



# SJSF

Sleaford Joint  
Sixth Form

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Choice - Opportunity - Success

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*'Being a new student at SJSF, I felt welcome and settled in straight away.'* STUDENT

The Sleaford Joint Sixth Form is a collaboration of the co-educational sixth forms of St George's Academy and the Robert Carre Trust, comprising Carre's Grammar School and Kesteven and Sleaford High School.

Schools working together increase student choice, enlarge opportunities and enhance the academic and personal success of their students. Sleaford Joint Sixth Form is the collaboration of secondary schools in Sleaford which aims to achieve all those things for their Post 16 students.

The Joint Sixth Form is a longstanding institution in Sleaford. Sleaford secondary schools have worked together for over 30 years retaining their individuality and unique character whilst enabling students to enjoy everything that is on offer at each site. High standards of teaching and learning and academic success are well known features of each of the schools.

The Joint Sixth Form boasts world class facilities, including a driving simulator, TV studio, fitness suite, 3D cinema and all-weather pitch.

# Setting the Standard

*'A-Levels are a big step up but Sleaford Joint Sixth Form gives you the tools to achieve.' STUDENT*

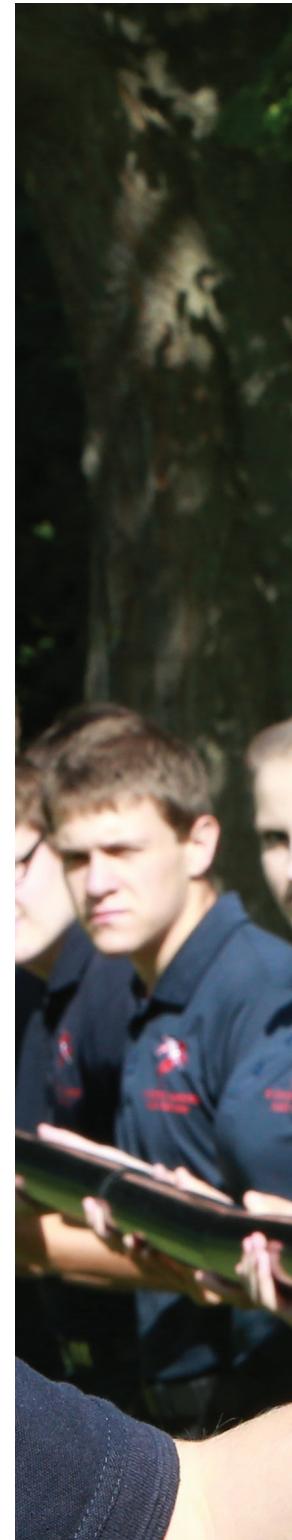
All students are well supported to make a smooth transition from Year 11 into Sleaford Joint Sixth Form. We have a range of pathways for a range of abilities and learning preferences, whether that is level 2, level 3, exam based, coursework focused or work-related. Initial guidance meetings using information about attainment and learning styles in Year 11 help identify the most appropriate pathway for students applying for a place in Year 12. The entry requirements for each pathway and the individual courses are detailed in the booklet inserted at the back of this brochure.

A two day Induction just after the GCSE exams have finished provides students with an introductory lesson for each course and also a useful transition pack to complete over the summer. This, combined with study skills guidance, early assessment feedback and high quality pastoral care, helps ensure students are quickly settled onto study programmes that

give them every chance to enjoy and succeed in their sixth form education.

Staff are very approachable and keen to assist students outside the lesson times. The system of target setting and regular tracking not only motivates students but also helps the Sixth Form team of staff to monitor progress and identify potential problems as well as particular talents. Academic work is enhanced by a wide range of extra-curricular activities which broaden the educational experience; including outside speakers to the Enrichment programme, visits to subject presentations at Nottingham, Cambridge and Lincoln Universities and field trips.

Academic standards are high throughout the schools with a particular emphasis on the Sixth Form. Students move on to a wide range of Higher Education institutions and employment opportunities.



*'The learning environment in the Joint Sixth Form is excellent with a very strong focus on high achievement and you are really stretched. I feel confident that I will be able to achieve the high grades I need for my place at one of the best universities.'* STUDENT





# Choice

After GCSE, the choice of courses is huge. The Post 16 world is quite complicated ‘qualification wise’ but in Sleaford Joint Sixth Form we offer a wide range of traditional academic and vocational courses at level 2 and level 3.

