



EAST LEAKE
ACADEMY

WELCOME TO
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Academies

Principal's welcome

I am delighted that you have shown an interest in East Leake Academy, which offers a superb learning environment for 11 to 18 year olds.

When you arrive at East Leake Academy you will notice the warm and welcoming atmosphere. You will receive a greeting with a smile from both staff and students, who will talk to you about their steadfast enthusiasm and dedication to making the academy a great place to learn and achieve.

Our staff are committed to delivering an exceptional quality of education with a focus upon academic success. This is achieved through promoting high aspirations for all, whilst our excellent pastoral programme supports students' wider development to help them fulfil their potential. I would also encourage you to take the opportunity to ask staff and students about the wide range of extracurricular opportunities available, which enables our students to flourish as well-rounded citizens.

East Leake Academy is fully committed to living and promoting our ethos of teamwork, commitment, growth and

respect – and these are evident through all aspects of academy life. If you have any questions or would like to visit us on a normal academy day, then please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you and your child on the next step in their learning journey.



M B Francis
Principal



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Life at East Leake

At East Leake Academy, we have high standards and high expectations balanced with a commitment to developing happy, healthy and successful young people who go on to achieve to the best of their abilities.

Everything that we do at the academy is underpinned by our ethos of 'teamwork, commitment, growth and respect', which are firmly central to academy life.

We place good relationships at the heart of all that we do. We have high expectations at all times, ensuring that excellent learning and teaching is core to our offering. We promote independence, equality, resilience and consideration for others amongst our student body, and value the support and contribution of all of our stakeholders.

Our students receive a broad and flexible curriculum, offering multiple pathways for progression. They also have the opportunity to experience a wide range of enrichment opportunities both as part of their lessons and our broad extracurricular programme.

At East Leake Academy, we produce well-rounded and well-educated individuals who are prepared for the world beyond.



Our ethos
Teamwork
Commitment
Growth
Respect

Curriculum

Academic achievement is at the heart of all that we do here at East Leake Academy. We offer a vibrant and stimulating learning environment where students can aim high to achieve their full potential.

We offer a wide ranging curriculum designed to challenge and stretch students. All subjects have a rigorous five-year scheme of learning that aims to develop every individual learner's skills and knowledge, so that students have the ability to secure excellent Level 2 qualifications (GCSE or equivalent). We aim to help every student reach their full potential regardless of their starting point. The curriculum is also designed to prepare students with the skills and knowledge they will need to have a successful transition onto Level 3 qualifications (A Level or equivalent) during post 16 studies.

We passionately believe in students following their interests and studying a broad and balanced curriculum that is right for them as an individual. Particular focus has been placed over the years on the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects. We also believe equally in the power of creative subjects including arts, humanities, languages and physical education in helping develop well-rounded, well-informed and confident learners.

Robust monitoring systems provide regular assessment and progress to parents via reports, updates and parents' evenings.



Facilitating learning

Our modern, purpose-built academy offers the space to learn for all year groups. We have fully equipped science labs, 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 and an adjoining community leisure centre and pool on site.

Sixth Form

We have a dedicated sixth form centre at the academy. The high expectations and inclusive ethos at years 7-11 is embraced in post 16 study, whilst encouraging independence. We have a hugely talented team of teachers relentlessly monitoring the high quality of lessons, as well as a caring pastoral team who help students make those all-important decisions about the future.

For more information, visit:
www.eastleake-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/our-sixth-form

Enrichment and personal development

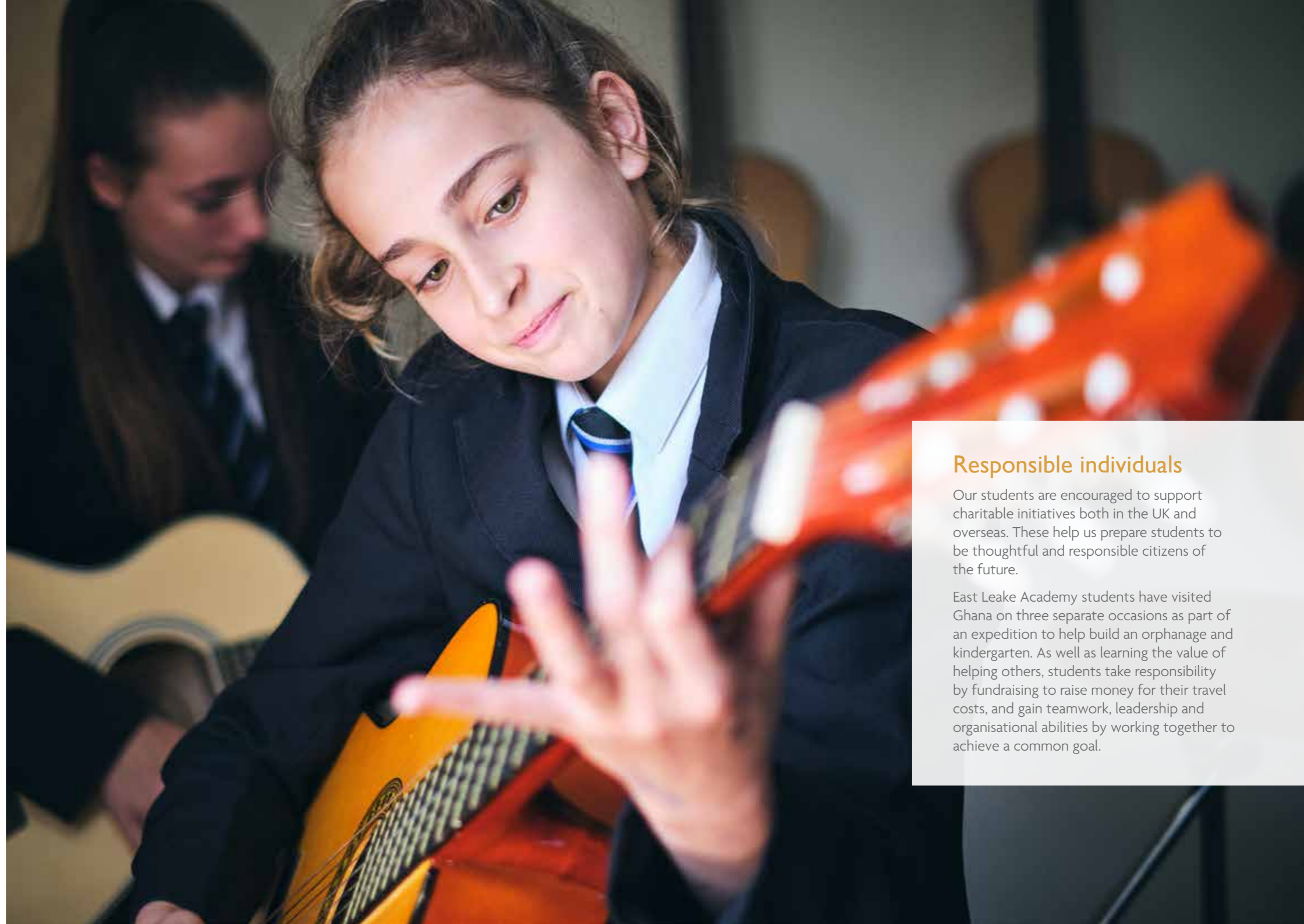
The academy experience is enhanced by a broad range of extracurricular opportunities aimed to help our students flourish as confident, well-rounded individuals.

