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A warm welcome to Beacon Academy

Beacon Academy is an exciting, expanding, inclusive and dynamic secondary academy which places the student at the heart of our provision. Our distinctive ethos of 'Human Scale Education' sets us apart from other schools. At Beacon Academy your child will be known as an individual, whose contributions are valued and provided with opportunities to excel.

Within our distinctive ethos we provide your child with opportunities, interventions and watch them thrive. Regional champions in sports, poetry, photography, performing arts and engineering, are just some examples of how your child will develop those crucial 'employability skills' needed to flourish in an ever changing world.

Our established excellence in performing arts means we are a perennial region champion who compete on a national level. We win multiple awards on a yearly basis, as recently as 2014 were national champions in the best concept category. We were regional champions again in 2018.

We have outstanding facilities in engineering. As a pioneering member of WISE, we champion girls' opportunity and achievement within the STEM subjects. All students study engineering from Year 7 and immediately develop skills such as problem solving, creative thinking, teamwork and collaboration whilst learning mathematical and scientific concepts. In 2018 our Year 7 students were regional champions and national finalists in the prestigious 'Race to the Line' rocket car competition sponsored by the RAF.

Parents choose Beacon Academy with the knowledge that not only is their child known as an individual and supported, but academic progress is also at the heart of our provision. In 2017 the academy yet again achieved a positive progress 8 score (+0.29) which placed us:-

- **Top 3 of all schools in North East Lincolnshire.**
- **Above the national average of all schools.**
- **Significantly above the national average for sponsored academies.**
- **No better performing similar school within a 75 mile radius.**
- **17th best performing school nationally when compared with similar schools.**
- **Top 12% of best performing schools nationally.**

Ultimately our students will leave as fully rounded young people, who, in addition to their qualifications and references, can present portfolios evidencing wider skills. This can range from building a rocket car to being an award winning member of a stage crew. Beacon Academy students, like the school itself, will have a unique selling point which makes them stand out from the crowd.

I tour the academy with visitors and prospective parents on a weekly basis. All visitors are impressed with the quiet and calm atmosphere for learning. If you would like to come and visit the academy please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jason Thurley
Headteacher



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Ofsted, June 2015



The Wellspring Academy Trust



The highly regarded Wellspring Multi-Academy Trust is the proud sponsor of Beacon Academy.

Human Scale and Innovation

Wellspring have put Human Scale Education and Innovation at the heart of their vision for the future at Beacon Academy. Human Scale Education puts strong relationships at the heart of the design, organisation and practice in secondary schools. Beacon Academy is and will remain a small enough school to retain a family feel and a family approach. Wellspring believes that good relationships are at the heart of good learning.

Innovation is similarly valued. Wellspring will be working with staff, governors and other stakeholders to bring an exciting curriculum to the school that offers students opportunities to excel in Creative Arts, Music, Technology, Media and Engineering in addition to traditional subjects.

Wellspring will be working with local businesses to link learning in school with the real world and with the real challenges that face the modern workforce.

“High expectations, valuing each student and a determination to innovate are key to the ongoing success of Beacon. What is being developed here is a different model for secondary education - one that puts the student first.”

Chris Jessup
Executive Principal

In the National Spotlight

The Forest Academy has received considerable national attention for the rapid progress it has made and for the runaway success of its Breakfast Club.

Youngsters at Forest receive a free breakfast every day, supported by the Magic Breakfast charity. The Nicky Campbell radio show, Channel 4 News and The Observer newspaper have all run stories about the success of the Academy.

Wellspring Director Dave Whitaker is a founder member of the influential Headteachers Roundtable. Featuring other national figures in education like Vic Goddard, Principal at “Educating Essex” Passmores Academy, the Roundtable is sponsored by The Guardian newspaper and contributes to the national debate. Dave is a renowned writer, speaker and contributor to the education agenda through social media.

