



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
SAMWORTH ACADEMY



Prospectus

Nottingham University
Samworth Academy
is a state-of-the-art
11-18 Academy in
Bilborough, Nottingham.

Welcome

Nottingham University Samworth Academy provides a caring community for students to grow, learn and achieve together, both academically and as young people.

Every child has the ability to succeed and it is our aim to ensure that all pupils reach their full potential both in and out of the classroom.

NUSA exists in a partnership between Nottingham University, Samworth Academies Trust and Torch Academy Gateway Trust, and we endeavour to utilise the expertise of these three institutions to ensure your child has the best start in life.

A prospectus can only offer a flavour of the life of our school. We would be delighted to welcome you to experience our busy working community at first hand. We are proud of our school and invite you to join our future success.



**WORK
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BE KIND**



Co-Sponsor:

The Samworth Family

The Nottingham University Samworth Academy is co-sponsored by retired businessman Sir David Samworth CBE, his family and The Samworth Foundation, together with the University of Nottingham.

Sir David, who received a knighthood in 2009 for charitable services and has co-sponsored two other academies in the East Midlands, wanted to create a school that would provide the very best life chances for the young people within Nottingham. His own experience has shown him the common link between an excellent education and success in later life and he wanted to give something back to the communities in which his businesses have thrived.

Taking the culture within the Samworth Brothers businesses as a template, the co-sponsors ensured that NUSA had a clear message at the heart of daily life in the school. The Academy settled on the qualities of Courage, Courtesy and Aspiration as its watchwords.

As the Academy grows and matures, these watchwords continue to guide and inform every aspect of life at NUSA.



Ethos

Courage Courtesy Aspiration

Nottingham University Samworth Academy has a very clear and distinctive ethos. We encourage staff and students to show Courage, Courtesy and Aspiration.

We:

- work hard and be kind, simple but necessary values
- have high expectations of students and staff
- believe every student can succeed
- will ensure barriers to learning are challenged and overcome
- expect teaching to be well planned, varied and stimulating
- believe learning should be active, focused and engaging
- insist on high standards of behaviour at all times
- will support students to engage in effective learning







Pastoral Care

At Nottingham University Samworth Academy we pride ourselves on the quality of support, care and guidance given to individual pupils.

At the core of this provision is a year system led by a Head of Year and supported by an Assistant Head of Year, together with mentors and the student services support team.

This system provides your child with the care they need whilst allowing them to nurture friendships and develop a strong sense of community.

As your child progresses through NUSA, their attainment and well-being will be closely monitored, ensuring that students are recognised and rewarded when they succeed and supported when things are more challenging.

Mentors play an active role in ensuring that students are happy, well supported and fully engaged in school life. Mentors also serve as the first point of contact between school and home. You will receive regular updates about your child's progress through termly reports, online data and a Parents' Evening.

NUSA is a very caring community and the health, happiness and well-being of students underpins our overall ethos and philosophy.



Curriculum

Our curriculum follows National Curriculum guidelines and aims to provide a broad, balanced learning experience for all.

At Key Stage 3 our two-year programme covers all the National Curriculum subjects. Students are taught in ability groups in the majority of subjects, ensuring that every child is educated at a level that matches their ability.

There is a three-year programme for Key Stage 4. All students study a core consisting of English, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and Religious/Personal/Social/Health Education. Most students also study a language and either History or Geography. This is supplemented by a wide range of optional subjects, including Visual and Performing Arts, Technology and ICT courses.

We expect most of our students to achieve at least eight passes at grades A* - C, including English and Mathematics. Every student is actively encouraged to work towards the new English Baccalaureate standard, invaluable for university applications.

NUSA Post-16 offers a range of pathways for students who wish to continue learning with us during Key Stage 5. A range of A-Level courses and BTEC diplomas offer students the opportunity to improve their employability or eligibility for university. We pride ourselves on promoting the highest aspirations for all our students.





Extra-Curricular/ Working with The Community





Nottingham University Samworth Academy offers a comprehensive programme of extra-curricular activities enabling students to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

We have access to excellent sports facilities and students enjoy activities including football, netball, rugby, tennis and athletics.

The Performing Arts take a leading role in school life with regular dance and drama productions allowing all students to fully explore their creativity.

In addition, we host a wide range of enrichment activities including film club, table tennis coaching and our Radio Club.





At Nottingham University Samworth Academy, we believe that examination success allows our students to make the very most of their lives. Student achievement is at the very heart of everything we do.

Our curriculum is designed to challenge and engage students, offering them the very best preparation for examination success and the skills and confidence required to make full use of those qualifications. Exciting, engaging and inspiring lessons lie at the centre of our curriculum and as a school, we constantly strive to provide your child with the very best educational experience.

Extra-curricular activities offer a further opportunity for your child to develop the skills and understanding needed to succeed throughout their lives. A broad range of sporting, artistic and academic courses are on offer allowing students to fully explore and develop their potential.

We have a range of support services that will ensure your child's success, whatever their individual educational needs.

Achievement

Facilities



Nottingham University Samworth Academy has an outstanding range of facilities to ensure every child has the best learning opportunities. We believe it is very important to encourage our students to develop their interests and aspirations and our school provides them with the facilities to do so.



The building provides a safe, welcoming and accessible learning environment for pupils of all ages. The school has been designed to be more environmentally friendly too, with a green living roof, rain water recycling and a biodiesel boiler using renewable energy.



'The Restaurant' is at the very heart of Academy life, with healthy and nutritious food served in a modern and stylish environment.

A large, dynamic sports hall plays host to a variety of indoor activities including basketball, cricket and trampolining, encouraging our pupils to engage in a wide range of physical exercise.



For students with a passion for the performing arts. Our lecture theatre is the ideal venue for school shows and productions. The academy also has a fully equipped radio studio allowing pupils to develop their presentation skills and creativity.

All classrooms are equipped with smartboards to encourage interesting, interactive lessons. A suite of Apple iMac computers provides students with the opportunity to unleash their creativity on industry-standard software.





Transition Arrangements

We understand that the transition from Primary to Secondary education can be both an exciting and a challenging process for both pupils and parents.

Our transition arrangements are carefully planned to ensure that students are ready for a successful and enjoyable Year 7. Arrangements start in Year 5 and build up to a full school visit in the summer term of Year 6.

If you have any questions regarding transition at any stage of the process, please do not hesitate to ask. Staff are always available to answer questions at our various events or you can e-mail the school at any time.

As well as visiting our linked primary schools we regularly run information evenings for out-of-catchment parents. Details can be found on our school website.

We welcome visits to the school from prospective parents and students. If you would like to arrange a visit or if you have any questions please contact the school by phone or e-mail.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Nottingham University Samworth Academy.







Co-Sponsor: The University of Nottingham

The University of Nottingham has sponsored the Nottingham University Samworth Academy to help support and improve the life chances of the young people of Bilborough.

By working closely with the school, we can contribute to the development of a broad, balanced and innovative curriculum and provide unique opportunities for students to work with the university.

The University of Nottingham believe that by helping to raise levels of aspiration and achievement we can transform the educational opportunities for the young people that our Academies serve.



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Summary

We are immensely proud of Nottingham University Samworth Academy. At the heart of our learning community is the belief that every child matters and that every child will succeed.

We promote ambition, commitment and independence. High standards are set in the knowledge that hard work and discipline secure lifelong achievement.

NUSA will support your child with care, consideration and understanding and we promise to always challenge, motivate and engage. Educating your child is a great privilege and responsibility.







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