

# THE VALE ACADEMY

# PROSPECTUS

2023/24



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# WELCOME TO THE VALE ACADEMY

The Vale is an exciting place to learn. Our fabulous learning environment means that students are able to learn in modern, well equipped and cared for spaces. We are a successful and high-achieving school. We have an excellent reputation and an established trend of high student outcomes which are consistently above those achieved nationally.

Our aim has always been to provide all students with the best possible education to enable them to reach their full potential. Our new facilities enhance our excellent teaching and learning still further and contribute to our drive for on-going success.

At The Vale Academy we have a strong tradition of academic achievement based firmly on the high expectations we have of our students. Children learn best when they are inspired, challenged and engaged. Our teachers therefore provide innovative, motivational lessons to ensure students make excellent progress.

The rigour expected in the classroom is balanced by the many extra-curricular and enrichment activities on offer which we believe really help to instil a passion for learning as well as nurturing individual talents. Indeed one of our key principles is to encourage students to 'Join In' and participate fully in the life of the academy. As a result our students are well rounded, caring young people who have high aspirations.

We are proud of our academy and our students' achievements. We know them well and our talented team of staff genuinely want the best for the young people in our care.

We are also very well supported by parents, carers, governors and Delta Academies Trust. We hope our prospectus provides an insight into what makes our academy so successful.

Visitors to the academy are always welcome, either through open days or by prior appointment, and we hope you will take the opportunity to experience first hand the fantastic work we do.

Andrew Collins  
Associate Principal





**"STUDENTS' CONDUCT  
AROUND THE ACADEMY,  
THEIR EXCELLENT MANNERS,  
MATURE ATTITUDES TOWARDS  
EACH OTHER AND TO ADULTS  
ARE EXEMPLARY."**

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# DELTA ACADEMIES TRUST

## ...CHANGING LIVES

The name Delta is synonymous with change and the Trust is determined to change educational outcomes and lives for the students and pupils it serves across the North of England.

The relentless focus of the Trust is on what is in the best interests of the children and the communities its academies serve. Delta is a single-trust multi-academy sponsor. In that capacity, it acts as one employer across all the academies which it sponsors.

