



JOHN PORT
SPENCER ACADEMY

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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It is a privilege to welcome you to John Port Spencer Academy. We understand that the decision about where to entrust the care of your child is extremely important and we thank you for considering John Port Spencer Academy. As a school community we pride ourselves on the fact that our students are happy and enjoy the experience of learning with us in all kinds of ways.

We realise that achievement comes in many different forms and we are committed to ensuring that your child has every opportunity to succeed, grow in confidence and make the most of their individual gifts and talents.

John Port is a flourishing school with great examination results, high quality teaching and learning, an inspiring curriculum (complemented by sporting and musical achievements) and a wide, varied programme of extra-curricular opportunities.

The John Port Way and our values of Joy - Progress - Success - Act are unique to our school and underpin all that we do: we want our students to be happy and to develop and fulfil their individual potential.

We know that your child's education is precious and as teachers we are privileged to play a part in helping shape so many exciting futures. At John Port Spencer Academy this is a responsibility that we fully embrace. We very much hope that you will choose to join us in September.

Laura O'Leary
Principal



SPENCER ACADEMIES TRUST

The Spencer Academies Trust is a family of schools located across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, and Leicestershire. We are proud to provide a quality education for over 18,000 children and young people from a diverse array of communities, guided always by our core values: aspiration, partnership and responsibility. At SAT, we understand that when it comes to learning, there is no “one size fits all” solution. John Port Spencer is a living embodiment of this. It has its own distinctive ‘John Port’ ethos, but is very much a proud Spencer academy. Achieving our mission of providing high quality education and delivering the best possible outcomes for children and young people means working with our communities to address their specific needs. You see this lived out every day at John Port Spencer. It’s our shared values that unite us across the trust: aspiring to bring the highest standards of education to all our communities; working together in partnership to build each other up; and holding ourselves accountable to our responsibilities to our students, teachers, and communities.





OUR SCHOOL

We are a school that knows itself well, a school with clear strategic direction and a strong vision for the future, a school that is committed to continuous improvement and a school that is driven to ensure that each individual young person in our care receives the very best education possible. We embrace excellence and academic rigour, but this is set within a wider framework to ensure a rounded approach to personal development, rooted in service and community. We have excellent students and brilliant staff, colleagues who are committed to ensuring that the young people in our care achieve and succeed and make the most of their individual gifts and talents.

John Port Spencer Academy has continued on a pathway of success with examination results. We are proud of the achievements of our young people both in and outside the classroom but value the importance of exceptional results to ensure our students can follow the pathway they desire on leaving John Port Spencer Academy.





CARING AND A HAPPY SCHOOL

We believe in the limitless potential of our students and that every student deserves an education which enables them to be as successful as possible.

John Port is a very special place to be. Our unique university style campus setting fosters independence and global readiness. For new students joining us, our school quickly will feel like home, where students learn, grow, and become world ready. By week 2 of Year 7, children know the campus like the back of their hand. Our friendly staff are also always here to guide students.

We have a dedicated pastoral team working each day to support all students, which includes Form Tutors, Heads of Year and Pastoral Managers. We pride ourselves on the strong relationships that our staff have with students.





THE JOHN PORT EXPERIENCE

THE JOHN PORT EXPERIENCE – OUR CURRICULUM

We take pride in offering a diverse and well-rounded curriculum that includes a wide array of subjects. Our ambitious curriculum aims to prepare every student for the next chapter of their lives.

We understand the significance of a smooth transition process and collaborate closely with our feeder primary schools. This ensures that every student benefits from a visit by our transition team, helping to reinforce and build upon the knowledge they acquired in primary education as they start secondary school.

Our top priority is to maintain exceptional learning quality. We aim to provide a variety of experiences and learning methods to ensure that all students can thrive and reach their full potential. Our lessons are guided by research-based teaching strategies, and ongoing professional development for staff keeps us aligned with the latest educational advancements.

THE JOHN PORT EXPERIENCE – PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Personal Development at John Port Spencer Academy is everything we do in school in order to ensure students leave with the capacity to maximise their life chances.

We are extremely proud of the wealth of opportunities we provide for students to go 'beyond the curriculum', which exist to enhance their personal development and support their cultural and social awareness, so that can flourish into well-rounded individuals.

Raising student aspirations is at the core of our values. As such, students in all year groups undertake tutor time sessions and are given a range of wider opportunities to expand their understanding of careers. Through long standing links with both local and national universities and companies, students are able to engage first hand with these academics and employers, ensuring that they leave us well prepared to make highly informed career decisions.



