

# Hinchingbrooke School recognised for its solid preparation of students for their future

**H**inchingbrooke School has been awarded the Quality in Careers Standard at the highest level which demonstrates its commitment to ensuring its students are prepared for the next stage of their lives with sound careers advice.

The Award is a nationally recognised award and is one of the highest accolades a school can receive for excellence in this area of school life. Achieving the national Quality in Careers Standard shows the Principal, governors and leadership team embrace, promote and endorse quality careers education and recognise the part it plays in the overall success of the school and its students.

This award demonstrates the school's commitment to its young learners, ensuring students are receiving independent advice, practical support and experience, so they are prepared for the next stage of their education, employment, self-employment or training.

Kate Tandy, Vice Principal, Hinchingbrooke School, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have

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achieved this award; something we have been working towards for the past couple of years. We are passionate at Hinchingbrooke about providing high quality careers education and guidance as this is ultimately what we are preparing our young people for. We want to ensure that our students have the very best opportunities in a competitive and ever-changing world of further education and careers, and this award demonstrates that we are doing just that!"

The external assessors commented on the excellent knowledge, help and support provided for students to enable

them to make informed decisions about their future and how well the school works with all students to continue improving their awareness of opportunities, as well as raising their aspirations and ensuring that all students achieve their full potential. The school's ability to adapt the delivery of its careers programme during school closures through the pandemic was complimented with the assessors saying that, "it was a pleasure to see the excellent work you are doing at Hinchingbrooke, to continue supporting students and fully meeting all the accreditation criteria, incorporating the Gatsby benchmarks."

Hinchingbrooke School offers a wide range of careers education related activities such as the annual careers fair, careers themed learning days, a variety of careers and options events, presentations, a careers curriculum delivered by Form Tutors/Heads of Year for all year groups along with additional careers themed packages of support for sixth form students and work experience programmes for students in Years 10 and 12. In



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addition, students have access to two internal L6 qualified careers counsellors, something identified as a real strength of the school.

This is the highest accolade that Schools, Academies and 6th Forms can seek to evidence their outstanding careers provision. It involves showcasing all the careers support we provide from Year 7 to 13 and highlighting the partnerships we have with businesses, FE providers and universities, to ensure our students are aware of

opportunities, raise their aspirations and work with them to ensure they achieve their full potential to make well informed plans and decisions about their futures.

One student said: "I am just letting you know that I was one of the three finalists in the Big Voice where I had to present my report to the panel of judges. I won a signed Law book and work experience at a law firm. I will also have my report marked by the lawyers. Thanks again for showing me the information in order for me to apply."

Another said: "Things are going well. Thank you for all your help, support, and advice through my career changes. I haven't taken the traditional route, I left university and I am now working at Addenbrooke's whilst I do a Chartered Institute of Marketing course, planning to go all the way to postgraduate. Best decision though, I'm really happy."

## HINCHINGBROOKE SIXTH FORM

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**Our Open Evening this year is face-to-face and is on Thursday 21st October 2021 from 6pm**

### Why join Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form?

- We run over 30 A Level and BTEC subjects (everything from Computer Science to Languages and Performing Arts)
- Our results in 2021 were outstanding (A\*-B - Maths 72%; Biology 76%; Chemistry 75%; Computer Studies 71% to name but a few!)
- We have specialist care, guidance and support, an Oxbridge and Russell Group programme, and a dedicated Careers Advisor
- Easy access, as we are located just off the A14, A1 and just a 6 minute walk to the rail station
- We know every individual student in our Sixth Form because we have university style pastoral care with regular personal 1:1 mentoring and guidance for your next steps

**We are a vibrant 21st century Sixth Form based in a 16th century beautiful stately home. What more could you ask for?**

Come and see for yourself on Open Evening. We look forward to meeting you!

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