



**EAST LEAKE  
ACADEMY  
AND SIXTH FORM**

ENJOY, LEARN, ACHIEVE

# Sixth Form Prospectus

2020/2021



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Academies



# WELCOME

Thank you for considering our friendly and high performing sixth form for your post 16 studies. We believe that success comes through hard work, determination and opportunity. We therefore offer a wide range of level three courses taught by experienced subject specialists with a proven track record of academic success. Our dedicated team will provide all of the help, support and guidance you will need to succeed.

We also provide many opportunities to develop leadership, entrepreneurship and engagement with our local community. In a competitive world, advanced level qualifications are extremely important to access the growing range of career opportunities.

Our dedicated team of post 16 teachers are committed to offering an effective climate for teaching and learning. We provide excellent facilities in our subject areas, as well as offering our students opportunities to develop their knowledge through residential experiences and visits to higher education providers. Our enrichment programme also enables our students to undertake an employment placement as well as developing connections with local and national universities, the armed forces and providing practical life skills sessions. Our students are encouraged to create their own special interest societies, where they can build friendships and develop the soft skills favoured by employers such as team work and organisation.

Our experienced post 16 tutor team will help and support you through your studies. They will monitor attendance, attainment and attitude to learning to ensure you are maximising your potential. Tutors make regular contact with parents to ensure that every student is able to achieve the best results possible and they are guided onto the most appropriate pathway for their future. Our students are given the independence to control their own study time and to develop self-discipline in their approach to learning. Our sixth form is a place where our students flourish and fulfil their highest potential.



We look forward to receiving your application.

**Mrs Pam Slack**  
Post 16 Pastoral Leader



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## WHY CHOOSE EAST LEAKE ACADEMY?

Our sixth form is a vibrant and dynamic place to study with an array of opportunities for students to develop and shine.

Situated within our dedicated Sixth Form Centre, students are encouraged to develop independent thinking and learning skills, whilst being supported and guided in their studies by our experienced and specialist team.

Whilst our focus is academic, we also offer a wide range of enrichment and extracurricular opportunities for sixth form students to supplement their studies, with a view to expanding horizons and producing successful and well-rounded individuals who are ready for life ahead.

Being a student in our sixth form offers a challenging, stimulating and rewarding environment – a place where students flourish to fulfil their highest potential.

### Our offer:

- A wide range of courses to support future ambitions
- A Level and BTEC Level 3 options
- Excellent facilities and equipment
- All teachers based on one site
- A commitment to personalised learning
- A high success rate
- Friendly, accessible and supportive staff
- Student enrichment
- Mentors
- Pastoral care
- Extracurricular opportunities



### Outstanding results

Year on year, our sixth form goes from strength to strength. We are proud to that our **A Level pass rate is 100%**.

In 2019, our students achieved superb exam results:

Average grade score: **B**

**32%** A\*-A grades

**63%** A\*-B grades

**82%** A\*-C grades

### First-class facilities

Sixth form students enjoy independent learning in their own Sixth Form Centre, complete with a common room, refectory and IT suites. Study rooms are also available to support private study.

Additionally, within the academy we have fully equipped science laboratories, design and technology rooms, art rooms, food science facilities and IT suites. Green outdoor spaces provide the perfect backdrop for sports, complemented by two indoor sports halls, a fitness suite and an adjoining community leisure centre and swimming pool on site.



## BEYOND LEARNING

We offer students a broad range of enrichment opportunities to support learning and help develop life skills. These opportunities allow students to develop new talents and abilities, take risks, experiment with new experiences and grow in self-confidence.

Additionally, these skills support university applications, as well as making students more appealing to future employers in a highly competitive and global job market.



### Opportunities

Our students can take advantage of a wide range of opportunities, including:

- Duke of Edinburgh's Awards (up to gold level)
- Becoming a member of Student Council
- Developing business, entrepreneurial and leadership skills as part of our Young Enterprise partnership
- Drama, music, sports and themed clubs to support varied interests
- A packed programme of trips and visits
- International opportunities such as the CERN trip to Geneva, biology residential and Venture Force expeditions to worldwide locations
- Weekly sixth form enrichment sessions, including visiting speakers from a wide range of professions
- Opportunities to mentor younger students
- Managing charitable events and initiatives



### Independence

A key difference in sixth form life is the opportunity to develop more independence, preparing students for work and higher education.

Societies form a big part of life in our Sixth Form Centre and many of our students are pivotal in setting up their own clubs and societies, for example, theatre and politics clubs.

