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# Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form

*Excellence in Everything*

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## Welcome to Sixth Form

Dear students,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and are fully rested, ready for the start of you GCSE's.

We are looking forward to working with you on the next stage of your education and to getting to know you all. Over the next few months, we will be sending you regular newsletters to outline some of the events on offer in the lead up to starting Sixth Form and introduce what life is like here with us.

In this edition:

- Introducing the Sixth Form team
- Welcome from our Head Students
- The Induction Days
- Top tips for exam success

We'll write again before Induction Days to give you a further update on our plans and any other additional information. If you have any questions in the meantime don't hesitate to get in touch. Wishing you the best of luck with your exams.



*We have made over 280 offers to join us this September. Roughly one third of our students will join us from other schools in the local area. We are one of the biggest Sixth Forms in Cambridgeshire – so you are going to be part of a thriving community, but also one that prides itself on looking after you as an individual.*



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# The Sixth Form Team

## Mrs Black, Head of Year 12

*Hello everyone! I'm really looking forward to meeting you all in person soon. I'm a geography teacher so you can often find me in the Geography Department in the Pepys Building or in my office in the House. Stepping up to Sixth Form is a big leap, but I'll be here to guide you through the process, along with your tutor and the rest of the Sixth Form team. Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, pottering around in the garden and going on holiday! My recommendation for Sixth Form would be to seize every opportunity you're offered to make sure you're getting the most out of your time at Sixth Form.*



## Mr Burton, Year 12 Student Support Officer

Hi everyone, my name is Mr. Burton and I'll be your Student Support Officer. My job is to support you on your Sixth Form journey, both personally and educationally. I am based in the Wakelin Room, which is on the ground floor of the House. My advice to you is to stay organised, seek help and advice when needed and to enjoy your learning!!

When I'm not in school, I enjoy playing golf, going to watch my beloved Tottenham Hotspur (for my sins) and travelling.

## Mrs Rix, Director of Sixth Form

*I'm Mrs Rix and the Head of Sixth Form. I have taught in local schools since 1996, moving into sixth form management and leadership over 10 years ago. I grew up in North Wales and studied European law and languages at Bristol UWE. I am very much looking forward to welcoming our new year 12s to Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form in September. Good luck with your GCSEs and we will see you very soon.*



*'Always work hard and have fun in what you do because I think that's when you're more successful. You have to choose to do it.'* Simone Biles

# Head Students

*Our Head Students, Maddie and James, lead our team of senior students.*

*At Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form we think that student voice is really important. Maddie and James wanted to welcome to you Hinchingsbrooke and give you a quick introduction to themselves.*



Hi everyone, my name is Maddie Jones, and the A-levels I take are French, PE, Biology and EPQ. I have been a student here since the very start of Year 7- which seems a long time ago now! Due to this, I have developed a great understanding and awareness of how the school works and the resources available within it.

We are incredibly fortunate in this school, not only for our history and grounds, but also for the amazing range of teachers. It is clear that everyone here is happy to help and will do so if you ask- so please do if you are struggling or want to have a friendly conversation!

I am proud to be at this school, and even more so to be one of its Head Students this year and I hope to see many of you next year. If I were to give you any advice going into sixth form, it would be just to cherish it. It feels like a whirlwind, with ups and downs, and it can be quite difficult at times, but I have noticed with our diverse and caring community it is much easier to bounce back. Stay organised and on track of everything, but also, have fun and enjoy it- these are the years you will look back on so make sure you have no regrets.

Hello, my name is James Miles, and I am fortunate enough to be a head student here at the incredible Hinchingsbrooke School. I study Maths, Further Maths, Physics, and Psychology at this sixth form - situated in the grounds of an extraordinary estate, it's truly an inspiring place to study.

Having been at this school since year 7 I have appreciated the true care and support which is offered to you here, furthermore the large array of enriching extracurricular activities which further develop and encourage you throughout your time here. If you are just joining us, you can be guaranteed both staff and students will be here to help you out!

Some advice I'd like to offer is to not be afraid to ask for extra help from fellow students or staff - in my experience, teachers have always been enthusiastic to help and have our best interests always in mind. Hinchingsbrooke has a vast network of people here to offer the support which you may need, from student support officers and head of years to the form tutors and senior students, our positive ethos is broadcast throughout.

Studying within this diverse and integrated community of ambitious pupils is encouraging, so enter this Sixth Form with an open mind, and you will be welcomed with a host of outstanding opportunities, new friends, and core memories.

## Student Leadership

As well as Head Students we have a lot of other leadership roles in the Sixth Form, including our House Captains. You will learn more about the house system once you arrive if you are an external student.



# Inductions Days

*This is your chance to have a 'taster' of Sixth Form life. Each day will start with form time and you will need to arrive for 8.35am. Each day will finish at 3.15pm. Below is a brief overview of what the two days will involve, but we will send you further details nearer the time.*

<b>Wednesday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Stepping up to Sixth Form</b>  During today you will get a chance to learn about our values and expectations and what will be on offer to you when you become a member of the Sixth Form. We will introduce you to our team and you will learn who is going to be there to support you in the next two years. We will introduce you to some of the study skills and the exciting enrichment opportunity on offer and how you can prepare yourself for the start of your Sixth Form journey.
<b>Thursday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>A day in the life of a Sixth Former</b>  Today you will experience lessons in your chosen options. You will also meet our Senior Students and get the chance to explore our beautiful grounds and facilities we have to offer you as one of our Sixth Form students.

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Top tips for exam success

*We are sure that your teachers are supporting you all with your revision preparation. However, having met you all we really want you to get those grades that mean you can come and be part of our community. So here are some top tips to support you during this exam season!*

- *Be well prepared (have a revision timetable, start reviewing your work as early as possible, talking to your teachers that you may be struggling with).*
- *Always get a good nights sleep before an exam – last minure cramming will not work.*
- *Make sure you drink plenty of water, it helps you stay focussed.*
- *If you can't do a question move on, and come back to it later.*
- *Take a deep breath before you start, and remind yourself you can so this!*
- *Always check the back page to ensure there is not another page of questions.*
- *Avoid doing talking about the exam afterwards with your friends...it won't help you prepare for the next one.*
- *If you need some support during your exams, remember to communicate with someone.*