



Prospectus 2019/20

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*Think
Excellence*



Think Excellence

A message from the Head



North Kesteven Academy really is a special and unique place to work and learn. We care very much about everyone within our academy and endeavour to support all students to succeed. We are interested in individuals and their families, focussing on their strengths, recognising what they do well and encouraging them to be the best version of themselves.

It is a very exciting time for us as we move into the next phase of our rejuvenated culture agenda, with a persistent focus on teaching, learning and assessment, possible through the passion of our teaching and support staff to work together to support our students to achieve their very best.

We have revisited our values and established NK Cares, with a focus on Community, Aspiration, Respect, Endeavour and Safe. Every student is on a learning journey, recognised by accolades and achievements as they move through the academy. This is designed to recognise and reward our students for taking part in lots of varied activities and opportunities. We have high expectations and are passionate about what we do here.

I believe that working together with parents and our community is of vital importance and I believe that the development of the individual is just as important as the qualifications they receive at the end of their school journey.



Think Together

Forging excellent partnerships

I hope this prospectus will give you a flavour of our unique academy and we welcome you to come and visit us at any time.

J Tunnicliffe





North Kesteven Academy is a large academy for students aged 11 – 18. Students are in tutor groups with a tutor who is the first point of contact for parents. Each year group in years 7 to 11 has a Head of Year and there is a Head of Sixth Form and Assistant Head of Sixth form to support students in Year 12 and 13. These teams are supported by a pastoral manager and mentors to ensure that our pastoral care is exceptional.

ThiNK Community

This year we have introduced a house system, comprising of five houses, each led by a Head of House. Competitions are organised frequently and link to raising money for local charities, chosen by the students.

This is a very exciting development for us and allows students to work with younger and older students on a huge variety of different opportunities, from creating a small business and supporting with reading to sports events.



Think Support



Think Potential

Nurturing well rounded individuals

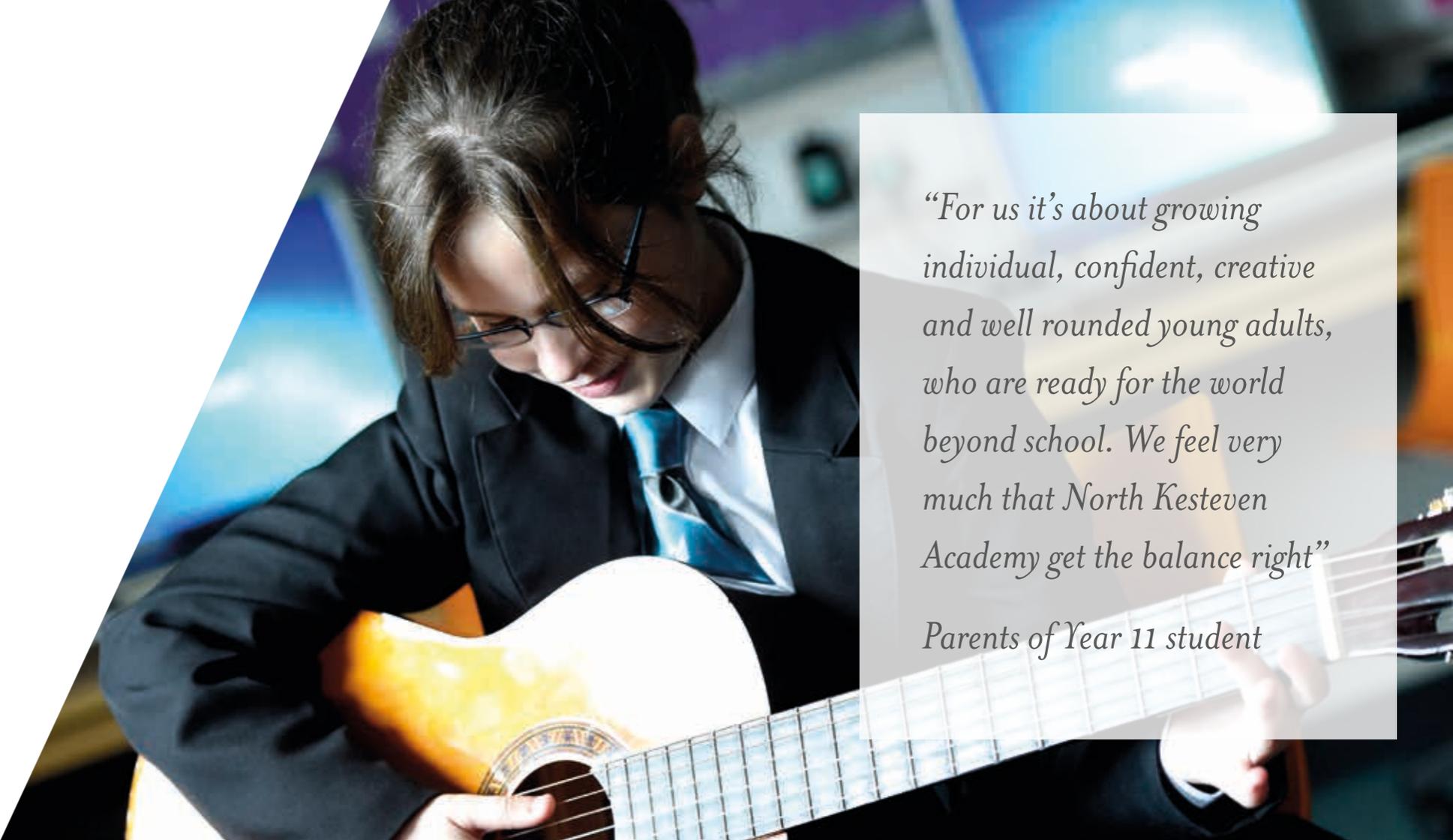
At North Kesteven Academy we encourage high ambition in a supportive and stimulating environment. By celebrating individuals' achievements, we enable everyone to be happy, responsible, respectful, creative and confident.

