



HELLESDON Sixth Form Prospectus



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The Wensum Trust

The Wensum Trust is a not-for-profit sponsor of Primary and Secondary education providing continuity of experience from Early Years to Sixth Form. The Trust has the highest aspirations for all children in our Academies, regardless of their background and works tirelessly with our partners to help students reach their full potential. We believe that education is far broader and deeper than the national curriculum and examination programmes of study.

The Trust is committed to providing high quality Continuing Professional Development for the whole learning community.

The Wensum Trust already has a track record of bringing about rapid and sustained school improvement and is a growing and well respected Trust both locally and regionally.

Our Academies are arranged in three geographical hubs across Norfolk, are free to attend, non-selective and open to all. The hubs are arranged as follows celebrating their unique place and culture within the county and providing the opportunity for children from each of the three hubs to experience a range of activities in a different setting:

- City Hub – Hellesdon and Old Catton
- Rural Hub – Acle and surrounding villages
- Coastal Hub – Wells and Burnham Market

The hubs work closely together so that the children in all our Academies can have an outstanding experience which sets them up for the future through:

- An inspiring and meaningful curriculum and a range of experiences that will develop students for life in the 21st century
- The development of positive relationships to prepare our young people for learning and life
- Using our scale and collective experience to develop effective partnerships and services for the benefit of all our communities
- A clear focus on our Core Strategic Aims in everything that we do

Our children are on a learning journey.....

“In working with young people, do not try to call back to where they were and do not call them to where you are, as beautiful a place as that may seem to you. You must have the courage to go with them to a place that neither you, nor they, have ever been before.”

The Wensum Trust staff will share this journey with each and every child in all our Academies.

Welcome to Hellesdon Sixth Form



Choosing somewhere to study Post 16 is a huge decision. There are many factors to take into account; examination success, access to great facilities, and a welcoming, supportive and happy environment in which to study. We have worked hard at Hellesdon to ensure that all our students feel challenged intellectually, but also supported in their two years with us.

I hope this prospectus and the Open Evening will start to give you a feel for what Hellesdon Sixth Form can offer you as a student. Having grown considerably in numbers in the last two years we have not forgotten what makes Hellesdon Sixth Form a special place to study – our students. They really are our best

ambassadors for why to study with us. Our strong education partnership with the Community Sports Foundation (CSF) has added an extra layer to what we can offer to students during their two years with us. This link with Norwich City football club has brought some exciting opportunities to all our students. This includes the ability to get involved in a number of local initiatives, as well as receive first class education through sport if that is their chosen route.

I look forward to meeting you at the various events we have organised throughout the year, and working with you if you choose to join our Sixth Form. In the meantime, If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Richard Taylor
Director of Sixth Form



Challenge and Support

After applying for Sixth Form all students are given an Advice and Guidance Interview to ensure they are enrolling on the correct course for them. Once in Sixth Form students receive challenging Target Grades based on their GCSE results in order to push them to fulfil their potential. Throughout their time with us all students are given the support needed to develop academic resilience - the ability to keep trying at a subject when things get difficult!

Students are assigned a Personal Tutor they meet with regularly to discuss both academic progress and also cover a careers/PSHE curriculum. Over the two years in Sixth Form the Personal Tutor gets to know each and every student very well, which enables them to write a detailed reference for university, apprenticeships or employment. Within the Sixth Form Team there is a Pastoral Support Worker, who is able to help those students who find the transition between GCSE and Level Three study more challenging or have any pastoral issues that may affect their learning. A dedicated Head of Year, with responsibility for the Year Group's progress and attainment is also on hand to offer support to students when they need it.

In order to support our highest achieving academic students anyone who enrolls with us with 4 or more Grade 8/9 at GCSE will qualify for a Hellesdon Scholarship. This will be in the form of a monetary scholarship payable over the two years in Sixth Form. Please see the website for more details of how to apply. Linked with this we have a dedicated and successful Oxbridge/Russell Group Entry Programme, aimed at supporting our students in gaining access to the top universities.

Please Note: We make every effort to offer all courses advertised in the prospectus at Hellesdon. However, in order to ensure that every student has the widest possible choice of options, we work with local Sixth Forms (especially Taverham High School) to enable certain courses to run where uptake is low. Students and parents will be advised on which course(s) are likely to be offered as part of this partnership arrangement during the Application Process.



Outstanding Teaching and Fantastic Facilities

Sixth Form students are taught in small groups by experienced and knowledgeable teaching staff. Our excellent results at A Level and BTEC/Tech Level are down to the outstanding teaching across all departments, by enthusiastic subject specialists.

Teachers at Hellesdon give up their time freely to all students should they need extra help outside of lessons. Every department operates a 'drop-in' session, either at lunchtime or after school where students can access advice and guidance on any problems they are having in a particular subject.

Students have access to a well-equipped modern Study Centre, with over 30 networked computers, as well as plenty of space to complete written work. The Study Centre is supervised by a member of the Sixth Form Team, who is always on hand to assist students should they need it.