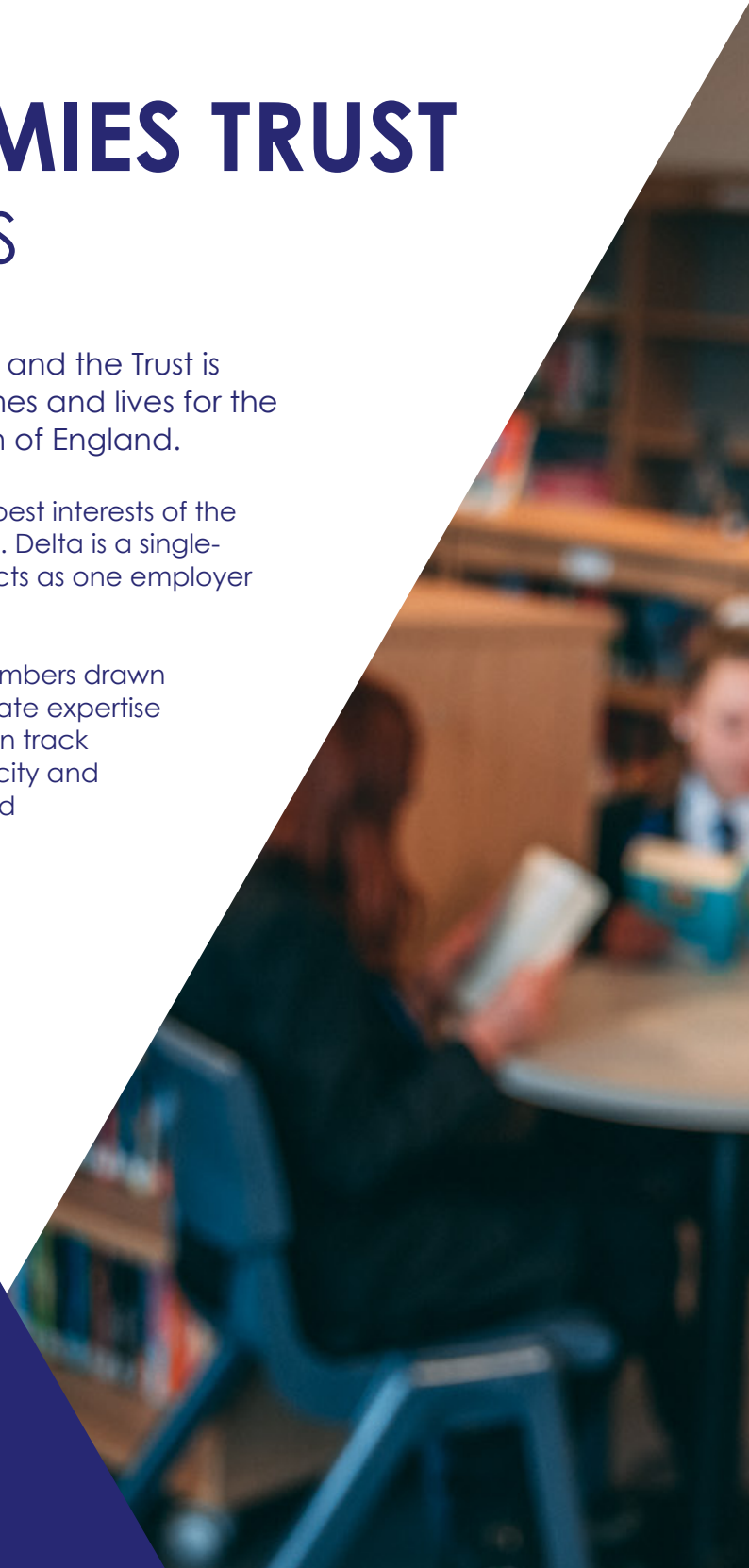
Delta is an exempt educational charity with its members drawn from the public sector and Directors with appropriate expertise appointed on a voluntary basis. Delta has a proven track record as well as the educational expertise, capacity and experience to secure transformational change and sustainable academy improvement.

Paul Tarn  
CEO



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MUCH EASIER'.**

***Student***







# OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Vale Academy strives to provide:

- a **secure, welcoming** learning environment where the individual needs of all students are recognised;
- a **vibrant, purposeful** learning environment where students achieve their very best through **committed and motivational teaching**;
- an **aspirational** learning environment **dedicated to high expectations**;
- a **positive, supportive** community ethos of mutual respect;
- a philosophy of **continuous improvement** in every aspect of the academy's work and life;
- for students to become **responsible, enthusiastic, independent learners** who develop the skills to achieve **happy, healthy and fulfilling lives**.







# OUR PRINCIPLES

## THE VALE WAY

**"The Vale Way" underpins everything we do and has three main principles which apply to all members of the academy community.**

### EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS

We endeavour to provide all students, irrespective of ability, with the highest possible quality of learning and teaching.

Examination results are a strong measure of our success as well as essential to students' futures.

### "JOIN IN, JOIN IN"

In order to make the most of their time at The Vale Academy we encourage our students to involve themselves in as many extra curricular activities as possible. These enhance students' educational experiences as well as promoting fun and enjoyment.

### THE VALE COMMUNITY

There is a strong sense of community at The Vale Academy and we expect our students to show care, loyalty and support for each other, to behave in a way which supports all students' learning and to be kind, courteous and helpful. We emphasise the importance of teamwork, of tackling bullying and of showing understanding towards each other. We hope that by ensuring all members of the community promote "The Vale Way", our academy is happy, strong and an excellent place to learn.