Mission

- Our mission is to instil a passion for lifelong learning and the courage to learn from mistakes.
- To develop students who are ambassadors for the academy, positive role models in the community and who achieve well, progressing to the best universities and jobs.

Our curriculum

- Offers the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills.
- Allows all learners to experience success.
- Enables young people to experience a breadth of subjects to develop their curiosity and to spark their interests.
- Takes into account the elements on which the academy will be externally measured.
- Allows students to achieve qualifications in subjects which are meaningful for their preferred destinations.



“For us it’s about growing individual, confident, creative and well 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



Think Potential

Facilities

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 OneNK gives students access to a 25m swimming pool with slide and separate splash pool. 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 North Kesteven Academy we inspire students to strive to achieve their goals. We set motivating and aspirational targets for every student and ensure that every student receives the support they need.

A whole new approach to recognising potential

Our Teaching, Learning, Feedback and Assessment is innovative and is based on the latest research on how students learn effectively.

Extra help whenever needed...

All of our students complete nationally standardised tests and baseline tests as they enter the academy.

Our focus from there is on the progress that every student is making in every subject, with the subject teacher ensuring that the learning journey for their classes leads the students to making progress.



Breaking the mould

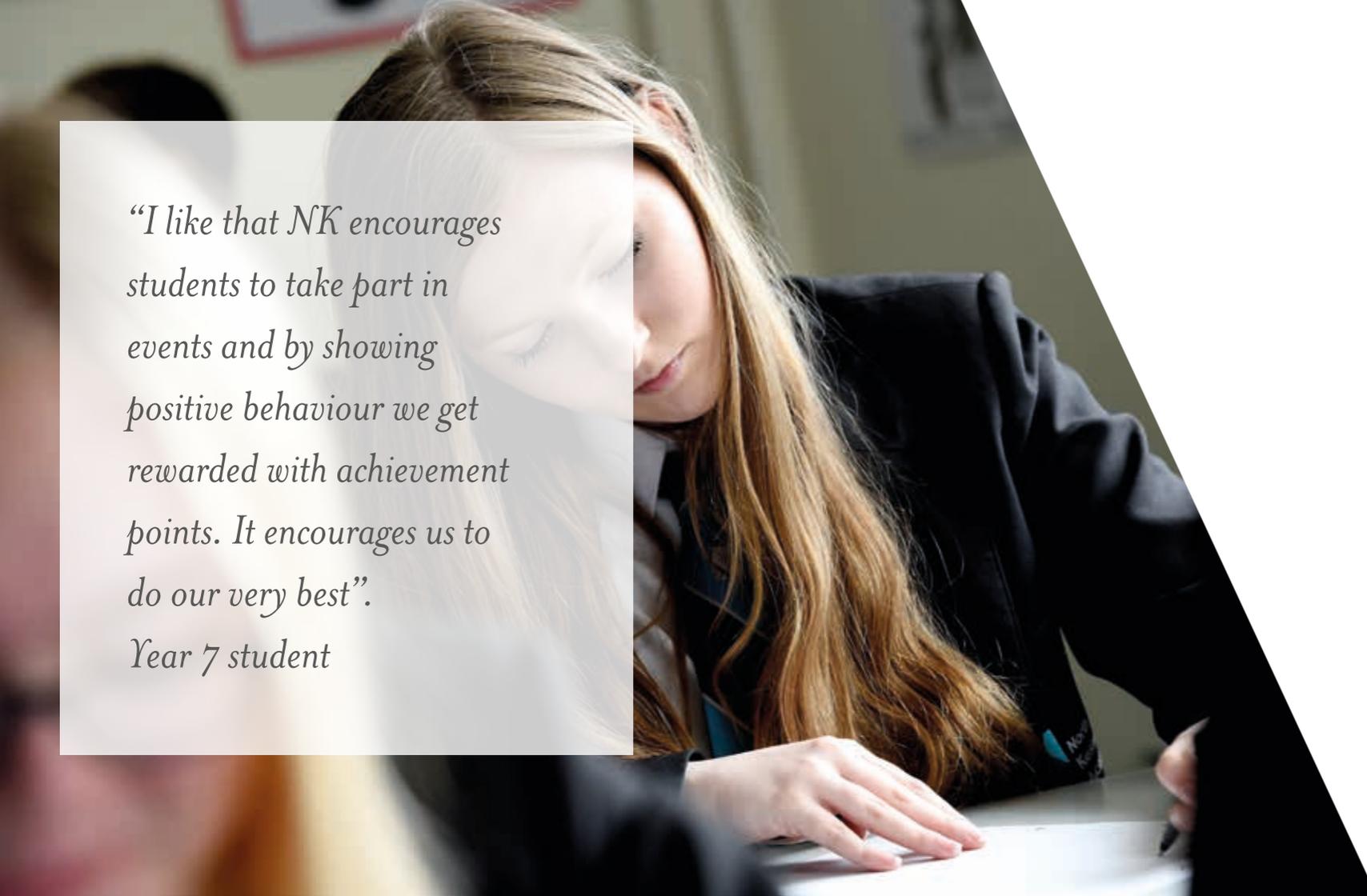
We believe that every student deserves the same opportunities to reach their full potential and will work with the student and their families to ensure that we work together to achieve this.

