



**PROSPECTUS 2023/24**

MOOR PARK HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



WELCOME TO  
MOOR PARK  
HIGH SCHOOL  
AND SIXTH FORM

I am delighted to welcome you to Moor Park High School and Sixth Form. Our mission is that all of our students will be able to access higher education and participate fully in our democratic society.

We do this first and foremost by having high expectations of our students, ensuring that they achieve to their best and behave in an exemplary way.

We believe that there are no excuses for underachievement and our excellent teachers, focused academic curriculum and extra-curricular provision ensures that no young people are left behind.

This is a small, friendly and caring school where every young person is known and where the time is taken to guide, develop and nurture them. We care, and we go the extra mile because the future of every young person matters.

Our well established Sixth Form ensures that our young people aim high and go to excellent universities and bright, prosperous futures. At GCSE level, our students progress better than other students nationally and at key stage three, we take the time to both provide a stable and tailored induction from Primary to Secondary and to develop the essential subject specific skills and knowledge that are crucial to successful further study.

If you are looking for a school that offers high quality care and high academic expectations then we are the school for you. I look forward to working with parents and carers to deliver the bright futures that our young people deserve.

Head Teacher: **Mr B Corbett**

I hope that you decide to join us.



MOOR PARK'S  
NEW ADMISSION  
POLICY FOR 2024



# FROM 2024 OUR ADMISSION POLICY IS CHANGING.

For our 2024/25 intake we will operate a 'Fair Banding' assessment process. So if you're planning to name Moor Park High School and Sixth Form on your school application, you must register your child to sit our assessment.



**MOOR PARK'S NEW  
ADMISSION POLICY**

# Moor Park High School accepts students of all abilities, and in order to secure a truly comprehensive intake, all applicants for admission must take a Fair Banding assessment.

Fair Banding is the use of a short assessment which allocates children to an ability band according to their results. There are 5 ability bands, and this means we can take a range of children from different abilities. It's a common system used around the country, particularly in London, and is a fair way to ensure we remain truly comprehensive and have a broad intake of abilities entering our school.

The new policy will be introduced for the 2024/25 school year. Your child will need to sit an assessment in October 2023 as part of the admission process for a year 7 place in September 2024.

This is not a pass or fail assessment. The assessment is only to establish which ability band your child falls into and this information is used as part of the admission process. The assessment is quite informal and nothing to worry about. It is a 45-minute, multiple choice question paper that is designed to be accessible to all children, regardless of their home language.

All children looking for a place in year 7 will need to complete the Fair Banding assessment in October 2023 whilst they are in year 6. This is because it forms part of the admission process for September 2024. After October 2023 there will no longer be an opportunity to sit the assessment so make sure you sign up after attending our September 2023 Open Evening.



Our new 2024/25 admission policy 'Fair Banding' ensures we have a balanced proportion of students from across the ability spectrum.

OUR FAIR BANDED  
APPLICANTS  
WILL BE PLACED  
IN ABILITY BANDS

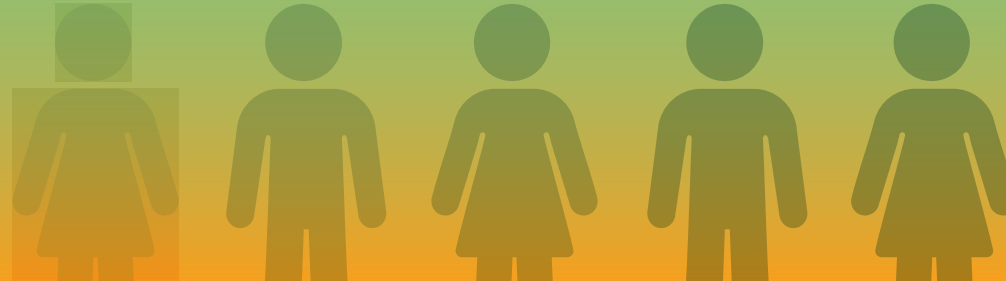
**BAND 1**  
**20%**  
Band intake

**BAND 2**  
**20%**  
Band intake

**BAND 3**  
**20%**  
Band intake

**BAND 4**  
**20%**  
Band intake

**BAND 5**  
**20%**  
Band intake



For a more in-depth look at our new admission policy, head over to our 'Fair Banding' web page where our Headteacher addresses its main points and what it means to you and your child.







