

### MELCOME





**Heather Widdup** Executive Principal

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I am proud to introduce you to Retford Oaks Academy, a stimulating and welcoming learning environment, with highly motivated students who strive for excellence in all that they do.

We have extremely high expectations of our students to allow them to flourish and gain the best possible academic outcomes. High quality teaching, within a broad and balanced curriculum, ensures all learners are challenged to meet their full potential.

It is equally our aim to enable our students to develop socially and emotionally. Our exceptional pastoral care ensures that students are supported and encouraged whilst pursuing their high academic goals.

Alongside this, our outstanding facilities and diverse range of trips and visits ensure that everyone has the opportunity to supplement their learning with enriching experiences.

We look forward to meeting you at one of our open events so we can show you what makes us 'Oaks and proud.'



# VISION, VALUES AND ETHOS



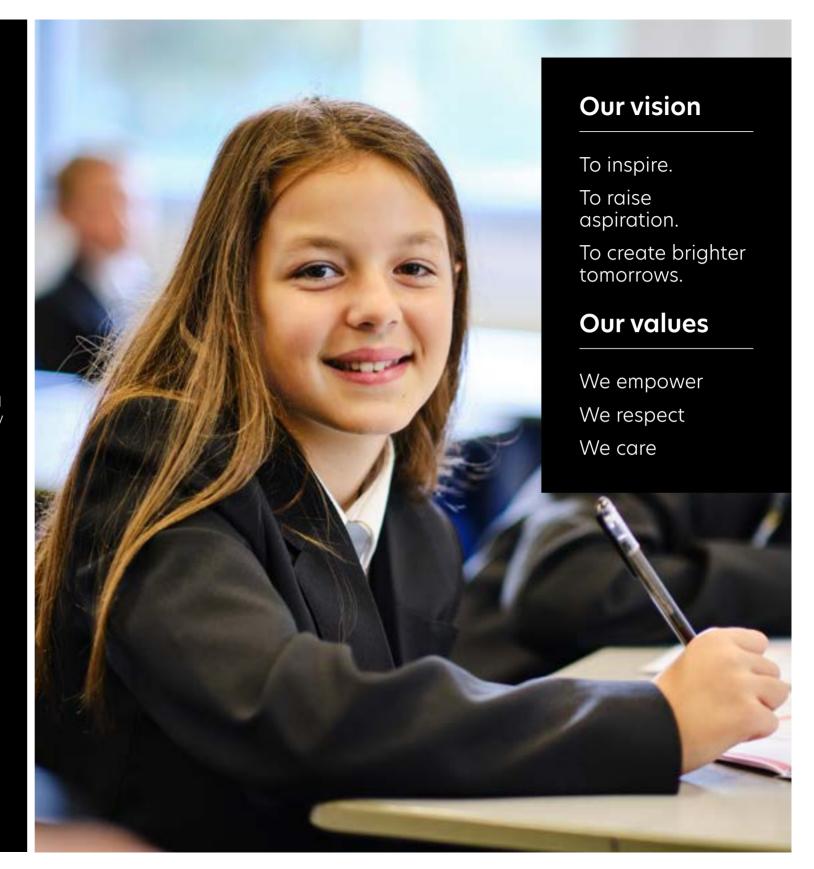
At Retford Oaks, when we put our values into action, we demonstrate that we are 'Dedicated to Excellence.'

We are constantly developing innovative practices to enhance the high-quality teaching we offer to all of our students. Cutting-edge technology, alongside a range of other methods, is used to inspire learning and deepen comprehension.

We have respect for each other, our environment, our community and ourselves. We all have different views, talents and abilities, so valuing each other's contributions and celebrating our individual personalities, voices and talents are key to our academy ethos.

We empower our students to challenge themselves. We actively encourage each student to go beyond what they think is possible and staff encourage our students and enable their goals to be reached. The academy rewards success and offers appropriate developmental support where needed.

We offer exceptional pastoral care, enabling every individual to grow within our learning community. We work together, we learn together. Our dedication to excellence drives us towards the communal aim of achieving our goals, in the classroom and beyond.



### INSPIRING MINDS





Ensuring that all students have an equal opportunity to access a wide and varied curriculum is crucial to engaging young minds.

Hard work, excellent behaviour and a commitment to learning are essential requirements for all students. Lessons are developed to be appropriately challenging and are delivered through a variety of methods to engage students with their studies.

Our students work in a number of ways to extend and enhance their learning, studying in groups, in pairs and individually. Homework is an essential part of the learning experience which allows students to broaden and deepen their understanding of the topics studied.









Our curriculum is also supported through a series of learning enrichment opportunities, which cover a wide range of topics including managing personal finances, celebrating diversity within society, and understanding and appreciating British values.