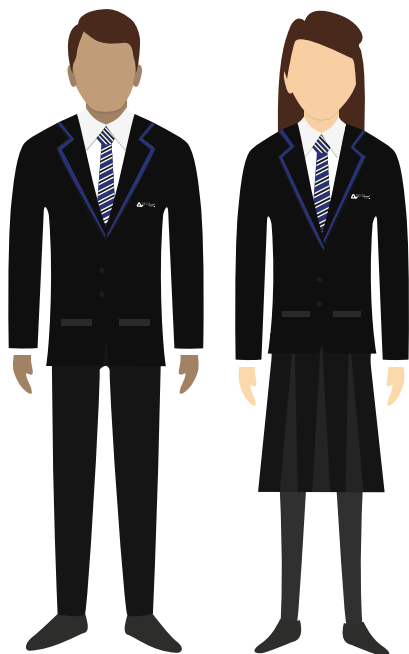






# UNIFORM

## GUIDE



### School Uniform

White Shirt. (fitted blouses are not allowed)

Plain black, long-sleeved V neck Jumper (optional)

Academy Tie.

Academy Blazer (black with blue trim and Delta/Vale logo).

Plain black trousers or skirt with the Delta logo preferred.

Plain black socks or tights.

Sensible plain black shoes that are smart and can be polished must be worn. Trainers or trainer style footwear with logos are not acceptable. Stiletto, high heels or boots that cover the ankle including 'ugg' style boots are prohibited.

### Jewellery, Hair Colour and Make Up

For health and safety reasons jewellery should be limited to a wrist watch. No facial or body piercing allowed. No make up and only natural hair colours allowed.

### Student PE Kit and Equipment

#### Indoor

- Vale Short Sleeve PE top
- Vale Long Sleeve PE top (outdoor only)
- Blue Vale PE shorts or Skort
- White socks (indoor)
- Clean non-marking trainers

#### Outdoor

- Vale Academy long sleeved PE top (outdoor use only)
- Delta logo track suit bottoms (outdoor use only)
- Sky blue football /hockey socks
- Football/hockey boots





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**‘THE EXTREMELY CARING ETHOS OF THE ACADEMY EMPHASISES MUTUAL RESPECT, CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS AND TOLERANCE AND HAS HAD A DEEP POSITIVE AND LONG-LASTING EFFECT ON STUDENTS’ SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING.’**

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# A DAY AT THE VALE

08.45am-09.45am PERIOD 1

09.45am-10.45am PERIOD 2

10.45am-11.30am BREAK / INTERVENTION -  
EPC / ASSEMBLY

11.30am-12.30pm PERIOD 3

12.30pm-2.05pm LUNCH / PERIOD 4

2.05pm-3.10pm PERIOD 5

10.45am-11.00am BREAK - YEAR 7 & 8

11.15am-11.30am BREAK - YEAR 9, 10 & 11

12.30pm-1.05pm LUNCH - YEAR 7

1.00pm-1.35pm LUNCH - YEAR 8 & 9

1.30pm-2.05pm LUNCH - YEAR 10 & 11

8.45am START TIME

3.10pm FINISH TIME







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**'THE TEACHERS MAKE  
LESSONS INTERESTING BUT ALSO  
PUSH US AND MAKE SURE  
WE ARE WELL PREPARED FOR  
OUR EXAMS'.**

**Student**

# WHO TO CONTACT AT THE VALE

Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the academy if there is anything that concerns them. Please telephone us in the first instance. The first points of contact are the Learning Managers who are available every day from 8.15am to 4.15 pm.

We believe it is important that parents and carers are able to access senior staff and therefore we offer a drop in session with the Leadership Team where no appointment is needed on Monday evenings from 3.30pm until 5.00pm.

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Associate Principal  
Andrew Collins

Assistant Principal  
Graham West

Assistant Principal  
Colleen Zietsman

Assistant Principal  
Emma-Jane Parkin

## GOVERNING BODY DETAILS

Correspondence

Chair of Academy Advisory Board  
c/o The Vale Academy  
Atherton Way  
Brigg  
DN20 8AR

Chair of Academy Advisory Board  
Mrs Pat Kemshell



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TERMS ABOUT HOW TEACHERS  
GO OUT OF THEIR WAY  
'TO MAKE LEARNING  
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# TRANSFERRING FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Our admission policy is operated by North Lincolnshire Council and our admission limit is 162. Our partner primary schools are: Broughton Primary School; Brigg Primary School; Kirmington Church of England Primary School; St Barnabas' Church of England Primary School; Worlaby Academy and Wrawby St Mary's Church of England Primary School.**

We also welcome students from a wider area who do not necessarily attend our partner schools.