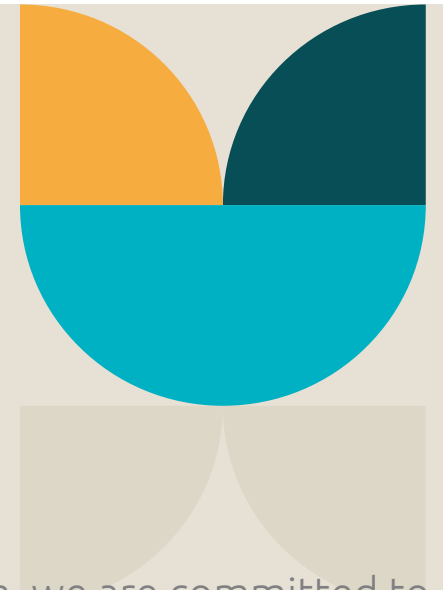
# OUR COMMITMENT

EXCELLENT TEACHING | HIGH EXPECTATIONS | ACADEMIC CURRICULUM  
EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR | QUALITY ENRICHMENT | EVERY CHILD IS KNOWN

So that all students will be able to access higher education and participate fully in our democratic society.

At Moor Park High School and Sixth Form, we are committed to setting the highest standards for the entire school community. We constantly remind students and staff to strive to achieve the very best in all aspects of school life.

This philosophy moulds our students, enabling them to access higher education and participate fully in our democratic society.







# ENSURING A SMOOTH TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are committed to the belief that happy, settled students make successful learners.





We understand that moving up to secondary school is a big step for even the most confident of children. That's why we go just that little bit further to make sure every new Year 7 student arrives ready to make the very most of all the opportunities and challenges that lie before them.

The school's dedicated transition team provide a range of supportive events for our local primary schools to help key stage 2 students feel confident about their move to secondary school. During key stage 2, our teachers will work alongside teachers in primary schools to provide opportunities for students to visit Moor Park High School & Sixth Form and engage in a range of activities.

This means that most of the children at our local primary schools will already know their teachers and will have experienced our school prior to beginning Year 7 so they can make a confident start at Moor Park High School & Sixth Form.

