



The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form

Dear Prospective Hollygate Resident

I am delighted that you are thinking about moving into the area. I have worked in the Rushcliffe area for nearly fourteen years and I have come to understand what a wonderful place it is to live. In the last ten years many families in Cotgrave have chosen to send their children to our great academy. They have chosen to do so because of our long track record of high achievement and because of the many enrichment opportunities on offer for all of our students.

We are proud to serve the community of Cotgrave. As a parent myself I know how important the quality of schools are when you decide where to live. I know that as you find out more about our great academy you will be reassured that you will be providing your children with the best chance of success in their secondary education.

We are an average sized secondary school that is big enough to provide a broad range of curriculum and extra-curricular activities and small enough to make sure that your child is known as an individual and receives the care, guidance and support that they need to be successful.

Our exam results speak for themselves and I have enclosed some information on them for you. Please do also look at the DfE performance tables online which summarises our performance. We have been achieving these high levels of performance consistently for the last ten years and they should reassure you that you would be taking no chances by choosing us.

However, life is not all about exam results and we also offer a broad range of opportunities outside of the classroom including: sport, music, drama, IT, art, technology and a comprehensive Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. We also arrange exchange visits every year to schools in Spain, France and Germany, as well as an annual ski trip. We are the only school in Nottinghamshire to receive the Gold Careers Mark and in 2014 we were a finalist in the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards.

The foundation of any successful school is the partnership between parents, students and staff. The best way to find out about a school is to visit it during the school day. If you would like to do so then please contact my PA, Jo Egglenton, on 0115 9371920 (jegglenton@southwolds.notts.sch.uk) who will arrange to show you around at a time that suits you. You will also be reassured to know that we do guarantee places for children in the villages that we serve and will continue to do so for all of those villages including Cotgrave.

I am also delighted to tell you about the partnership that we enjoy with The West Bridgford School as part of the East Midlands Education Trust from September 2015. This is a fantastic alliance that enhances the opportunities available to our students.

Moving house is an enormous decision – we will do anything we can to ease your mind about finding your children a place at our great academy.

I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely

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