



The South Wolds Academy  
and Sixth Form

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*We have heard some nasty rumours lately that Cotgrave students don't do as well at school as other local children. Well, here at South Wolds Academy, that is just not true. The students from Cotgrave at South Wolds have always done really well – and here are just a few of their stories so that you can see why we want to congratulate Cotgrave.*

*From September 2014 governors will guarantee your child a place at South Wolds if you put us as your first choice of school. If you would like to see for yourself what the South Wolds Academy can offer Cotgrave students, please call us on 0115 937 3506 and we can arrange for you to visit us and have a look around the school.*

*Andrew George, Headteacher.*



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*“It is great playing  
in the band with  
your friends, and it  
gets you more  
experienced”*

*Michael, Year 8*

*Michael plays the saxophone in the school band, and is already at Grade 4. “My parents wanted me to join the band, and it was really good. I am looking forward to the music trip to Belgium.”*

## 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*



*Hannah competes at national level in swimming, and has had to increase her training as she is hoping to compete in the 2014 Commonwealth Games and the 2016 Rio Olympics.*



*“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.





*“I loved everything about Horticultural Studies – it was the loveliest group”*

*Sapphire, Year 11*

Sapphire has set up her own lunch time club with a friend for Years 7 and 8, which around 15 Learning Support students attend every week. She really enjoys working with younger children and animals and is now studying animal care.

*“The school staff do give a lot of support”*





*“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.

“There are loads of different types of people, from Keyworth, Tollerton and Cotgrave and you feel part of something bigger”.




*“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”.*



*South Wolds is large enough to offer lots of opportunities for our youngsters to take part in exciting experiences outside the classroom, but small enough to treat every child as an individual.*

*These opportunities include:*

- *Exchange visits to Japan, Spain, Germany and France*
- *Gold, Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award*
- *South Wolds Academy Extra – a wide range of after school activities throughout the whole year*
- *Competing locally and nationally in all major sports*
- *Music, Drama and Dance both within school and locally*
- *Residential trips to the Peak District*

*If you would like your child to have these opportunities, alongside excellent academic results, call 0115 937 3506 and come along to visit South Wolds Academy today.*

*“You get to entertain people and play in front of parents”*

*Paul, Year 9*

*“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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