

## **ABOUT OUTWOOD ACADEMY ADWICK**

Outwood Academy Adwick is an 11-18, mixed, Academy of 1211 students. The Academy has an admission number of 210 at age 11, providing 1050 places for 11-16 year olds and a sixth form of between 250-300 places.

The school became an Academy on 1 September 2009, previously the school, North Doncaster Technology College, had been placed in Special Measures in May 2008. In March 2007 it had received a Notice to Improve. Outwood Grange College were asked by the local authority to work with North Doncaster Technology College during the academic year 2008/09 under a 'National Leader in Education' (NLE) contract. The College came out of Special measures in June 2009.

In 2010 the Academy's KS2-4 CVA increased to 1026.7.

In 2010 it again raised the GCSE grades with 98.22% of students achieving 5+A\*-C grades and 48.2% achieving 5+A\*-C including English and Maths.

Students attending the Academy are drawn from an area of significant deprivation, being in the bottom 21% of the most deprived areas nationally, and the Academy is located in an area ranked as the bottom 10-20% most disadvantaged nationally.

### **The Vision at Outwood Academy Adwick**

The Academy places students at the centre of everything it does, with a focus on creating a culture of success, a positive climate for learning, and increased student attainment, achievement and social and emotional development. In raising standards for its own students the Academy contributes to the raising of educational standards and achievement generally across the borough through the mutual sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources from across the education, business, industry and voluntary sectors of Doncaster and the wider regional, national and global communities.

The whole purpose of schools is that children come first and everything that is done must reflect this single goal. The Academy's mantra is an all encompassing 'Students First'. It is an absolute priority that every student, irrespective of their starting point, succeeds and achieves. In order to do this, a high quality educational experience is an entitlement for every student in the Academy, with all parties- students, staff, parents/ carers, and the wider community working together to achieve these goals for young people within the community of Adwick. Students with special needs are fully included and benefit from the focus on personalised learning and individual plans.

The Academy provides a high quality learning and cultural environment that inspires and motivates children and the wider community to engage/re-engage in education. The 'Students First' philosophy drives policy, practice and governance in order to achieve this.

Leadership development, succession planning, and capacity building for the Academy is a major priority with a heightened focus on the core subjects of Science, ICT, English and Mathematics. This is accelerated by the two main specialisms of Science and Sport with a strong emphasis on the promotion of internationalism and an overarching theme of Leadership.