THE JOHN PORT EXPERIENCE - BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A broad range of activities take place at John Port Spencer Academy which supplement the taught curriculum and allow your child to flourish. With clubs in the arts, music and sports, alongside games, culture and the super curriculum, there are many opportunities for your child to develop and thrive. There is also a wealth of opportunities for young people to hone their leadership skills, whether through the school prefect scheme or through our student leadership programme.





THE JOHN PORT CULTURE

At our school, we maintain high standards in all aspects, including attendance, uniform, and behaviour, because we strive for the best outcomes for our students. This means every student should arrive before the school day begins, prepared to learn with the necessary equipment. We encourage our students to adopt a positive attitude and demonstrate effective learning behaviours, enabling everyone to reach their potential and make outstanding progress. Upholding high standards is crucial—not only in the quality of work produced but also in how students dress and behave throughout the school.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Punctuality is not just an important life skill; it significantly impacts learning. Arriving on time sets a positive routine for students and allows them to start the day focused. To maximise learning time, students must be on site by 8.40 a.m.





THE INDIVIDUAL

TRANSITION

The personalised approach begins whilst your child is in primary school. We make every effort to ensure that the transition to John Port is smooth and successful with a dedicated transition team. Our taster days, open evenings and transition days are designed to help your child to become familiar with key staff and the school.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

As students progress throughout their time at John Port, a student support team ensures that children can achieve academically, personally and socially. Tutors and achievement leaders work closely together as part of that team to understand your child and support their learning.

WELLBEING SUPPORT

Our wellbeing team is committed to supporting students with SEMH concerns. We focus on supporting, educating and providing strategies for all students to thrive. The Wellbeing Team also provides our Early Help Support, focusing on supporting students and their families who may be facing challenges.

ACHIEVEMENT & BEHAVIOUR

Our school has an achievement and behaviour pathway designed to recognise and reward student success. Values points are awarded by all staff to acknowledge students' progress in key learner attributes.

SEND

The inclusion and intervention team supports many students who find learning a challenge. Alongside your support, we identify and support students who require additional support. We then provide all staff with precise information on how to support students to access the same curriculum as their peers. Should your child require an Educational Health Care Plan or funding towards support, our team will liaise with all the relevant agencies to ensure this successfully supports their learning, allowing all students to achieve their potential.



SIXTH FORM EDUCATION AT JOHN PORT SPENCER ACADEMY

At John Port Spencer Academy, we have a very successful sixth form offering a wide variety of Post 16 courses. We provide a high-quality supportive environment offering full time academic and general education courses that equip students with the qualifications, skills and attributes for a successful future in higher education, employment and life.

We offer a range of pathways. Alongside a comprehensive A Level offering we have an expanding range of vocational courses over two years, offering more choice than ever to students. The sixth form staff team at John Port Spencer Academy successfully supports students for entry to university, apprenticeship or employment. Students have access to strong careers guidance and opportunities including a Medical Society and Oxbridge programme, amongst others.

John Port Spencer Academy Sixth Form is the Post 16 destination of choice for our own Year 11 leavers and continues to be popular among those from other 11-16 schools. We provide an extensive range of courses, developed in line with the aspirations of our students, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity for a truly personalised study programme.





Destinations at JPSA

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have gone to work for
some great companies

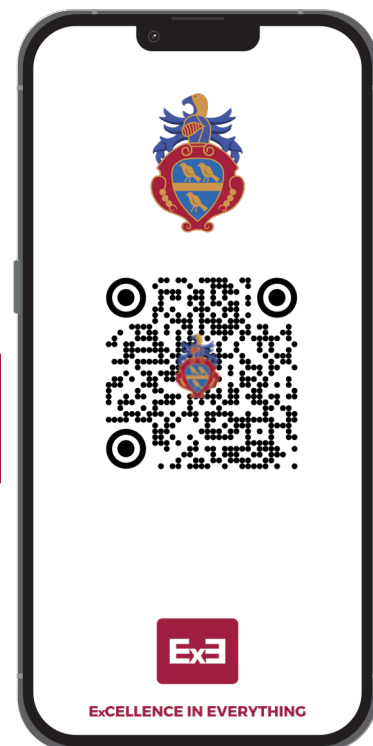
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The best way to experience John Port is to see it for yourself. We are always happy to welcome visitors. Further information can be found on our website. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like more information.



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Welcome to John Port Spencer Academy. The information on this page will help you and your child with the transition process from Primary to Secondary school. It is also a valuable source of information for students and parents who are joining John Port Spencer Academy as in-year admissions.

The academy will contact parents directly by email during the transition process for your child. Please check your spam/junk email folder for any correspondence.

Please see the following useful links below:

- [Guide to Transition](#)



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