Prospectus 2021/22

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Cottingham High School and Sixth Form College

“Creating a caring and supportive environment for all our students.”

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Welcome to Cottingham High School and Sixth Form College

We are a large academy based in the East Riding of Yorkshire with over 900 students, including 150 in our thriving Sixth Form which is part of ‘The Consortium Sixth Form Partnership’.

We place significant importance on creating a caring and supportive environment for all our students, where every child really does matter. We pride ourselves on our inclusivity and we have a strong reputation for providing excellent pastoral care and guidance throughout all years, including the Sixth Form. We strive for excellence in all that we do, whether that is in standards of academic attainment, uniform or behaviour.

As a parent or carer you are currently faced with one of the most important decisions you will make for your child; namely, which school to trust with her or his secondary education. We hope that this prospectus gives you a flavour of what we are about. If you wish to visit us and ask questions in order to reach your decision regarding your child’s secondary school choice, we are happy to arrange an appointment for you and answer any questions you may have. We hope that having read this prospectus and perhaps visited our academy, you will choose to join us. Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information.

Mr Loz Wilson
Headteacher
The Consortium

Academy Trust

Cottingham High School and Sixth Form College is part of The Consortium Academy Trust family of primary and secondary schools based in the East Riding and Hull.

Other academies who are part of our multi-academy trust include Croxby Primary, Hessle High School and Sixth Form College, Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College, Howden School, Keyingham Primary, Penshurst Primary, Winifred Holtby Academy and Wolfreton School and Sixth Form College.

We believe in putting our children and young people first and that everything we do has that as its goal.

“In September 2017, Cottingham joined The Consortium Academy Trust as a founding member, having a shared history of over 25 years of working together with Hessle and Wolfreton through our Consortium Sixth Form Partnership. We look forward to building on these existing strong relationships and collectively we will work together to ensure that the students currently at the academy, and those who join in the future, receive the best possible education in a safe and stimulating environment that motivates and encourages them to do their very best in order to achieve their personal goals.” Dave McCready, CEO
Our Vision and Values

As an Academy we aim to:

✓ provide a high quality education so each learner achieves the success of which he or she is capable

✓ provide a safe, caring, disciplined and stimulating environment in which each individual is challenged and enriched by learning within a culture of mutual respect

✓ actively contribute to all aspects of each learner’s life and develop the social and emotional aspects of learning

✓ prepare each learner for a fulfilling, happy and successful life as an active citizen in a global and sustainable society

✓ engage in positive partnership with all parents to support and celebrate each learner’s learning and development

✓ work with other schools, colleges, employers, support services and the wider community to ensure that provision is as good as it can be for all

✓ support the professional development of staff to fulfil the needs of the individual and the academy

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Curriculum

The aims of our curriculum

Every student has the right to a curriculum that suits their needs, challenges their individual abilities, gives them every opportunity to experience success and prepares them for work and life outside of school.

We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that enables all young people to become successful students.

We aim to develop a curriculum which:

- creates an aspirational, high achievement culture
- takes into account individual needs and allows everyone to experience success
- raises standards of attainment

We aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum that enables all young people to become:

- successful students who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve
- confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
- responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society
Key Stage 3  (Years 7, 8 and 9)

We teach Key Stage 3 (KS3) in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. Our students study the core subjects of:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- ICT and Computing
- PSHCEE & Citizenship
- Expressive Arts (Art & Design, Drama and Music)
- The Humanities (History, Geography and Religious Education)
- Modern Foreign Languages (French or German)
- Physical Education
- Technology

Key Stage 4  (Years 10 and 11)

We offer a range of option choices to students at Key Stage 4 (KS4), including GCSEs in the core subjects studied at KS3 and a variety of other qualifications including BTEC, OCR National and NCFE Vocational Certificate.

The vast majority of our students take a Double Award in Science with separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics available for students who select triple science as part of their options programme.
Care and Support

SEND

Cottingham High School and Sixth Form College values the abilities and achievements of all of its students and is committed to providing the best possible learning experience for each one.

We aim to support students with SEND to fulfil their potential and to promote self-confidence, motivation and aspiration. Provision for students with SEND is regarded as a whole school responsibility.

Careers

All students will experience careers education.

Students in Years 7 – 13 will engage in careers education which helps them to understand the education, training, employment and other progression opportunities available to them.

They will have the opportunity to:

- Develop the skills they need to plan and manage their own personal development and career progression
- Access relevant information and learning from taster activities and workshops
- Make and maintain individual progression plans to help them improve their prospects of success
- Offer feedback and ideas on how to improve the careers programme

All students will have access to support in accessing information about careers.

Careers information will be easy to find and available at convenient locations, including web based career sites that are:

- Clearly labelled and referenced
- Comprehensive, giving details of all progression opportunities and associated support arrangements such as financial help
- Unbiased and up to date

School well-being dog

Students and staff at Cottingham High School are lucky to have Marlowe, the school wellbeing dog.

The benefits include support for:

- Reading programmes for struggling readers
- Social development around social skills, responsibility, self-esteem, social interaction
- Emotional health and wellbeing around sadness, stress and anxiety
- Improving poor attendance

All students will be able to obtain guidance about careers that is:

- Impartial
- Confidential
- Focussed on individual needs and fit for purpose
- Supportive of equal opportunities
- Provided by people with relevant training and expertise
Extra-curricular

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities to our students. Our staff are very generous with their time in order to enrich students' experiences and a large number of clubs and activities are available, covering a wide variety of interests.

Catering

The food at Cottingham is provided by Mellors, an external catering company.

Sample menus are available to view on the school website to give an idea of the range of food available but these menus are regularly updated.

Uniform

The wearing of uniform gives every student a sense of identity, equality and discipline as a member of our community. It encourages students to feel a sense of pride and belonging, sets clear expectations, ensures health and safety and provides an environment conducive to learning for all students, in preparation for their future working life.

Our uniform suppliers are:

http://steadyschoolwear.co.uk/

If at any time there are any queries regarding our uniform, parents/carers should contact the school to discuss further.
Our Sixth Form

Facilities

We are delighted that, during the summer of 2020, our Sixth Form Centre has been completely refurbished to provide fantastic facilities for our students.

These include the Independent Learning Centre with IT facilities; the Break-out Room which provides space for seminars and to host external speakers; the Social Sphere which provides a dedicated social space and the Hive, the heart of the sixth form, which includes a bespoke dining area.

Curriculum

We try to ensure that our Post-16 curriculum is accessible to, and appropriate for, as many of our Year 11 students as possible by providing a range of A-level and BTEC qualifications.

Our aim is to enable students to progress to a range of aspirational pathways, dependent upon their interests, aptitudes and academic ability. Students can combine academic subjects with more vocational or applied subjects but all are expected to study three subjects. Decisions around subject choices will be personalised to the student and will be based on GCSE grades, future ambitions and aspirations and personal circumstances.
We are here to help students reach their goals, realise their potential and build successful futures.

The Consortium offers a wide range of courses and opportunities. We work closely with Hessle and Wolfreton to develop a more varied curriculum and support the needs of every student. Students can choose from a wide range of different subjects, including both vocational and traditional courses. We also offer a huge range of enrichment courses, including First Aid, British Sign Language and the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification). We offer free transport services between all three campuses in the morning, at lunchtime and at the end of the day.

Many of our students go on to further study at university or college after Sixth Form. We also have a number of students who go on to secure jobs, training and apprenticeships.