

Local Academy celebrates expanded SEND provision

Greenwood Academies Trust is today celebrating the completion of a new unit at Nethergate Academy in Clifton, Nottingham.

The new £2.2m unit, which expands special educational needs (SEND) provision for Nottingham City pupils, has been funded by Nottingham City Council and will accommodate an additional 48 pupils with Autism Spectrum Disorder when the academy reopens on 7th September 2020. The building has six classrooms, a hall, therapy space, life skills room and supplementary spaces.

The Academy, which provides high-quality education for children and young people with special educational needs from ages five to 19, was identified as the best setting to host the new provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder in line with delivering the outcomes of the City Council's Special Education Needs and Disabilities Strategy 2018 to 2023.

With a highly experienced and dedicated teaching and support staff, the Academy delivers an engaging and varied curriculum across primary, Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and sixth form classes. Following this expansion, the Academy will be working with the Local Authority to admit an additional eight pupils per year until full capacity is reached in 2024.

The completion of the new unit comes as Nottingham City Council is named in a national league table as one of the top councils in the country for getting the best outcomes for children and young people with additional needs, per pound spent.

Councillor David Mellen, Leader of Nottingham City Council, said:

"Our vision for Nottingham City is that every child and young person can enjoy their childhood in a supportive environment and grow up to achieve their full potential.

"By working with Nethergate Academy and Greenwood Academies Trust on this development, we are taking important steps to improving outcomes for children with special education needs and disabilities and providing them with the opportunities and support to thrive in life."

Tracey Ydlibi, Executive Principal at Nethergate Academy, said:

"We are incredibly excited that this development is complete and are able to welcome even more pupils to Nethergate Academy in the new academic year.

"As an Academy we are passionate about ensuring the young people in our community receive the outstanding education and learning opportunities they deserve. This expansion will not only widen access but strengthen our ability to provide opportunities that are rich in potential and develop the key skills to succeed in life."

Wayne Norrie, CEO of Greenwood Academies Trust, said:

"As a Trust, we are dedicated to providing all pupils with the best education possible, so it has been a great source of pride for our pupils and staff to be recognised by Nottingham City Council as the best Academy to deliver this expanded provision.

"We are delighted to welcome both returning and new pupils to the Academy in September and look forward to providing the education and sense of community they all deserve."

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