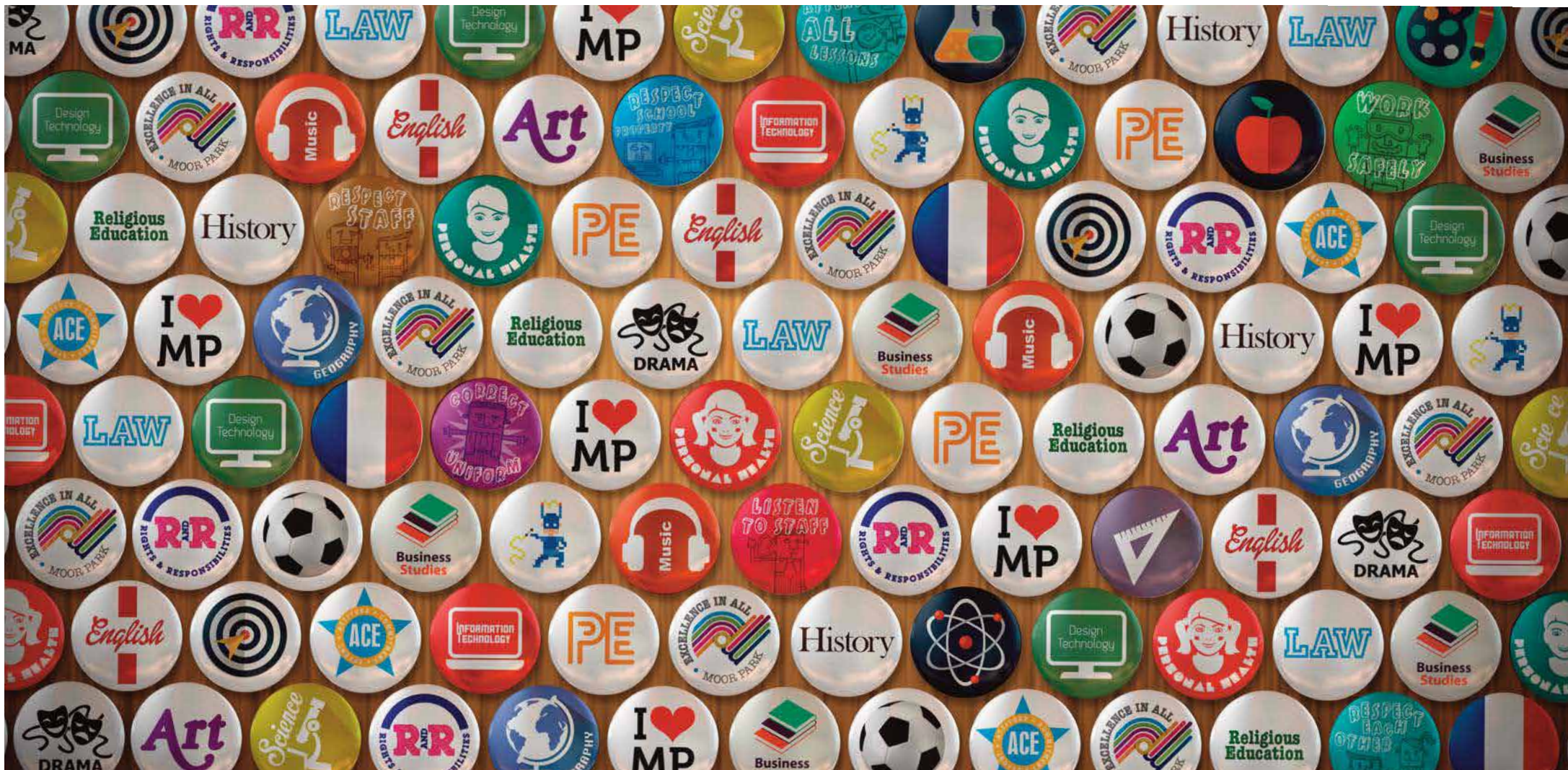
To help make the move from Primary to Secondary school as smooth as possible, our Year 7 students benefit from their own separate form rooms, Year 7 pastoral team (Head of Year and Mentor) and year group specific extracurricular activities. All Year 7 students follow a transition curriculum when they first start Moor Park High School and Sixth Form; this encourages students to transfer valuable skills from Year 6 to Year 7 and build upon existing knowledge from the moment they start with us in September.













# OUR CURRICULUM WHERE WILL YOU EXCEL?

We want every student to enjoy learning, to be naturally curious about the world we live in and to achieve his or her full potential.





# A CURRICULUM TO ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE

In bright, modern and well-equipped classrooms that benefit from the very latest learning technology, our caring subject specialist teachers use a range of learning styles to bring out the very best in each child.

