

## **ABOUT OUTWOOD ACADEMY VALLEY**

Outwood Academy Valley is an 11-18, mixed, Academy of 1614 students, with Post 16 being taught at a specialised Post 16 Centre. The Academy has an admission number of 300 at age 11, providing 1500 places for 11-16 year olds and a sixth form of between 200 places.

The school will become an Academy on 1 September 2011, with the current Valley School being placed in Notice to Improve in January 2011.

In 2010 the GCSE grades rose to 58.5% of students achieving 5+A\*-C grades and 40.3% achieving 5+A\*-C including English and Maths.

Students attending the Academy will be drawn from the existing school's catchment area.

### **The Vision for Outwood Academy Valley**

The Academy will place 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 will contribute to the raising of educational standards and achievement generally across the town through the mutual sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources from across the education, business, industry and voluntary sectors of North Nottinghamshire 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 Outwood Grange Academies Trust'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 will be 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 Worksop. Students with special needs will be fully included and benefit from the focus on personalised learning and individual plans.

The Academy will provide 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 will drive 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 main specialism of Technology with a strong emphasis on the promotion of internationalism and an overarching theme of Leadership.