Full details of the courses to be offered vary each year and details about the courses offered this year can be found in the booklet at the back of the folder. Course subjects are always under review, to ensure they stay current in terms of the national picture and also to ensure they provide students with a range of progression routes for the future. Below is a sample list to demonstrate at a glance the excellent choice and breadth available to applicants to the Joint Sixth Form. This degree of choice is a key feature of the Joint Sixth Form and only achievable as a result of the special relationship between the three schools.

## **ART**

Art (Fine Art) A-Level  
Art (Photography) A-Level  
Art and Design CTEC double option  
Art and Design CTEC triple option  
Art & Design (Photography) CTEC

## **BUSINESS**

Business A-Level  
Business Studies CTEC double option  
Business Studies CTEC single option  
Travel and Tourism BTEC

## **HEALTH AND CARE**

Health and Social Care CTEC single option  
Health and Social Care CTEC double option

## **HUMANITIES**

Criminology Level 3 Diploma  
Geography A-Level  
History A-Level  
Law A-Level  
Philosophy and Ethics A-Level  
Psychology A-Level  
Sociology A-Level

## **ICT**

Computing A-Level  
ICT double option Level 3 Diploma  
ICT single option Level 3 Introductory Diploma

## **LANGUAGE AND MEDIA**

English Language A-Level  
English Language and Literature A-Level  
English Literature A-Level  
Media Studies A-Level

## **MATHS**

Mathematics A-Level  
Further Mathematics A-Level

## **MODERN LANGUAGES**

French A-Level  
German A-Level  
Spanish A-Level

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

Drama and Theatre Studies A-Level  
Music A-Level  
Music BTEC single option  
Music BTEC double option  
Performing Arts BTEC single option  
Performing Arts BTEC double option  
Performing Arts & Music BTEC triple option

## **SCIENCE**

Biology A-Level  
Chemistry A-Level  
Physics A-Level  
Science (Applied) BTEC single option  
Science (Applied) BTEC double option  
Forensic & Criminal Investigation BTEC Level 3 Diploma



*'I came from a different school but was made to feel immediately welcome and it was easy and quick to make friends: the range of courses is also fantastic.'* STUDENT

#### **SPORT**

Physical Education A-Level

Sport and Fitness BTEC/CTEC single option

Sport and Fitness BTEC/CTEC double option

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

Design & Technology: Design Engineering A-Level

Design & Technology: Product Design A-Level

Design & Technology: Fashion & Textiles A-Level

Textiles CTEC single option

#### **WORK-RELATED LEARNING**

Bricklaying CAA-Level 2 Diploma

Childcare & Education Level 2 Certificate

Childcare & Education Level 3 Diploma

Hospitality & Catering BTEC Level 3

Professional Cookery VTCT Level 2 Diploma

Site Carpentry CAA-Level 2 Diploma

Preparation for Public Services Level 2 Certificate

Uniformed Protective Services Level 3 Extended Diploma

Vehicle Inspection IMI Level 2 VRQ

Workskills BTEC Level 2 Certificate

#### **ENRICHMENT**

First Aid

Jamie Oliver Cooking

Duke of Edinburgh/Outward Bound

Extended Project Qualification

Award in Sports Leadership

Young Enterprise

Microsoft Office Specialist Qualification

SAGE Accounting

Journalism

Website Development

Level 3 Award in Sports Leadership

Cooking on a Budget

In addition to all this course choice, with schools working together the number of courses in each subject increases. So, instead of just one Chemistry group there may be up to 4 and the position is similar for other popular subjects. The option blocks are carefully crafted around courses the students have chosen so we are able to optimize availability for all students.

During the application process, students will have the opportunity to discuss their choices with appropriate staff at the schools. Plenty of advice will be available to ensure students choose sensible combinations of subjects to give them the best opportunity of competing for places in Higher Education and employment.

As a partnership of schools, Sleaford Joint Sixth Form is able to offer a fantastic range of courses unrivalled by other local school sixth forms. Finding the right course for you is key to your success and so Sleaford Joint Sixth Form represents an excellent choice for students of all interests, learning styles and abilities.

#### **THE SCHOOL DAY, TIMETABLE and TRAVEL BETWEEN SCHOOLS**

There is only a short walk between the schools and timetables are designed to minimise movement but also to allow students to move between sites as required.

No matter which school a student is based at, they can select courses to meet their needs.



*'You're constantly pushing your limits to face new challenges. The new experiences you gain from Sleaford Joint Sixth Form are both enjoyable and beneficial.' STUDENT*

# Opportunity

*'I came here for the sports provision and found it was a lot better than my last school.'* STUDENT

Sixth Form should be a different experience from years 7 – 11 and this is certainly true in Sleaford Joint Sixth Form. Post 16, students learn best in a co-educational environment and the schools in Sleaford Joint Sixth Form are co-educational at sixth form level.

