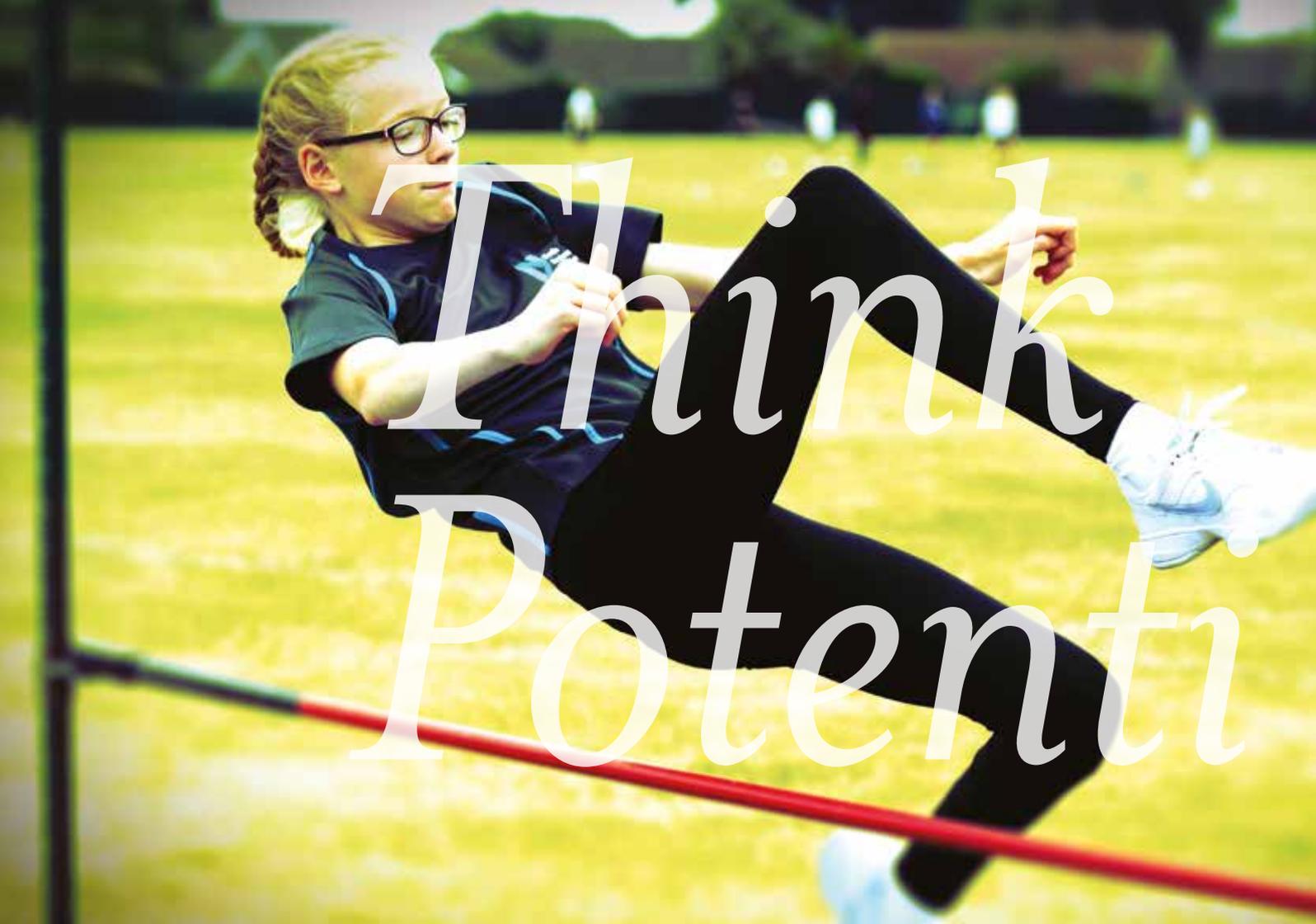
North Kesteven Academy provides an environment for all our students to enhance these skills and flourish.

We recognise that not all children excel in the same areas. That's why we offer a rich and varied range of subject options, ensuring all our students have the chance to shine, feel proud of their achievements and enjoy a bright future.