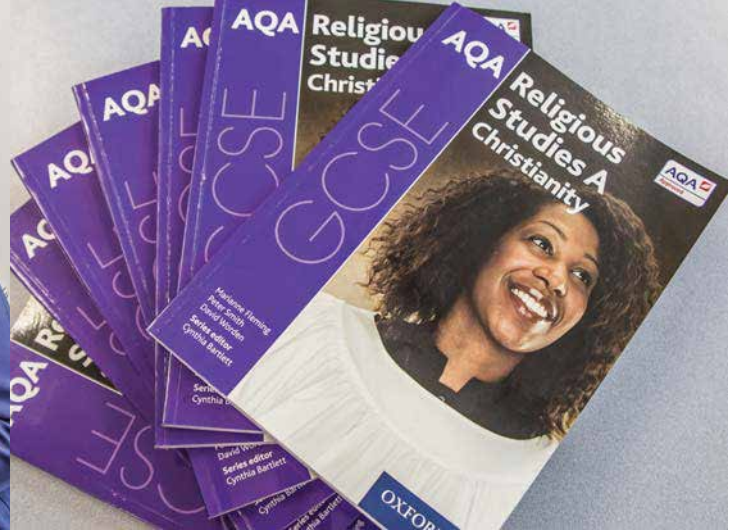
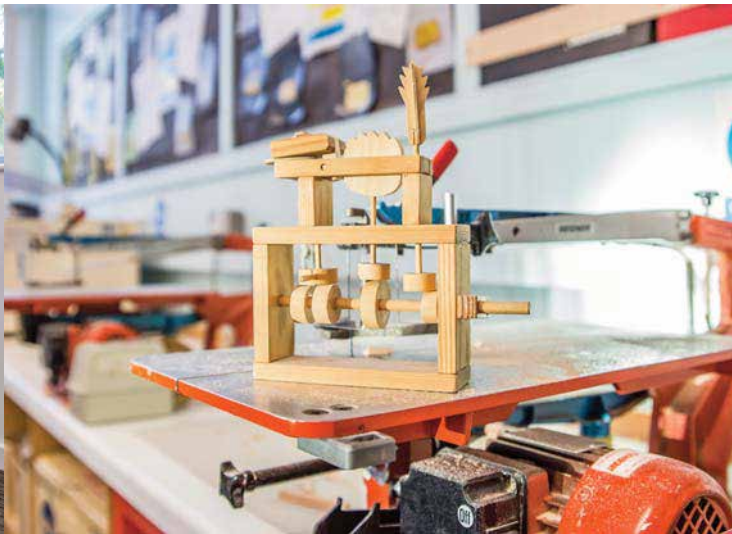
In Years 7, 8 and 9, all students follow the National Curriculum under the guidance of our highly dedicated staff.

During Year 9, students explore the opportunities that will help them make their GCSE and vocational examination choices.

Beyond the curriculum, we offer a wide range of sports, clubs and activities. We run trips abroad, plus subject-specific trips throughout the year.

## **Our curriculum includes:**

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Creative iMedia
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Engineering
- English
- Food Technology
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- PE
- Personal Development, Wellbeing and Careers
- Physics
- Religious Education
- Spanish







# WE BELIEVE IN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

At Moor Park, we believe that every member of our school has the right to learn or to teach, the right to feel safe and secure, and the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

In return for those rights, we also believe that every student should be responsible for the way they act - both in school and in our wider community.

Developed in consultation with our students, **'The Moor Park Way'** clearly defines the rights and responsibilities of every individual at our school. It encourages students to arrive on time, fully prepared for lessons and ready to make the most of the school day. It instils the importance of respecting the views, opinions and feelings of others, it helps persuade all students to take full responsibility for their actions and behaviour.

Combined with the efforts of our teachers and pastoral team - and supported by a student rewards system that recognises good behaviour, good work and excellent attendance - **'The Moor Park Way'** is at the very heart of daily school life.







**Proud of the wonderful sense of community that exists throughout our school, we aim to develop confident, well-rounded students - young people who will become valued members of modern society.**

Firmly believing that every child matters, we have strong, highly successful student support and anti-bullying programmes and we place great importance on teaching good citizenship skills.

Through 'Student Voice', our very own school parliament, we make it simple and straightforward for young people to express how they feel about teaching and learning, as well as other important aspects of school life.

**At Moor Park we aim to:**

- Develop and promote a positive approach to learning
- Provide high quality teaching
- Engage, challenge and develop all learners
- Set and encourage high expectations
- Enable all learners to make progress, raise their levels of attainment and achieve success
- Improve the opportunities we provide for all





The majority of the Moor Park school year is spent delivering the National Curriculum to students through formal classroom teaching.

