

# Congratulations Cotgrave!



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#### The Facts

At South Wolds Academy we help each of our students achieve the very best they can both academically and socially, within a caring environment. So much so that Ofsted rated us **Outstanding** for both attainment and for care, guidance and support in our last inspection.

 GCSE results in top 10% of non-selective schools nationally

 20% of students attained 5 or more A-A\* at GCSE in 2011 including English and Maths

 10% of students achieve 10 or more A\*- A GCSE Grades

 In top 100 non-selective schools sending students to Oxford and Cambridge

Youth Sports Trust Silver Partner

 Specialist language academy offering four languages to A level

 The only school in the area to have the Gold Careers Mark

"The school has been really supportive and flexible so that I can combine training twice a day with studying for my GCSEs"

Hannah, Year 11





# "There is always something happening that you can take part in"

Eden, Year 8

Eden has jumped at the chance to join in at South Wolds – from winning the Christmas card competition last year, to playing in the steel band and learning Japanese and piano.

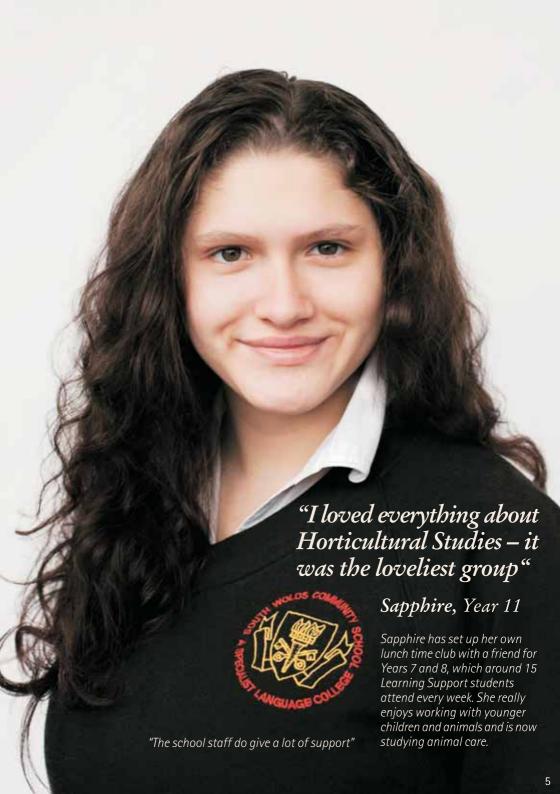
"There is a really good atmosphere in the school – it is always so busy and lively".

"I enjoy making sure everybody gets a chance to be involved"

Aidan, Year 11

Aidan is predicted top grades in his GCSEs this year, but that hasn't stopped him getting involved in school life. He has been on the School Council for four years, and is now the Sports Olympic Rep for his tutor group.





# "The best thing about South Wolds is the people – both the pupils and the teachers"

Angelo, Year 11

Angelo is also predicted top grades in his GCSEs this year, but finds time to do inter-tutor sports, science club and the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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"I enjoy hearing all the small parts make one big piece of music" Emily, Year 9

Emily has played the cornet since she was 8, and is now Grade 4, and loves playing in the school Ensemble Band.

"It is great being part of something so big".



## "There are opportunities here that you don't get at other schools – like learning Japanese" Michael, Year 12

Michael got A\* in 7 GCSEs and A in a further 2, and is now studying history, French, Japanese and English Literature at A level.

"It is a good Sixth Form too, and the quality of teaching is great".

### "All four of our children attended South Wolds, and have gone on to university"

Mike Taylor chose South Wolds for his four children when they relocated to Cotgrave.

"We visited all 3 schools in the area and South Wolds stood out as the most child-centered and was the children's choice and ours. All four were challenged academically, supported during periods of upheaval in their lives and settled quickly into the South Wolds school community. They also enjoyed music, drama and sport while there, and have gone on to be happy and successful in their own ways."

Mike Taylor, Cotgrave

#### Special thanks...

With special thanks to all of the Cotgrave students who helped us make this booklet. There are over 150 Cotgrave students in school, and there were so many great stories of achievement that we are only sorry that we couldn't include them all.



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