Additionally, students themselves set up social events for their peers and for the wider academy – one highlight of the academic year being the 'Sixth Form Revue', where they organise an annual show and perform to younger year groups in support of charity.





# OUR COURSES

We offer a wide range of courses tailored to individual needs.

Course choices depend on a range of considerations, such as:

- GCSE qualifications
- Career aspirations
- Subject interests

## Level 3 entry requirements

Students wishing to study A Level qualifications will need to have achieved at least a grade 6 in their chosen subject at GCSE and should be ‘on track’ throughout year 11 to achieve a grade 6 in the subject. Students following a full package of A Level qualifications will normally have at least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above (including English and maths), plus grade 6 and above in their chosen subjects.

## View our online course guide

[www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses](http://www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses)

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| Art                   | Further Maths |
| Biology               | Geography     |
| Business Studies      | German        |
| Chemistry             | History       |
| Core Maths            | Maths         |
| Design and Technology | Media Studies |
| Drama                 | Music         |
| Economics             | Photography   |
| English Language      | Physics       |
| English Literature    | PE            |
| Film Studies          | Politics      |
| Food Science          | Psychology    |
| French                | Sociology     |

## Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

At East Leake Academy, students can opt to undertake an EPQ qualification at post 16 level, alongside their A Level options.

This is a highly recognised and valuable qualification to support university applications. It consists of an independent research project on a topic chosen by the student.

The student must produce a 5,000-word essay or create a ‘product’ plus a 1,000-word essay.

Students work independently on their project but will be guided and supported by teachers.



## TRANSITION TO YEAR 12

We aim to make transition from year 11 into post 16 study as smooth as possible.

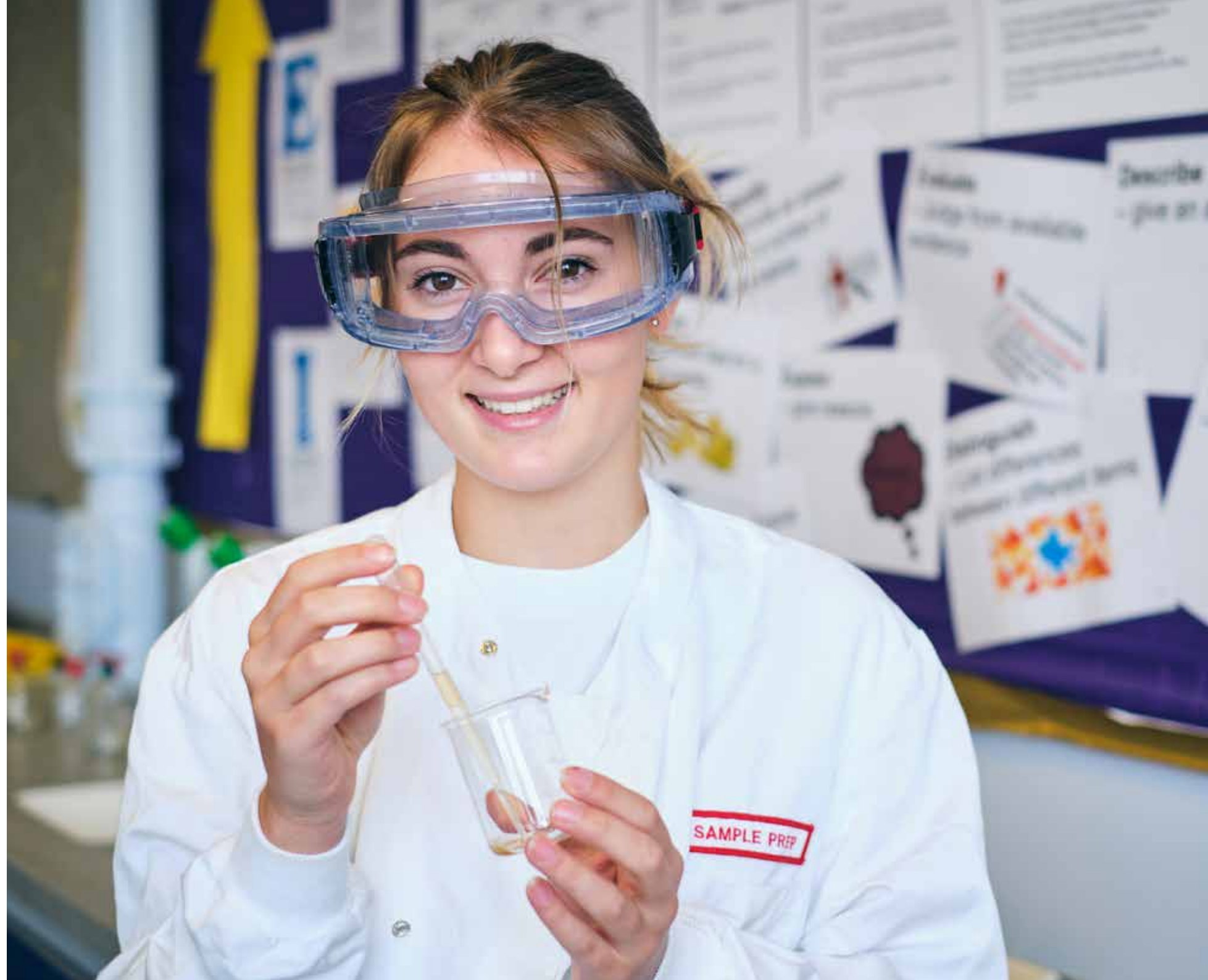
There are many differences which make studying in the sixth form both a rewarding and an enjoyable experience.