However, towards the end of the school year, for five very special days, the conventional timetable is suspended, the lesson bells are switched off and all students are given the opportunity to become completely immersed in our Enrichment Programme.

With a focus on having fun while learning, students engage in a range of enjoyable activities that might include anything from team-building initiatives to designing, making and marketing brand new products.

Guest speakers are invited to speak to students including prominent children's authors, visiting theatre groups and representatives from business and industry.

In addition to activities in school, the Enrichment Programme also includes trips to museums, art galleries, outdoor adventure centres and a range of other exciting locations.

Our Enrichment Programme is always a highlight of the Moor Park year and never fails to capture the imagination and enthusiasm of the whole school.







# A SCHOOL FOR SUPER LEARNING







# ENRICHING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

A flourishing programme of extra-curricular activities forms a significant aspect of Moor Park's strong commitment to enriching the lives of its students.



We are particularly proud of our highly successful Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Both our Year 10 / 11 and Sixth Form students have embraced the opportunity and challenge of 'D of E' in large numbers with some of them currently pursuing the prestigious Gold Award.











In a thriving Arts, Performance and Technology faculty, students make the most of free music tuition by learning a range of musical instruments including violin, guitar, saxophone and the drum kit.

The sporting prowess of Moor Park students is in evidence throughout our various teams who compete against local schools in such sporting disciplines as football, cricket, basketball, table tennis and athletics.

As a school we continually look to invest in facilities which will enhance student experience across the school. In recent years we have invested in creating a new drama studio and music room, complete with soundproof practice rooms and a recording studio. We have also refurbished our hall so that we have a state-of-the-art space for students to perform and showcase their learning and talents for our local community. Alongside this we improved our ICT facilities so that students can use technology to enhance their learning experience across the curriculum.

We believe that by encouraging a culture of active engagement and participation among our young people we provide them with the best possible opportunity to develop into well-rounded and high achieving individuals.















# A SCHOOL THATS RATED 'GOOD'

Pupils learn about the cultures and beliefs of others.  
This helps them to understand the diversity of the world in which they live.  
Pupils value the democratic society they live in and understand  
that prejudiced-basedbehaviour is unacceptable.

'Students say they feel very safe within the school environment. Students are fully aware of how to use the internet safely and also of the possible dangers of social media websites. Students have great confidence in teachers and the adults who care for them'.



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Equality and diversity are promoted well across school provision.

The behaviour of students is good. Students play a key role in making the school a harmonious place to work and be in. They have positive attitudes to each other and to the adults. They look after the school and contribute to its tidy and orderly environment. The working relationships of students of all ethnic heritage backgrounds are exemplary.

The school plays an active part in promoting and preparing its students for life in modern Britain.