*“For us it’s about growing individual, confident, creative and rounded young adults, who are ready for the world beyond school. We feel very much that North Kesteven Academy get the balance right.”*

*Parents of Year 11 student*

A young woman with blonde hair in a braid and glasses is captured mid-air, performing a high jump over a red bar. She is wearing a dark blue athletic shirt and black leggings. The background is a bright, grassy field with some blurred figures in the distance. The text "Think Potenti" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

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## The Campus

At North Kesteven we believe education is about balance. We encourage our young people to strive to be healthy in body and mind, so we try to place just as much emphasis on enjoying the arts and participating in sports as we do on academic attainment. There's more to life than league tables after all!

Our Academy boasts superb sporting and arts facilities and our long association with One NK gives students access to a 25m swimming pool with slide and separate splash pool. Back on dry land, our purpose-built dance and fitness studios, spin studios, gymnasium, all-weather sports pitches, and impressive playing fields all provide the perfect opportunity for students to get active and stay healthy.

For students who are inspired to tread the boards, the Academy's collaboration with the well-regarded Terry O'Toole Theatre offers access to a professional performance space, qualified technical staff and an exciting venue for Academy events. The theatre complements other performance facilities within the school, including a fully equipped drama studio and state of the art sound recording facilities. Perfect for budding musicians and actors to develop their skills.





# Think Achievement

Helping students be the best they can be

At NK, we try to inspire our students to push beyond their own limits. We set aspirational targets for all students as they enter the school and everyone receives the support they need to strive to achieve results in the top 10% of all students in the country.

## A whole new approach to recognising potential...

All our students complete Cognitive Ability Tests (nationally standardised tests) and baseline assessments in all subjects as they enter the school. Together with the standardised score for every individual from their Key Stage 2 SAT, these are used to set aspirational targets for our young people.

## Extra help whenever needed...

We believe everyone deserves to have the same opportunity to reach their full potential. That's why we provide additional support and intervention for any student who arrives with us who has not yet reached the expected standard in English and Maths.



## Breaking the Mould

Progressive thinking underpins everything we do at North Kesteven Academy and we believe doing things a little differently will help to give your child the edge.

When it comes to helping students to make rapid progress and elevate their achievement, we adopt an approach you simply won't find in other schools and have implemented a dynamic assessment methodology which pushes the boundaries of assessment. Through new software, we capture student progress daily and use this insight to inform and shape teaching immediately. This enables teachers to provide targeted and engaging learning, whilst ensuring that everyone is supported to achieve their very best.

This new system is currently in use by year 7 and 8 and is working its way to all students throughout the school.

## Above all else, we want students to outperform themselves...

For us, the old adage 'the race is only ever really with yourself', perfectly sums up our approach to attainment.

Of course, we expect all our students to meet and exceed national standards, but what matters to us equally is that they fulfil their own individual potential and leave us well rounded and equipped with the right skills to help them achieve their aspirations and make a positive contribution to the wider community.



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*“I like that NK encourages students to take part in events and by showing positive behaviour we get rewarded with Achievement points. It encourages us to do our very best”.*

*Year 7 student*

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# *Think Ambition*

Making it happen

Empowering and supporting self-improvement is at the heart of our entire approach to learning.

All our students get feedback on their progress during lessons and following assessments in each subject area. This means that they're engaged and actively involved in their progress and development assessments and therefore motivated to recognise a shared responsibility for their own learning.

## Keeping you informed...

We regularly report to parents on progress and attitude to learning in every subject. These reports highlight your child's areas of strength and opportunity for development in each subject that they study.

Parents receive comprehensive and detailed reports from all subjects at least once per year. There will also be at least one parent consultation evening for every year group during the academic year in which teachers will discuss individual student progress with the student and parent/carer.

We know that you want to see your children achieve the best results possible and we care about providing a happy and stable learning environment in which every individual child can challenge their limits.

# Think the warmest of welcomes...

## Our Admissions Policy

North Kesteven Academy is a progressive 11 – 18 Academy open to students of all levels of academic attainment (The Published Admissions Number (PAN) is 237).

Our Admission Policy has been drawn up by the Governing Body. Before finally determining the policy, the Governing Body has consulted with the Local Authority and all other schools/LAs in the relevant area in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act 2002.

The Admission Authority has a right to investigate any concerns that it may have with respect to the accuracy of information provided by parents on an application form and to withdraw the offer of an Academy place if there is evidence that parents have made fraudulent claims.

North Kesteven Academy complies with the requirements as set out in 'Going to School In Lincolnshire' on how to apply for a place, the timetable for admissions, dates for late appeals, late applications, applications outside the normal round and right of appeal to an independent panel.