In addition to lunch and after school clubs covering dance, drama, music, art, chess and sports, students have the opportunity to achieve in many other ways.

Our enrichment programme includes activities to enhance essential life skills, such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and to support entrepreneurial skills, participation in the Young Enterprise Network.

Students have an abundance of opportunities through educational trips, careers fairs and university visits, as well as hearing from visiting speakers to the academy.

Our overseas links help students broaden their horizons in an increasingly global world. We have a run a German exchange programme for over twenty years, as well as offering an annual ski trip to Italy. Other residential visits to Europe help our students develop cultural understanding and awareness.



Responsible individuals

Our students are encouraged to support charitable initiatives both in the UK and overseas. These help us prepare students to be thoughtful and responsible citizens of the future.

East Leake Academy students have visited Ghana on three separate occasions as part of an expedition to help build an orphanage and kindergarten. As well as learning the value of helping others, students take responsibility by fundraising to raise money for their travel costs, and gain teamwork, leadership and organisational abilities by working together to achieve a common goal.

Support and guidance

Pastoral care

At the academy, we embrace a horizontal tutoring system. Each day, students join their tutor group for a 20-minute session that provides a range of activities designed to support their own personal development. A horizontal system enables a bespoke pastoral programme to be followed that meets the needs of the year group and allows students to form positive relationships with their peers.

Our support networks include pastoral leaders for each year group, a student support team, a careers advisor and a dedicated counsellor who runs a range of wellbeing and additional specialist support programmes for our young people.

Students are placed within one of our four houses when they join us and will take part in challenges, such as sports days, as part of their house.

Our houses – Eagle, Harrier, Kestrel and Osprey.



Student leadership

We offer a number of opportunities for students to take part in leadership roles, such as head girl and boy, house captains and vice-captains, peer mentors, sports ambassadors, eco and community ambassadors, and enterprise ambassadors.

Careers

We are proactive in ensuring all students engage with a comprehensive programme of careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG). We have a dedicated careers leader who supports students with individual and impartial advice and guidance. Our careers programme starts right from year 7 and continues into sixth form.

SEND

The academy offers robust support for students with special educational needs, focused on communication and interaction, cognition and learning, behaviour, and emotions and social development. Our staff also work with outside agencies for additional specialist advice and provision. Our inclusive ethos aims to encourage all students to be actively involved in their own learning. This involves valuing all students and staff equally, reducing barriers to learning and providing appropriate support so that all students feel able to participate.



“ The transition from primary school to starting at the academy in year 7 has been superb – my daughter settled in really well and loves being part of her house and getting to know other students from different year groups. ”

Year 7 parent



“ Teachers have been supportive and helpful with all aspects of my child’s education and, as a result, they have gained confidence and thrived since joining East Leake Academy. ”

Year 9 parent



“ Our facilities are brilliant and you can take part in lots of sports, as well as drama or music clubs. There’s something for everyone. ”

Year 8 student

“ The academy provides so many extracurricular opportunities outside of the classroom which have been brilliant for my son to explore new interests and passions. ”

Year 8 parent



Admissions

There are a number of ways to find out if East Leake Academy is right for your child. Each year, we host an open evening in September, plus academy tours throughout term time.

How to apply

To apply for a place at East Leake Academy, parents and carers will need to submit an application to Nottinghamshire County Council by the published deadline. The application process for year 7 normally opens in August each year, closing in late October, with offers made to families in the following March.

Further details of how to apply can be found on the 'admissions' section of our website: www.eastleake-ac.org.uk.

If you have any questions at all about applying to the academy, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Diverse Academies

East Leake Academy is part of the Diverse Academies Trust – 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.diverseacademies.org.uk





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