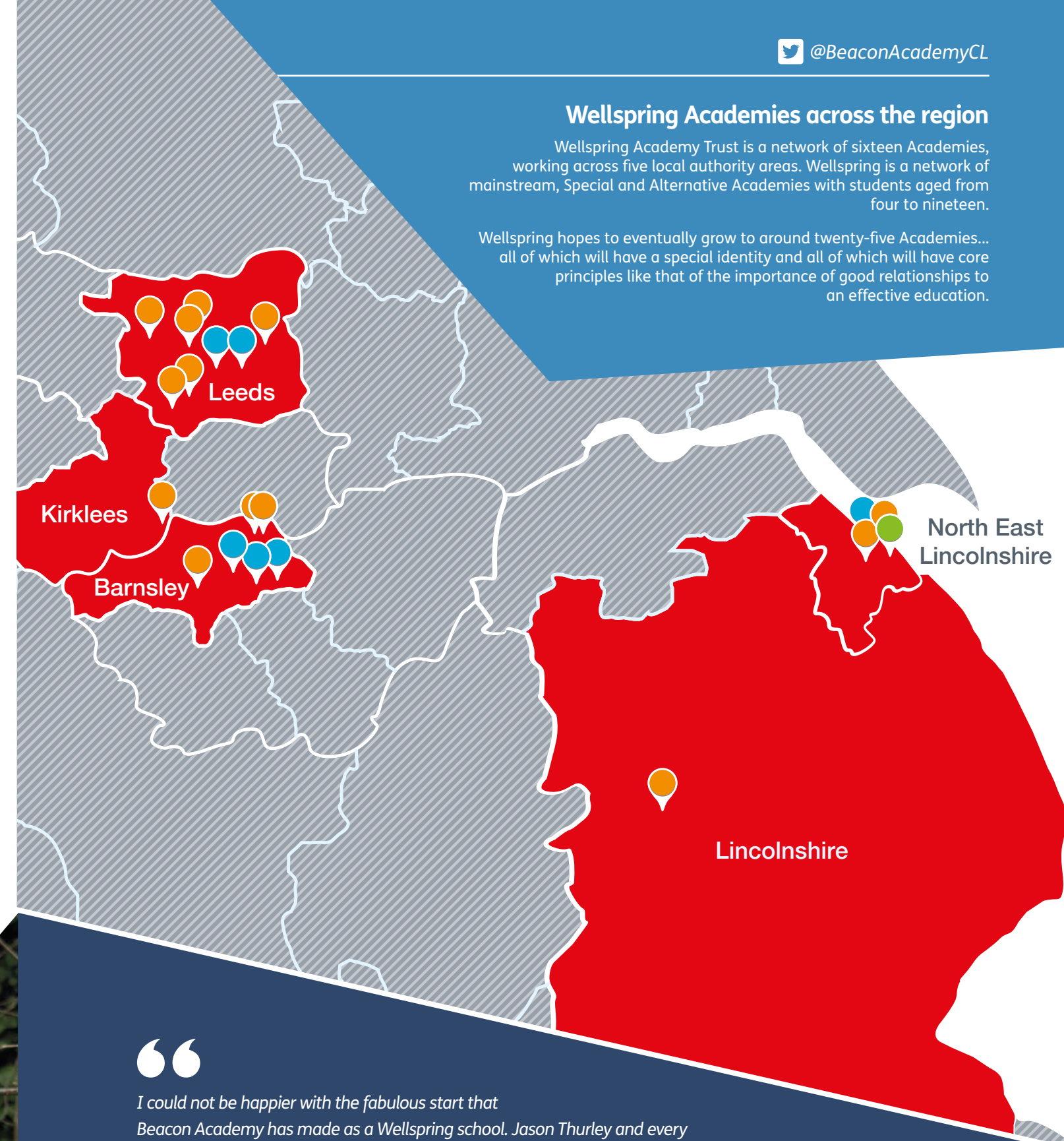
Wellspring Academies across the region

When the Forest Academy joined Wellspring it was officially the 32nd Worst Performing Primary School in the country. Within the space of two years, the same school was among ‘Top Ten Most Improved’ nationally. This transformation was achieved with the same pupils and many of the same staff.

Wellspring Academies across the region

Wellspring Academy Trust is a network of sixteen Academies, working across five local authority areas. Wellspring is a network of mainstream, Special and Alternative Academies with students aged from four to nineteen.

Wellspring hopes to eventually grow to around twenty-five Academies... all of which will have a special identity and all of which will have core principles like that of the importance of good relationships to an effective education.



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I could not be happier with the fabulous start that Beacon Academy has made as a Wellspring school. Jason Thurley and every member of the Beacon staff have a genuine passion for every student in their care. Everyone is known to everyone. Everyone is known by name. Every family is known to the staff. There is a genuine feeling of community at the school that I think is rare these days in Secondary schools generally. The feeling of family is a unique and very precious feature at Beacon, one that we are determined to preserve as a genuine choice for parents in the area. Student numbers are rising rapidly. We are clearly providing something that families in the area like. I look forward to Beacon going from strength to even greater strength.

Mark Wilson CEO of Wellspring

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The pathway to your future

Our vision is one of an outstanding education for all students, tailored to their individual needs and aspirations.

Students will leave the Academy with the qualifications and skills they need to progress to the next level of education or employment and the confidence to be successful in all aspects of their lives.

Our teaching staff are highly skilled and dedicated. They engage and motivate students to achieve their personal best through high quality teaching and outstanding wrap-around support.

Our wide, exciting curriculum has been devised to be both relevant and inspiring to our students. We place great importance on ensuring the development of skills in literacy, numeracy and IT for all students.

We seek to personalise the curriculum to meet the needs of individual students, enabling them to learn in a way that best suits them. Through the imaginative use of new technologies, a wide range of teaching and learning styles and a range of extra curricular activities. All students are given the opportunity to excel especially through our extra curricular offer. Students can develop a portfolio of achievements and skills in addition to their qualifications, evidencing the employability skills industry needs. We are passionate about developing the whole person.

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum at both Key Stages with a range of extra-curricular activities available to enhance the learning and enjoyment of students outside of the classroom. All students follow a curriculum path tailored to their ability with the aim that no child is left behind.