It is important to make the most of your time – this means not only working hard on your academic studies, but also getting involved in the many other opportunities on offer, for example peer mentoring of younger students.

Universities and employers like to see evidence of applicants demonstrating leadership skills or having participated in activities in the academy and the wider community.

### Life in our Sixth Form Centre

- You will need to develop more independence, utilise study time effectively and will be supported to develop self discipline in your learning approach.
- You will be focusing on fewer subjects but studying in greater depth. In order to do this you will have study periods on your timetable, which will provide you with the opportunity to complete additional research.
- Your tutor will mentor you during your time in the sixth form through regular academic tutorials.
- You will participate in an enrichment programme which offers a range of leadership and recreational activities and work experience. The activities help you to develop skills and are a valuable addition to your CV and UCAS personal statement.



## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Within our Sixth Form Centre, we place an important emphasis on preparing our students for their onward journey in life, whether that be applying to university, for an apprenticeship, or entering the world of work.

### University applications

We support students at every step of their way in applying for higher education courses. Our aspirations for ELA students are high and we encourage them to seek places at Oxbridge, Russell Group and other top universities, as well as guiding them on the right course options.

We arrange visits to university open days and UCAS fairs to help our students choose the right university for them.

In addition to having experienced staff on hand to support students in completing UCAS applications and personal statements, we also have a dedicated Oxbridge application advisor, who supports those students seeking highly coveted places at Oxford and Cambridge.



### Higher level apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly popular among students as a valuable way of earning a degree and work experience. At ELA, we work with a number of companies offering higher level apprenticeships. Notably, these include Rolls-Royce and HSBC. In 2019, two of our sixth form leavers took up higher level apprenticeships within those companies.

### Entering employment

Our careers advisor supports sixth form students looking at jobs and career options after they complete their Level 3 studies. Year 12 students also undertake a one-week work experience placement to enable them to sample working life or to support future career aspirations.

All of our sixth form students have access to a careers advisor, available in the academy on a one-to-one basis.



“East Leake Sixth Form Centre is a great place to study – there is valuable support and lots of opportunities for everyone.”

*John Turner,  
Head Boy, Year 13*



“The sixth form is really easy to transition and settle into because the support and people are great.”

*Millie Seller,  
Head Girl, Year 13*

“The academy is a great place for support and help, whether you’re struggling with maths, need help writing your personal statement, or you’re unsure about what to do after sixth form.”