Our careers and PSHE programmes are integral aspects of our curriculum and we believe that it is important for students to understand and demonstrate in all subjects the skills and qualities needed, not just to achieve in their examinations at the end of Year 11 and Year 13, but also to go successfully to university and into employment.

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



Think Achievement



“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



Think Ambition

Making it happen

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

All of our students get feedback on their progress during lessons and following assessments in each subject area. This enables them to be fully involved in their own progress and therefore motivated to strive for further success.

Partnership with parents/carers

It is so important for teachers, support staff, students and parents to all work together as we support the young people who come to learn and grow in our academy.

Parents and carers are invited in regularly for parental engagement events, parent consultation evenings and for drop-in sessions to meet Heads of Year or the Headteacher. Parents receive written information from all subjects at least once per year to report on progress.

We encourage regular communication with tutors through telephone and email to keep everyone updated on any achievements and successes as well as any concerns you might have.

Think the warmest of welcomes...

Joining us from primary school

Throughout the academic year we would be delighted to make arrangements for parents/carers and prospective students to visit us and experience at first hand the vibrant and engaging atmosphere.

We hold official open evenings in September and in July and open morning tours in October and May but we are happy to welcome you for a tour of the academy at any time to suit your busy schedules.

Years 4, 5 and 6 are often invited in with their primary schools to experience our academy and take part in subject specific activities. We have a full induction programme for year 6 students to support their transition from their primary school into our academy.



Our Houses...



Tennyson House

Far-sightedness & Authority

Alfred, Lord Tennyson, was born in 1809 in Somersby, Lincolnshire, and died in 1892. The fourth of 12 children he attended Louth Grammar School and became one of the most prolific poets of his generation, often regarded as the chief voice of Victorian age poetry.

Many writers on Tennyson emphasise the importance of the Lincolnshire countryside and coast on his poetry so he is a true local hero!

Tennyson's nominated charity is the Bradley Lowery Foundation.

“Rise, fly and always try”



Byrd House

Strength & Inspiration

William Byrd was an English organist and composer born around 1539/40 in London. He died in 1623. One of the leading composers of the Shakespearian age, he was prolific in writing English madrigals, church, and organ music.

His link with Lincolnshire is his long tenure as organist at Lincoln Cathedral from 1563.

Byrd's nominated charity is Guide Dogs for the Blind.

“Find strength to soar above the rest”



Boole House

Intelligence & Strength

George Boole was a British mathematician, born in Lincoln in 1815. The young George was given his first maths lessons by his father, a tradesman, but apart from this was largely self-taught.

He helped establish modern symbolic logic and his algebra of logic, now called Boolean algebra, is the basic design of digital computer circuits. He opened his first school in Lincoln at the age of 20, and died in 1864.

Boole's nominated charity is Macmillan Cancer Support.





Ruston House

Leadership & Courage

Joseph Ruston was born in 1853 and died in Lincoln in 1897. The founder of Ruston, Proctor & Company, he served an apprenticeship with a Sheffield cutlery manufacturer and then set up in business in Lincoln as a millwright.

The large engineering business he built up produced over 20,000 engines between 1857 and 1879 and employed 2,000 people. Ruston gave his all to the city of Lincoln, also serving as a councillor, alderman, Justice of the Peace, and Mayor of Lincoln.

Ruston's nominated charity is Muscular Dystrophy UK.



Swift House

Knowledge & Wisdom

Dame Sarah Swift was born in 1854 at Kirton Skeldyke near Boston, and died in 1937. One of the most famous nurses of her era, Dame Sarah believed that nursing was a profession with great potential for women and she worked tirelessly to improve the training, status, and working conditions of nurses, eventually founding the College of Nursing in 1916 and achieving a Royal Charter in 1928.

Swift's nominated charity is St Barnabas Hospice.