# MOOR PARK SIXTH FORM



# A WARM, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR POST-16 STUDY

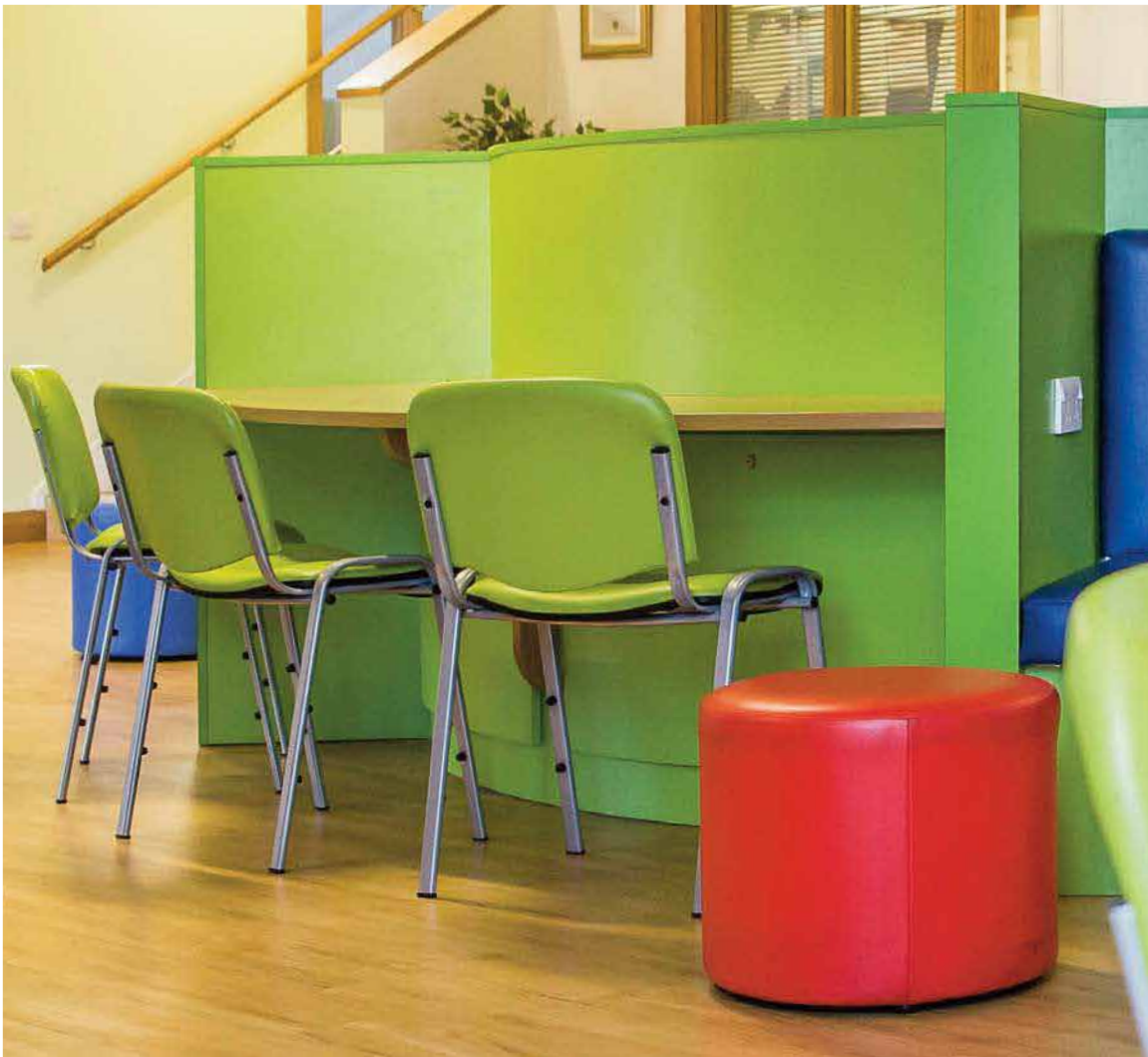
Our sixth form is unique as it offers great levels of student care and the highest academic outcomes. The sixth form represents a natural progression from year eleven, in a safe, environment, with small class sizes and personalised care. We are a small school sixth form not a large college, so all students are known, understood and supported.

We offer a small suite of traditional A Level courses, alongside a small number of BTEC options, for students wishing to take a more vocational route. Because we are a small sixth form with high expectations, students benefit from a comprehensive tailored enrichment programme, including regular mentor meetings and support form tutors to ensure students reach their potential.

We focus on developing responsible, well-rounded adults, not just examination results. Our bespoke, specialist facilities, reflect our high expectations and are designed to create a strong sense of community in which each young person is valued.







# WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT OUR SIXTH FORM?

- Excellent A Level and BTEC results
- Small class sizes (maximum 10) and expert teachers
- Regular parental contact
- Tailored enrichment and UCAS support so that all students are university-ready, including financial support to attend university open days
- Free of charge textbooks and resources for all courses
- Music lessons for our musicians who have achieved Grade 5 or above in lower school
- The opportunity to study for an additional home-language A Level
- The opportunity to undertake outdoors enrichment, such as rock climbing
- The opportunity to become a student ambassador in lower school, supporting younger students and developing leadership skills





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