All applications, whether for a mid-year admission or transfer from primary education, are made via Lincolnshire County Council. North Kesteven Academy does not operate a reserve list.

### Joining us from Primary School

Throughout the academic year, we'd be delighted to make arrangements for parents and prospective students to visit the Academy and experience first-hand the vibrant and engaging atmosphere. You are free to visit either on our official Open Evenings in September, Summer Open Morning Tours, Year 5/6 days or via our Year 6 transition programme. Whenever you choose to visit, our team will be on hand to give information

about our curriculum and our transition programme offers cross-curricular events to Primary Schools throughout the year.

### Transfer from another Secondary School

In cases where families move into the area or wish to change schools, enquiries are welcomed and appointments can be made to tour the school prior to admission to North Kesteven Academy, provided that the year group required is not full.



# Our Colleges...

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## Tennyson College

*Far-sightedness & Authority*

**Tennyson College has made a thoroughly impressive start to the year. The creation of our vision statement was a real team effort, with input from the students and staff within the college.**

“Rise and fly” is part of the last line of a Tennyson poem and “always try”, whilst encompassing what we believe, are also the initials of Alfred Tennyson – inspired! The charity we will be raising money for is the Bradley Lowry Foundation, as voted by the students. We have also donated lots of books to Oxfam and are planning to support the Nomad Trust in the winter months. Our Year 7 tutor group did a splendidly enthusiastic performance at Retro Dance and came 2nd overall.

The resilience and independence that have been shown already by the students within the college is something I am already extremely proud of. We have some truly amazing leaders amongst us and I am looking forward to sharing and celebrating in their successes.

**Mr A Sandbrook**

**“Rise, fly and always try”**





## Byrd College

*Strength & Inspiration*

**The Byrd College motto is at the core of everything we do. Named after William Byrd, English organist at Lincoln Cathedral and a composer of the Shakespearean age, Byrd College promotes courage and determination to be the best we can possibly be.**

It has been a fantastic start to the year for Byrd students – we are firmly in the race for gaining the most Achievement Points and our students have already made some wonderful personal achievements both in and out of school. Well done to an excellent start to the year!!

**Ms K Warburton**

**“Find strength to  
soar above the rest”**



## Boole College

*Intelligence and Strength*

**Boole College have made a tremendous start to the academic year, raising money for charity, vying for leadership in our whole school reward points league table and striving to be our best in lessons.**

The team have focussed on academic achievement throughout the term, working with our Year 11 and 13 to double down on what needs to be done for success in the summer.

Our Year 7 groups have got into the swing of life at NK with an awesome performance at the Children in Need evening. I have had the pleasure of engaging with parents from our new college and already receiving lots of compliments on the care we take over our students.

**Mr B Smith**



## Ruston College

*Leadership & Courage*

**It has been an excellent start to the year for Ruston College, we have achieved so much in such a short space of time, we have constantly led the achievement point charts and have some of the best behaviour in the school.**

College leaders have been busy with activities such as organising which charity to represent and delivering assemblies. I am extremely privileged to announce our chosen charity is Help4Hugo with further efforts for Muscular Dystrophy UK. Further details regarding raising money and awareness for these charities will be forthcoming. Over the course of last term we have seen Virtual Reality within classrooms, trips to London to watch the England football team and the amazing retro dance fever. Over this term we can look forward to equal success as we do not let our standards and aspirations drop and with such events as the School show in December, it will be both rewarding and enjoyable.

Well done Ruston College!

**Mr L Athersych**



## Swift College

*Knowledge & Wisdom*

**Swift College is proud to be named after Dame Sarah Swift, the founder of the Royal College of Nursing, an inspirational and compassionate woman at the forefront of the caring professions.**

Our key values are Knowledge and Wisdom – elements which are intrinsically linked with education; however, we also want to promote a Safe Place to Make Mistakes, building resilience and aspiration in all college members. With staff from Humanities, Social Sciences, Human Resources, Finance, Catering, Site and Careers, Information and Guidance, our college draws on a wide range of skills and expertise to support all college members and to encourage them to support each other at whatever stage they are at in their learning journey. Whether it is Year 7 students reading to Year 9s or Year 11s supporting Y10s with their GCSE courses, our aim is to promote compassion and kindness amongst all college members, valuing (and celebrating) the little things.

**Ms F McGrath**



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