

School delighted by its technology status



● Headmaster John Hodgson: Delighted with technology status news

A Sleaford headmaster says he's absolutely delighted that his school has been awarded technology school status.

John Hodgson was reacting to news that St George's School, Sleaford, will receive £500,000 from the Government as well as £250,000 from governor's chairman Reg Brealey.

"It's great for the school and it's great for the Sleaford area," he said. "There's rural

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deprivation as well as urban deprivation.

"A lot of technology schools have been set up in the inner cities, but we've argued that rural children should not be disadvantaged.

Travel

"Now we travel far more than we used to for work, why shouldn't our children have the same

opportunity."

St George's was one of four schools to benefit from the announcement by education minister Tim Eggar this week.

Mr Hodgson hopes the new facilities will encourage pupils to stay on for the sixth form.

"If we put on the courses relevant to industry, I'm sure they'll stay on for qualifications," he said.

Final details of the plans are yet to be decided, but it will be based on science, technology and mathematics.

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St George's, one of the country's first grant-maintained schools, is already at the forefront in language teaching with the Brealey Language Laboratory.

This was also developed through help from their benefactor and former pupil, businessman Reg Brealey.



● Governor Reg Brealey: Giving the school £250,000