Homework is a crucial element in developing personal discipline and is set on a daily basis to support work done in school. Parents/carers can monitor their student's homework via 'Show My Homework'. The link SMHW is on the academy website.

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A small school with a big heart

Outstanding care, guidance and support to enable our students to flourish.

We instil family values in our day-to-day learning and encourage students to support each other.

We offer a high level of pastoral support to remove barriers to learning. Teaching assistants are attached to most classes, building relationships and understanding how students learn.

We expect our students to be well behaved at all times, polite and to treat each other, and the wider academy community, with respect.

Students are listened to and have the chance to share their views and ideas through the Student Council.

Every student has a Form Tutor who will be a pivotal person in their life. The Form Tutor provides a first point of contact for the students and parents/carers.

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Beyond learning

At Beacon Academy we believe that some of the most memorable and enriching activities at school happen outside the classroom and the formal curriculum.

We offer an extensive range of activities to help our students grow as individuals and to nurture that sense of being part of a family.

Our activities include:

Performing Arts

Global Rock: We are very proud of our success in Performing Arts. We were crowned regional champions once again in 2018 with a multi-award winning performance. We are a Premier League school and ranked third nationally in 2015 for best concept and were placed in the top 6 nationally for stage use and function, set design, costumes, and visual enhancement. So, if your child has a passion for performing arts Beacon Academy is the natural choice of secondary school for them.

STEM Club

STEM Club provides an opportunity for our budding Engineers, Scientists and Mathematicians to put their knowledge, skills and understanding in practice through fun and exciting activities that includes building and competing an electric Formula 1 racing car.

Horse Riding

We are very fortunate to receive funding from the Emile Faurie Foundation to fund a horse riding group that attends Weelsby Park Riding School for six weeks each term to learn how to ride and take care of the ponies.

Sport

We offer a full range of after-school sporting activities including football, rugby, netball, cricket, cross country, athletics, trampolining and cheerleading. Beacon academy has qualified for the finals of the regional championships in a number of sports including: Boccia, Curling, Dodgeball, basketball and table tennis

Afterschool clubs

In addition to the above, Beacon Academy also runs the following weekly afterschool clubs:-

- Chess club
- Homework club
- Lego club
- Art club

In choosing Beacon Academy you are choosing a distinctive and enriching school experience that is more than just classroom learning and exams.

We are confident that the extra-curricular activities we offer provide a safe and stimulating environment where the cheerful, the considerate, the shy and the extrovert alike can flourish and achieve through companionship, challenge, encouragement and a lot of fun.



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Excellence in engineering

Our aim is to help students to develop an understanding of engineering principles in Materials, Structures, Energy and Sustainability. Our students benefit from real 'hands on' learning, working on practical projects that help them gain work-ready skills both as individuals and in teams.

HETA – Learning in the real world

The academy is proud to have secured professional relationships with outside partners such as the Humberside Engineering Training Agency (HETA) to make sure the work in engineering is placed in a real world context.

Sustainable energy is our future

Working alongside HETA, the curriculum will lead to students completing work aimed at the world of sustainable energy, in particular the Wind Turbine industry and its implications on the local business landscape.

The challenges of the 21st century will be at the heart of the student's programme of study as they work up from Year 7 through to Year 11.

The development of students as Young Engineers is at the heart of Beacon Academy and we strive for our students to be best placed to take up training and employment opportunities within the local renewable energy sector.

The WISE choice

Beacon Academy became the first secondary school in the UK to form a partnership with WISE, a campaign to promote women in science, technology and engineering.

Race to the Line

The academy are the 2018 Yorkshire and Humberside champions in this prestigious competition sponsored by the RAF. The students rocket car achieved speeds of nearly 50mph!. The students represented our region in the national final with just 32 students competing in the final from the 17,000 students who entered the competition nationally.

Apply now

This is an exciting and dynamic opportunity for your son/daughter, call one of our friendly staff to find out more:

 **01472 328888**

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The behaviour of students around the academy, and in the large majority of lessons, is good. Students are friendly towards one another and their teachers, and highly welcoming to visitors.

Ofsted, June 2015

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Uniform Policy

Beacon Academy will provide a FREE Blazer and Tie, Polo shirt and Hoodie (for PE), for all Year 7 Students who select our Academy as their first choice preference.

Uniform should be purchased from Uniform Direct, Victoria Street, Grimsby.

School Uniform

Boys

- White long sleeved shirt with collar (no polo shirts)
- Academy Black/blue/white striped tie
- Academy Navy blazer with blue trim
- Black shoes
- Black sock
- Black/Navy Trousers

Girls

- Black/Navy trousers/ Black knee length pleated skirt
- White long sleeved shirt with collar (no polo shirts)
- Academy Black/blue/white striped tie
- Academy Navy blazer with blue trim
- Black shoes
- Black socks or matt black tights



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PE Kit

Indoor

- Navy blue polo shirt with Academy logo
- Navy blue socks
- Trainers black or white
- Navy blue shorts

Outdoor

- Navy blue polo shirt with Academy logo
- Navy blue socks
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue hoodie with Academy logo
- Football boots (boys only)



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