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Djanogly
City Academy







"We serve a diverse community, we celebrate scholars from many different cultures, the diversity across the curriculum is something we are proud of."
Andy Smith

Welcome

Every child has talent and potential. Our goal at Djanogly City Academy is help them discover and realise that potential. Each has the right to a life rich in choices and in opportunities to make a positive difference.

We refer to children at Djanogly City Academy as scholars (academics, researchers, intellectuals) and that is because at the heart of what we do, every child matters to us and we believe that every child will succeed with us and will 'graduate'.

A sense of belonging resonates throughout our school community and the very best in pastoral care is combined with innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Our staff are committed to building on the success which has been established, aiming to fashion a future which is firmly rooted in academic excellence and pioneering cultural development.

Staff lead by example and are passionate about encouraging, inspiring and stretching every individual to ensure that all scholars achieve at the highest levels. Arriving as children, they will leave Djanogly City Academy as young adults, equipped with outstanding results, life-changing experiences and kind, loyal characters, ready to impact our world.

We want every child who comes to Djanogly City Academy to be a proud partner in one of the most successful schools in the country and, most importantly, we want every child to leave with the knowledge and skills that will see them make a demonstrable difference to society, determined to make things happen for the better of our communities, our city and our world.

Mr Andy Smith
Principal





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Being the Best:

We take pride in being the best, but are always ambitious for more. Our expectations are unapologetically high and our core values of working hard, being kind and respectful are embedded in school life.

Our motto, 'Achievement: No excuses', epitomises the values by which we live. Our scholars are inspired and encouraged to be leaders; being set on making a positive difference. We want all of our scholars to feel that they have a genuine and real purpose in this world and our mission is to see every one of our scholars be the very best they can be.

Our curriculum is deliberately designed to equip scholars with the knowledge and skills to be successful in their examinations and to prepare them for future study. Lessons are designed to be fun and engaging, but with learning and achievement as the core focus.

The academy also offers a range of opportunities for scholars to take part in extracurricular activities, every day. There are a number of sports clubs, and scholars have the opportunity to represent the academy in football, netball, athletics, cross country running, cricket and table tennis. Then there are opportunities to learn to play instruments, to sing, to dance, to act, to create and to enjoy learning beyond the formally taught curriculum. The school takes great pride in the creative talent that our scholars demonstrate and showcases this in performances and talent shows.

"Actor or scientist; whatever I decide, DCA will get me there!"

Broadening Horizons:

We broaden horizons by focussing on both academic attainment and personal wellbeing, so that those we teach have great aspirations and the confidence to pursue them as leaders – with a genuine and real purpose in this world.

We welcome all young people in to a safe, caring and enriching community. Our ethos is firmly grounded in core principles of honesty, integrity, kindness and community, where every scholar is valued as an individual, and we all demonstrate these values through hard work, being polite, being resilient and looking after one another. We strive to ensure that self-confidence and ambition are nurtured through praise and celebration of achievement.

Our highly committed team of staff are resolute that all scholars will be equipped with the academic success and leadership skills to become effective and impactful global citizens, intent on bringing about change. Our core values are embedded throughout school life and by embodying them, we seek to develop a culture in which every member of the school community is valued, creating personal pride and respect for all.





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"Djanogly is a place for hard workers, to make lasting memories, we know we make a difference."
Mr Harris, Teacher

Supporting your child:

At Djanogly City Academy we pride ourselves on the quality of support, care and guidance given to individual scholars. At the core of this provision is a year system led by Achievement Leaders, supported by Student Deans and Values teachers. This is complemented by our skilled and experienced special educational needs and inclusion teams.

Our system provides your child with the care they need whilst allowing them to nurture friendships and develop a strong sense of community. Each day starts with a staff pledge to support the scholars; and a scholar pledge to be the best they can be.

As your child progresses through Djanogly City Academy, their achievement and wellbeing will be closely monitored, ensuring that scholars are recognised and rewarded when they succeed and supported when things are more challenging.