Sleaford Joint Sixth Form provides a unique transitional opportunity which creates a bridge between school and university or working life. The opportunity to be treated in an adult manner, to be expected to take responsibility for your own learning whilst having the support and guidance of staff, is one to be grasped.

## FACILITIES

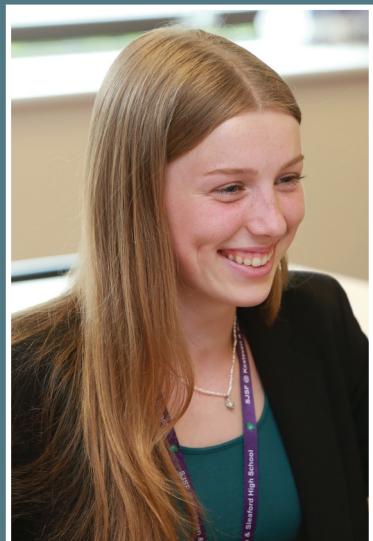
Students in Sleaford Joint Sixth Form have access to all the facilities in each school as their courses demand. Many of the facilities have been built in recent years including, science labs, technology workshops, computer rooms, art and drama studios, outdoor and indoor sports facilities, driving simulator, TV and music recording studios and state of the art fitness suites. The schools currently have Sixth Form study areas, library resources and internet access and have recently undergone building programmes to further enhance the facilities for Sixth Form.

## ADDITIONAL STUDIES

Apart from the academic courses offered in Sleaford Joint Sixth Form, students pursue a range of other activities and courses as components of their Sixth Form programme. These courses and activities are intended to develop the personal and social character of the students. They also help to improve students' study skills and prepare them for life in higher education or employment. Time is allocated on Wednesday afternoons for enrichment, games and leisure activities. Students who wish to do community service or who wish to fulfil the work experience requirement of a particular course (e.g. Health and Social Care, Engineering) or in preparation for a particular career such as Teaching may use this time or another time in the week for that purpose.

There is a wide range of extra-curricular activities available in Sleaford Joint Sixth Form including sports, drama, musical activities and the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Many students also participate in County events either in sports teams or as members of the County bands and orchestras.

Apart from all these opportunities, students also organise their own entertainment and social activities. Each year there is a Leavers' Prom, which is a formal social event. Students also take a full part in the life of their base school for example as a Prefect, Senior Student or Head Boy / Girl.





# Success

*'There's a great support network system. If you've got a problem, you'll always have someone to hand to help you and get it sorted quickly.'* STUDENT

## CAREERS ADVICE

Students receive advice through Form Tutors, Heads of Year / Progress Managers and Careers staff in the schools. Within the schools, students have access to information in careers libraries and have the use of various career software programmes, which are available on the careers room computers. Students can also access appropriate Internet sites. A programme of Sixth Form specific careers advice is built into the tutorial course and the schools have good links with local employers and apprenticeship managers. Year 12 students undertake a work experience placement at the end of the summer term.

Meetings are held at the individual schools concerning advice about opportunities post 18 to which parents are invited. These meetings are designed to enlighten students and parents about the process of application for Higher Education through UCAS and to inform them about practical and financial aspects including student loans and bursaries.

## GUIDANCE AND ACADEMIC MONITORING: THE ROUTE TO SUCCESS

Students negotiate targets for their performance and their progress is monitored against the predictive data available through a tracking system. Students who are encountering difficulties or who are giving cause for concern, through poor work, bad attendance or another matter, will receive counselling from tutors, academic staff and the senior staff involved with the Sixth Form. Parents are kept informed of such discussions and of course are welcome to make enquiries as to their son's/daughter's progress at any stage. There is a Parents' Evening for Year 12 students in the autumn term to report on how students have settled in. Parents' Evenings, when all teaching staff are in attendance, are held in the autumn for Year 13 and the spring for Year 12. Each student receives an annual written report.

Each year the majority of Year 13 students apply successfully for places in Higher Education, including Oxbridge. Of course not all students want to go to university and our students have an excellent track record of achieving places in employment locally and nationally or gaining places on advanced apprenticeship programmes.

*'I was made to feel welcomed into the SJSF, definitely a good decision to come here. It's a warm and friendly environment.'* STUDENT



*'Becoming part of Sleaford Joint Sixth Form is the best educational decision I have made.'* STUDENT



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## Sleaford Joint Sixth Form

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**For further information about the application process within Sleaford Joint Sixth Form please contact The Sixth Form Administrator at either:**

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