Although starting a new school is an exciting time, it may also be a daunting prospect. By the time September arrives your son or daughter will already know quite a lot about our academy. Liaison between The Vale and our partner primary schools is very strong and continues throughout the year with a carefully planned induction programme organised to ensure a smooth and happy transition from primary to secondary education.

## **OUTLINE OF OUR INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR INCOMING YEAR 7 STUDENTS**

Our transition programme is designed to ensure that students can move to The Vale with as little anxiety as possible. This allows them to settle to their work quickly, happily and with enthusiasm.

The process begins in Year 5 with our partner primary schools. Students visit us for a day during the spring term and participate in a range of activities.

The Principal enjoys a positive relationship with all of the primary headteachers and visits regularly.

The initial open day and evening is held at The Vale in September. This provides an opportunity for prospective students and parents/carers to look around the academy and see us in action. Staff and students are available to meet with parents/carers and answer questions.

Once a place has been offered, the Assistant Principal with responsibility for transition will then visit every prospective student in their respective primary school during the month of June. All students will be invited to spend a full day at The Vale in July to familiarise themselves with the academy, meet their future classmates, experience lessons and sample the canteen service.

On the same evening parents/carers are invited to the academy for a further evening event to conclude the intake process and meet key staff.

## **TRANSFER TO THE VALE ACADEMY DURING THE YEAR**

Please telephone the academy to make an appointment to meet the appropriate member of staff. At this meeting you will be given an opportunity to look around the academy at work and see what we have to offer. It would be helpful if your son/ daughter could accompany you on the visit.





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**'THE TEACHING STAFF AT THE VALE ARE OUTSTANDING. THEIR PASSION FOR THEIR SUBJECTS SHINES THROUGH AND THEY APPEAR TO HAVE AN EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH THE STUDENTS, BALANCED WITH LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE REQUIRED FOR SUCCESS.'**

**Parent**

# GUIDANCE

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### TUTOR GROUPS

All students at The Vale are placed in Year tutor groups when they start at the academy.

In order to maintain positive relationships between parents and tutors, each tutor acts as the first point of contact for parents with issues regarding their child. Tutors make contact with parents, through parents' evenings and phone calls, to ensure parents are involved in their child's education and are kept up to date with the progress their child is making at the academy.

### TEACHING AND LEARNING

At The Vale Academy we are committed to delivering high quality learning experiences for all our students.

We use a wide variety of teaching strategies to ensure that every child, regardless of their ability, is able to access the curriculum and achieve their potential. Most importantly we aim to inspire young people to develop their love of learning. Our teachers are also learners and we have a detailed continuing professional development programme in place to ensure that our teachers up to date with current educational developments and constantly improve their own skills and classroom practice. We have a clear, rigorous and fair approach to instilling the highest standards of behaviour at the academy. This serves to guarantee the best possible learning experiences available to our young people.

Clear Delta Academies Trust policies and practice empowers us to ensure our students learn in lessons with clear, aspirational learning objectives, challenging, well-paced and engaging activities.

### REWARDS

The academy has developed the rewards system alongside the student leadership team to ensure that students value this system and it inspires them to achieve to their highest potential. Students receive achievement points and prizes for exceptional work and attendance. These achievement points are also entered into prize draws in Celebration assemblies. Celebration assemblies recognise all aspects of educational achievement and progress.

Excellent work is also showcased through Proud Thursday and students receive certificates for work that demonstrates high levels of effort and application.

Students at The Vale are encouraged to make Pledges and earn their 'Colours.' Being awarded a Colour is a prestigious honour. Colours are awarded for supporting the wider curriculum and for students' own personal development.





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**'THE VALE WAS DEFINITELY THE  
RIGHT CHOICE FOR US; OUR  
DAUGHTER IS SETTLED AND  
HAPPY AT SCHOOL AND IS  
MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.'**

**Parent**



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