*Yvonne To, Deputy Head Girl, Year 13*

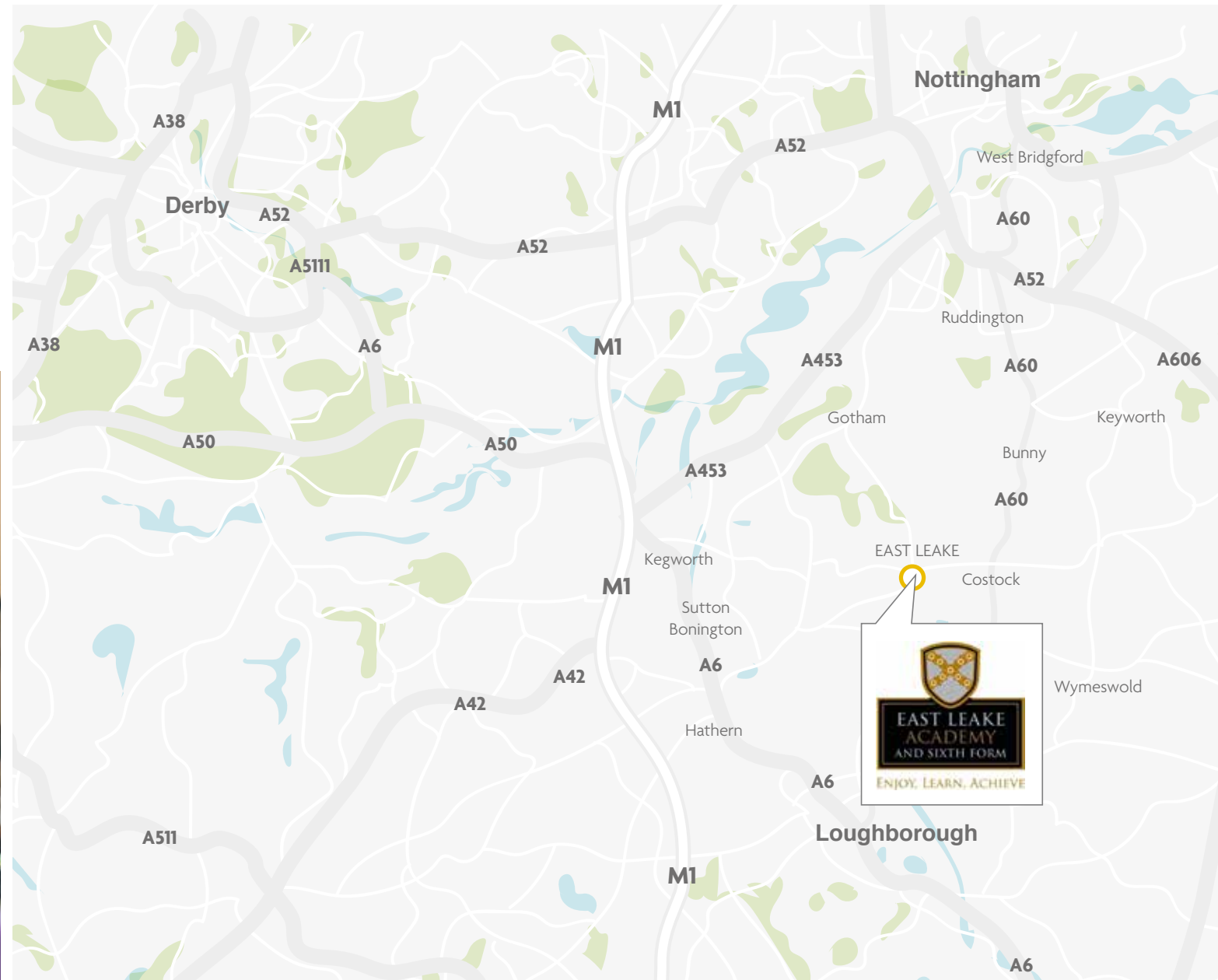
“I felt comfortable staying on at East Leake Academy – I knew the teachers from GCSE study and I trusted them to help me achieve to the best of my ability at A Level.”

*Year 12 student*



## HOW TO APPLY

For details of how to apply to our Sixth Form Centre, please visit the sixth form section of the academy website or contact **Mrs R Stephen**, Post 16 Administrator on 01509 852424 or by emailing [sixthform@eastleake-ac.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@eastleake-ac.org.uk)



## OUR LOCATION

East Leake is ideally located for easy access to Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester and Derby. We are close to all major road and rail networks. There are frequent buses from the village into Nottingham and Loughborough, providing students with easy access to national and international sporting events, shopping and city attractions.

### Contact us

For further information or to arrange a visit to the Sixth Form Centre please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Visit: [www.eastleake-ac.org.uk](http://www.eastleake-ac.org.uk)

## Diverse Academies Learning Partnership

East Leake Academy is part of the Diverse Academies Learning Partnership – a group of academies committed to the development and improvement of schools through collaboration and partnership. Our core focus is the achievement and development of each individual student. We have an established framework of core principles and practice to which all academies subscribe, whilst maintaining and developing each academy's unique identity and individual characteristics.

For more information, visit [www.dalp.org.uk](http://www.dalp.org.uk)







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