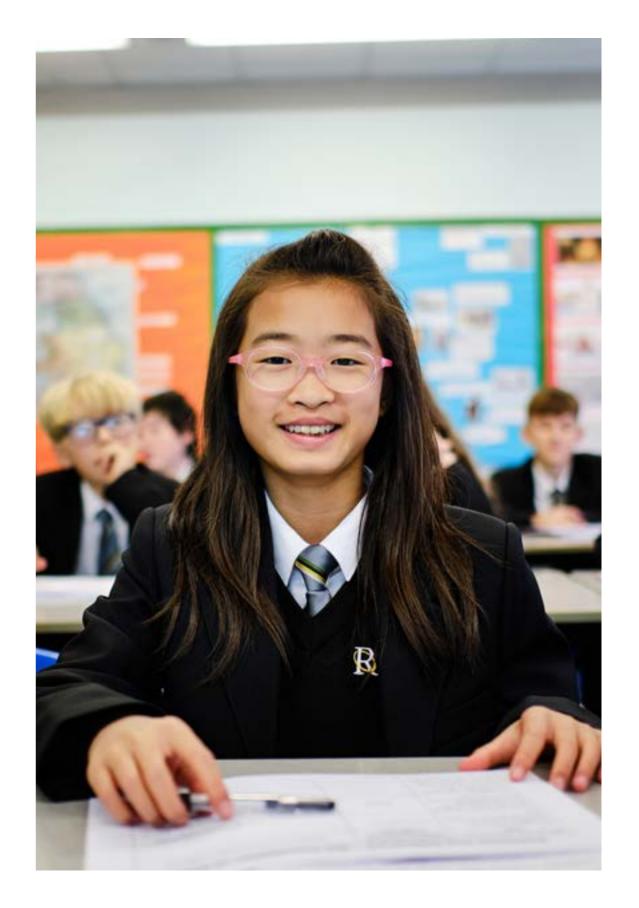


## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM





### A FRIENDLY COMMUNITY



Our priority is to make students feel welcome and comfortable at our academy.

We operate a house system with four houses - Thoresby, Clumber, Rufford and Sherwood. There are several tutor groups within each house. The tutor group meets each morning to provide a consistent support network and to deliver personal development every day.













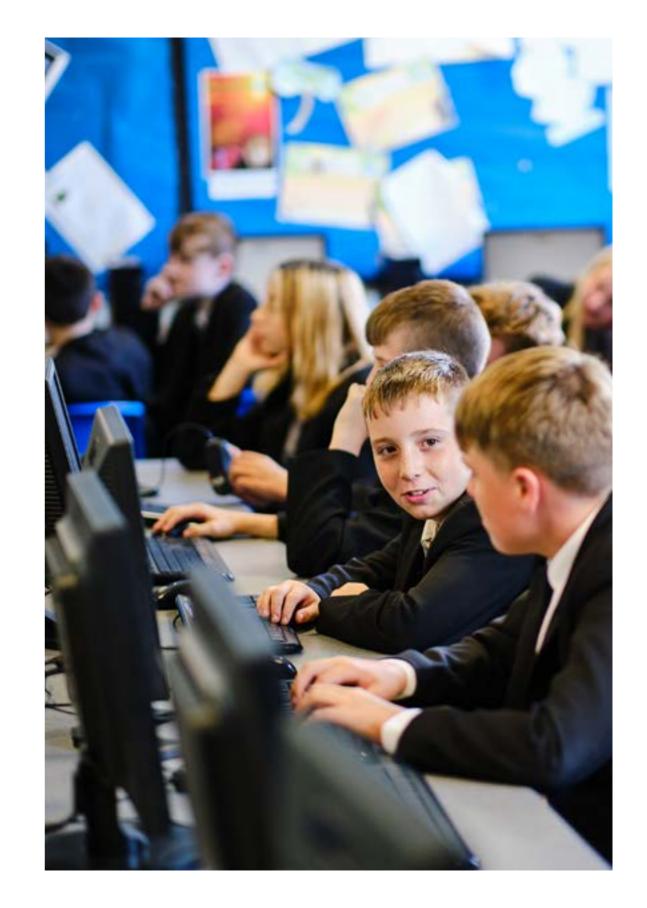




Each group has a dedicated academic mentor providing leadership, guidance and support. Older students within each house are encouraged to take on responsibility for mentoring younger members of the house, as part of their personal development.

To help students progress during their time at Retford Oaks, we have a defined system of support to enable every individual to reach their potential and feel safe within the academy.

### READY FOR THE FUTURE





### PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER



To apply for a place at Retford Oaks 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.retfordoaks-ac.org.uk

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

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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

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