There is a comfortable Common Room, containing food and drink machines, in addition to an outdoor space, with tables, for the exclusive use of Sixth Formers. All areas of the Sixth Form are equipped with Wi-Fi, enabling students to work on their own laptops or tablets should they choose to.





An eye on the future . . .

We know Sixth Form is a stepping stone onto greater things, whether that is University, Higher Level Apprenticeships or employment.

with universities and employers, we are well placed to ensure all students leave Sixth Form ready for their next step. To help with future career plans all Sixth Form students are encouraged to undertake a week of Work Experience. This has proved very useful for students, enabling them to gain specific experience and giving them a real insight in to a future career.

Throughout the two years at Hellesdon, each student is encouraged to investigate paths that will take them where they want to go. Having built up excellent links



Life in the sixth form

Talk to any present Sixth Form student and they will tell you that, although studying at Level Three is hard work, it is also extremely enjoyable.

The life of a Sixth Former is incredibly busy; when not in lessons or Private Study there are numerous things they

can get involved in, from sporting activities to helping Main School children to read or volunteering to help with Homework Club. The old phrase, the more you put in, the more you get out, certainly rings true in Sixth Form!





As the official education partner of Norwich City CSF, we are able to provide students with an opportunity to continue their education,

combined with an outstanding football experience through 3 unique programme offers for boys and girls.

Football & Education Programme: (based at Carrow Road)

The Football & Education Programme aims to provide like-minded, talented, male and female footballers within Norfolk and Suffolk the opportunity to continue their development.

Students on the course will study for a Cambridge National Extended Diploma in Sport at Carrow Road over a two-year period and will follow a carefully planned pathway of modules to provide them with a broad range of knowledge and experience whilst remaining linked to potential career pathways.

Under the guidance of former Canaries Adam Drury, Simon Lappin and Ryan Jarvis, and their coaching team, students also have a structured daily training programme and weekly fixtures against other Premier League and EFL clubs' equivalent squads.



Football Learning Programme: (based at Carrow Road)

The Football Learning Programme is your chance to swap a traditional classroom for a learning environment immersed within a professional football club.

The programme enables students to combine their passion for football and Norwich City Football Club alongside an excellent academic provision.

The course sees the theme of football embedded throughout, with learning modules delivered through a footballing context, weekly training sessions and a series of engaging off-site trips and visits including St Georges Park and Wembley Stadium.

A-Level Football Programme: (based at Hellesdon High School)

The A-level pathway provides students who do not see a career in the sports sector an option to combine their football passion with a detailed A-level study programme.

With numerous subjects including psychology, maths, sciences and languages students are able to develop

their own package of education. The football offer is primarily a training programme delivered by the staff of Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, but with potential for students to represent the club in fixtures against other programmes.

Student success

We have an excellent record of helping university applicants gain a place at their first choice university.

Each year around 75% of the Year Group choose to apply for university and are supported through their

UCAS applications. Those students applying for apprenticeships or employment are also guided in the construction of CVs and letters of application.

Recent student stories:



Hanna Ladbrooke

Hanna was offered places to study History of Art at the highest level - at both the University of Cambridge and the Courtauld Institute of Art. She secured an A* in Art, an A* in English Literature and an A in History and has accepted her place at the University of Cambridge. Hanna has been an exceptional student and a pleasure to teach.



Bethany Blade

Bethany was a very strong student academically throughout her Sixth Form career. Hardworking and friendly she achieved an A* in Psychology, and an A* in Religious Studies and an A in History. She has gone on to study Speech and Language Therapy at the UEA.



Xander Pope

Xander achieved an outstanding set of A Level results: A* in Biology, A* in Mathematics, A* in Physics and an A in Geography. His success is a testament to his academic flair and sustained hard work throughout his time at Hellesdon High School. Xander has continued his education journey studying Natural Sciences at the UEA.



Tommy Sadler

Tommy had a very strong interest in both Mathematics and Physics, gaining an A* in Physics, an A in Maths and an A in Chemistry at Advance Level. While in Sixth Form he investigated possible career paths that involved Physics and his other love of Maths. He is now studying Physics with Astrophysics at Leicester University.



Raheem Jobarteh

Raheem was a very popular student at Hellesdon, always willing to help others, becoming a Peer Mentor, while all the time working hard himself. Having gained a Distinction in Engineering and a Double Merit in Health & Social Care he has entered employment in the Health & Social Care sector in Norfolk.



Joe Rose

During his first year on the Football & Education programme, Joe progressed to training with Norwich City's Academy u18's whilst continuing his academic studies with CSF. Joe is now in his second year of studies on the programme, but has since signed a 2 year contract extension with the club, making him a great role model for students pursuing the footballing dream.



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Applications and Further Information

Details of the application procedure are given in the enclosed letter. If you need further information please contact Mr. R Taylor (Director of Sixth Form), who will be more than happy to answer any queries relating to choices and Pathways.

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