September 2023



The South Wolds **Academy** and Sixth Form

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

I am delighted to invite you and your child to attend our Open Evening on Thursday September 21st 2023. Due to anticipated numbers attending this event, we are offering a choice of two Head teacher presentation slots to enable everyone to comfortably attend. You and your child are very welcome to join myself and the team in the main hall at either 5.45pm (last entry 5.40pm) or 6.45pm (last entry 6.40pm) to understand further why South Wolds is the perfect choice for you. Details can be found on our website here. Please note bookings will close at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Our campus will be accessible to tour from 5.30pm and everywhere is open. South Wolds is a fantastic school and I know you will be impressed by the staff and the students you meet during the evening.

There is so much to be excited about at South Wolds. Our students have just achieved a fantastic set of exam results. 2023 A-level results show that our students have yet again achieved a 100% pass rate and 23% of all of these grades were A\* and A grade. GCSE results show 82% of students achieved Grade 4 and above across all subjects. Indeed, 27% of students achieved Grades 7s to 9s demonstrating our strong performance.

Our strong academic performance is important but it does not define our school. Our students have opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities, educational visits and foreign exchanges. We run a strong programme of opportunities in sport, dance, music and art; all students have the opportunity from Year 9 onwards to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme and our careers programme is nationally recognised as outstanding.

South Wolds' dedicated inclusion team work with parents, teachers and students to remove any obstacles to success. We insist on very high standards of behaviour in lessons and around the school site - our priority is to ensure that every student is able to enjoy learning and feel safe in school.

We are a founding member of the East Midlands Education Trust alongside The West Bridgford School. This partnership presents many exciting opportunities for our students and will help us secure an excellent education for our community for many years to come.

We also have our brand new teaching block to share with you, showchasing £2.3 million investment in the academy's campus so during the evening please look out for this as we get ready to open it in November 2023.

I do hope you are able to join us on the 21st September. You can find more information about us on the school website at <u>www.southwolds.co.uk</u> as well as a link to our <u>prospectus</u> to give you a flavour of life at South Wolds.

I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you to secure the very best education for your child in the coming years.

Yours sincerely

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