Our Values team plays an active role in ensuring that scholars are happy, well supported and fully engaged in academy life. They are also the first point of contact between the academy and home.

We work closely with external agencies and the local community to ensure our scholars understand the world around them and are engaged in democracy. This is part of our philosophy and ethos which have community, health and happiness at the core.





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Transition:

The aim of our transition programme is to give your child the opportunity to experience everything secondary school has to offer before they join us. As a result, when students take up their place in September there are no surprises and they fully understand what to expect, and what is expected of them in return.

Moving to a new school is a huge step for any young person, so our transition begins a long time before the start of year 7. Our primary liaison officer links with primaries to ensure a smooth transition into secondary education. We invite year 6 children to join us in lessons and at sports events and many of our younger scholars will return to their primaries to share their experiences.

The open events: information evenings at both sites, meet the principal sessions during the day and coffee mornings, allow parents to get a feel for how we operate and the educational experience their children will receive at Djanogly City Academy.

All children allocated a place will be visited at their primary school by a member of the transition team. In July we host the incoming year 7 scholars for two days and invite parents in to meet with a member of the senior team during a programme of information evenings. Should you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

"Artist or nurse; whatever I decide, DCA will get me there!"

"Wearing that uniform I feel part of something bigger, I learnt to be resilient and how important it is to think about my future. The teachers showed me how important it is to do something to determine your future."
Alumni Scholar, Class of 2019

Our eyes are always on the future, and everything we do is with the intention of equipping our young people to do great things which benefit our communities, our world and the city we love – Nottingham.

We encourage parents to come and look around and 'see for yourself' everything that we can offer your child.

Did you know?...

- **We are now amongst the highest performing schools in the whole of the country**
- **We are recognised as the best school for progress in the whole of Nottingham**
- **We have state of the art facilities designed by Sir Norman Foster**
- **We employ the most innovative methods of teaching, making us a beacon of teaching practice**
- **We have large support teams of staff to ensure that your child's welfare is at the heart of what we do**
- **Our taught curriculum is supplemented by a vast array of enrichment opportunities – every day**

We would welcome a visit from you at any time.

Djanogly Sixth Form

Djanogly Sixth Form gives our scholars the opportunity to continue their journey with us all the way to university. Our focus is to enable our young people to earn places at the very best universities for their chosen subjects giving them the support and guidance they need along the way. Whatever future they choose they can get there with Djanogly. We provide the highest quality of education in a breadth of A Level subjects which support the ambitions of our young people.

Our new bespoke sixth form centre will give scholars the chance to be independent and responsible whilst maintaining the extremely high level of pastoral care we provide. Scholars will receive 5 hours per subject per week taught by a teacher both specialist and passionate in what they do. In addition to this, scholars will have independent study time, enrichment opportunities, work experience, community work and careers support. Our scholar leadership group will be instrumental in ensuring that scholars have a say in their sixth form experience and pave the way for future generations.





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“Music producer or football player; whatever I decide, DCA will get me there!”

Everybody graduates:

Our philosophy that “everybody graduates” highlights our constant focus on the progress of both the academy and our scholars. We have excellent facilities and resources.

Achievement is at the heart of the academy’s ethos and we believe that all scholars should have the opportunity to access higher education no matter what their needs or background.

At Djanogly City Academy we pride ourselves on the quality of education our scholars receive. Teachers use a coherent curriculum to design well-planned and relevant lessons; ensuring scholars work in an environment focused on learning and that they develop a wide range of knowledge and skills. Lessons are challenging and engaging and the systematic use of assessment allows teachers to identify misconceptions at the earliest possible opportunity.

Vision:

We believe that everyone has a right to the highest quality of education and our staff will work tirelessly to ensure that we do our best for every scholar that we serve.

I want Djanogly City Academy to be a beacon of excellence in our community and a conduit to change for the young people we serve – this is what I care about and this is what I’m going to be doing. I hope to welcome you to our community so that we can do it together!

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