



# School prospectus 2022/23

# Welcome

Our aim is simple, to offer an outstanding education for the pupils in partnership with Parents and Governors. It is our belief that each individual pupil should receive an education that is rich in terms of knowledge, skills concepts and relationships, developing the ability to challenge and communicate as well as supporting the individual in developing self-confidence and self-belief. We educate our pupils to reach their full potential in an inclusive, happy and secure environment.

## **School Vision: Castle...never stops learning!**

- We are a community that embraces diversity to empower all to grow.
- We achieve through challenge, inspiring open minds and developing the skills for life long learning by working together for the future of every child.
- At Castle Academy there is an understanding and respect for all, regardless of race, gender or ability.
- We aim to encourage the whole school community to take risks in the pursuit of excellence.
- We celebrate creativity and success but acknowledge that we learn from our mistakes.
- We are committed to raising standards and setting high expectations through exceptional teaching.
- We aim to enable all to fulfil their potential and we celebrate their range of achievements.
- We believe a sense of belonging is vital for all members of the inclusive Castle community.
- We develop the whole child in a happy, secure and caring environment.
- We have pride in the school and are partners in being the best we can be.

**Mr Daniel Lugg**  
**Head of School**



# Curriculum

At Castle Academy every child has the best possible start to their learning journey; this is reflected in our curriculum which has clear progression from EYFS to Year 6 and is personalised to all learners. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum which aims to promote collaborative, resilient, resourceful and reflective learners.

Castle Academy personalises the curriculum by making it accessible to all: our curriculum is inclusive. It encompasses the needs of all learners and is delivered by passionate and supportive staff who strive for quality and consistency. The impact of our tailored curriculum enables children to think more deeply, be positive role models and face ongoing challenges confidently whilst remaining engaged in lifelong





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learning. Our children are prepared for a successful future which will lead to happy and fulfilled adult lives, developed through our school values of hope, trust, pride and respect.

Our school is situated in a culturally rich and diverse community, and we take every opportunity to celebrate our commonalities and differences by teaching children to work respectfully and cooperatively. We develop our pupils' sense of community both in and out of school, so they can leave school with the habits and attitudes which will serve them throughout their lives. This gives our pupils the confidence to thrive in the modern world.

At Castle Academy we believe that we, alongside everyone within our community, are on a continuous learning journey, working together to improve and grow. To fulfil this belief, we underpin our curriculum with positive learning experiences to motivate and inspire our pupils and promote positive wellbeing.



# Performance

Castle Academy is rated a good school by Ofsted.

"Pupils demonstrate the school's values of respect, hope, pride and trust through their actions."

"Leaders want to give all pupils the best possible start to their education. They regularly consider how they can improve the curriculum and pastoral support to ensure that all pupils achieve their potential."

"The teaching of early reading is a strength of the school. Leaders ensure that all pupils learn to read as quickly as possible."

"One pupil summed up the views of many when he said, 'Good things happen here. Everyone helps each other'."

*Ofsted, January 2022*



# School day

8.00am: Breakfast club

8:40am: School gates open; classroom doors open

8:55am: Classroom doors close; the register is taken

9.00am: Morning lessons begin

10:30am – 10:45am: Reception & Year 1  
breaktime

10:45am – 11.00am: Year 2 – Year 6 breaktime

12.00pm – 1.00pm: Lunchtime

1.00pm: Afternoon lessons begin

3:15pm: End of school day

3:15pm - 4:15pm: After school clubs

3:15pm - 5:30pm: After school Wrap Care





# Pupil welfare

Castle Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all stakeholders involved in the organisation to share this commitment.

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in our care. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where everyone is respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse, neglect, exploitation and radicalisation and follow our procedures to ensure that children effect support, protection and justice. Where there are concerns, we have a duty to refer those concerns; contributing to the assessment of a child's needs, and towards on-going actions to meet those needs.



# About East Midlands Academy Trust

East Midlands Academy Trust was incorporated in September 2012. East Midlands Academy Trust is a Multi Academy Trust based in the centre of Northampton. Since incorporation, the MAT now includes five primary academies, one secondary academy and one all-through 4-19 Free School. East Midlands Academy Trust's key ambition is straightforward - to create excellent academies.

## **Vision, Values and Purpose**

*'Every child deserves to be the best they can be'*

We are driven by a strong moral purpose that every child has the right to outstanding teaching and leadership. It is our mission to work with our children, their parents and carers and our staff to create excellent schools. Schools that demonstrate integrity of purpose through high aspiration for every child. We set high expectations for our leaders and teachers to support and stretch every child. We ensure that they make excellent progress and build the skills, knowledge and attributes that will prepare them well for secondary school and beyond.







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