



Welcome

Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form

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We are delighted that you are considering Hinchingsbrooke for your post-16 education!

We are the largest Sixth Form in Huntingdonshire, drawing students from many schools in the locality who join us alongside the majority of our Year 11 students. Students come to Hinchingsbrooke for numerous reasons. We pride ourselves in offering high quality teaching and learning in a wide range of subjects. We offer all of the traditional A level subjects you would expect from a large Sixth Form, as well as those which are not available at smaller institutions. For example, you can study French, German and Spanish at A level, as well as Computer Science, Music, Music Technology, Drama and Dance. We also offer an number of 1 year courses to complement your programme of study, such as the Extended Project Qualification and Mathematical Studies.

Our facilities are simply outstanding. The Sixth Form is based in Hinchingsbrooke House, the stately home which originally belonged to the Montagu family. The House is a beautiful place to study and work and is equipped to support the needs of Sixth Form students. Whilst you will study privately in the House and enjoys its gardens, you will benefit from what the rest of the school has to offer. For example, you will have access to a gym and pool, all weather sports facilities, a performing arts centre and first class IT facilities.

The curriculum you will follow stretches beyond your core subjects. In year 12, you will follow our Enrichment Programme on a Wednesday afternoon. This is your opportunity to broaden your skills set by following short courses in Sports, Cookery, Speaking for Confidence, Law and First Aid Training. Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education is taught once a fortnight and covers everything from financial management to healthy relationships.

We expect all of our students to support the Hinchingsbrooke Community in some way. A large number of our Year 12s and 13s volunteer to support younger learners in a range of subjects. We have well established House system in the School and House Captains and Ambassadors all come from the Sixth Form. For those of you aiming for the very top, we have a group of six Head and Deputy Head Students whose roles are crucial to the development of the school. Many of our students run societies and clubs in the Sixth Form. Our University Challenge competition is about to start, as are our termly sports tournaments.

Every student has a specialist Sixth Form tutor, whose primary role is to oversee your progress and wellbeing, and to help you move onto university, employment or an apprenticeship. This team of tutors is led by a Head of Year and a Student Support Officer. We also have a dedicated Oxbridge/Russell Group mentor, an award-winning Post-16 Careers Counsellor and specialist support for our disadvantaged students. Coupled with your subject specialists, this network of professionals will ensure that you will be happy, safe and successful whilst you are with us.

The following pages provide some further information about the Sixth Form experience and the application process. If you have questions at any time, please contact us at sixthform@hbk.acesmat.

Good luck in year 11 and we look forward to receiving your application.

Mrs Victoria Rix
Assitant Principal
Head of Sixth Form



Programme of study - Your core curriculum

All Sixth Formers must study 3 A level or Level 3 courses. Some of you will be suited to studying a fourth. When you are choosing your core subjects, it is important that you consider those that interest you and which you enjoy. Several of the subjects we offer will be new to you (eg Psychology, Sociology, Criminology, Politics and Media Studies) and you might feel that you would like to try something which you have never studied before.

Whatever you do, make sure that you have read our [Course Information & Entry Requirements Guide](#) and have an understanding of how the course is taught, is assessed and what its entry requirements are. Visit the course stand at our Open Evening or contact the Head of Department directly on the email provided in the Course Information Booklet.

Some courses have more credibility with the top universities. On the other hand, many other universities accept all valid Level 3 courses, and are equally interested in what you will offer as a person. For guidance from the Russell Group of universities, look at the Informed Choices website [click here](#).

To help you decide which courses and subjects to take, it may be helpful to talk over your options with your family and friends, your teachers or tutor. You should also look at our curriculum pathways in our Subject Information Booklet This is not prescriptive but gives you a good idea of what subjects you should be studying, given your predicted GCSE grades.

If, at any time, you would like some advice about option choices, please contact sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk



Your programme of study - Your additional curriculum

As well as your core subjects, you will be taking part in **Enrichment**, on a Wednesday afternoon. This is provided for you to develop your wider interpersonal skills, your mental resilience and your well-being. This year students pick from a range of activities from 'Speaking for Success', Cooking for Independence, an Introduction to Law, and Music and the Media. Hinchingsbrooke is known for its sporting opportunities and teams, so you will have plenty of opportunity to play sport against other schools or against other HBK Sixth Formers. To help students with the step up to the demands of Sixth Form, we timetable all Year 12 students for registered periods of supervised **Private Study**. All Sixth Formers have an hour of **PSHCE** per fortnight, touching on important topics such as 'Healthy Relationship' and 'Safety and Wellbeing'.

We have completely revamped our student leadership provision this year, meaning that over 30 students have taken on key roles to lead on aspects of student life in the Sixth Form and in the rest of the school. The House system is also a fundamental feature of life in the Sixth Form. We have numerous inter-House competitions which are led by year 12 House Ambassadors and House Captains who have a leadership role across the whole school. Our Sixth Form Student Leaders are overseen by our Head Students who are appointed following a challenging selection process.



Your care, guidance and support

There is a wide range of support available for each student in the Sixth Form to ensure that you are happy, safe and successful.

Your Head of Year and Sixth Form Tutor have the primary role in and responsibility for overseeing your academic and personal progress during your time in the Sixth Form. They are also the first port of call for parents who wish to share information about their child or raise a concern about their progress.

In the first six weeks of term and at critical points in the year, you will be attending morning tutorials so that you can complete your Induction Programme and prepare for your exams. In addition, your tutor will meet with you regularly to support and guide you through all aspects of your Sixth Form life, including your transition to higher education, an apprenticeship or employment. More specialist and personalised support is available through Student Services. We have a Student Support Officer in each year group who works with the Inclusion team, the Sixth Form, SEND mentor, School Counsellor and a School Nurse, to co-ordinate interventions wherever needed.



Making your application

To make your application to join our Sixth Form, please visit [MyChoice16 - Your Online Careers Gateway](#). Your school may already be using this platform for your post-16 choices. If not, you will have to create an account for yourself. If you have any problems accessing MyChoice, please contact us at sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk

Applications should be in by the 13 January 2023 and later that month, we will be inviting students to a guidance meeting to discuss their application. We continue to accept applications throughout the year but please be aware that courses fill up quickly.

We make conditional offers based on the set of predicted grades you submit on your MyChoice application. If your actual grades in the summer are better than what you were predicted, you will have the opportunity to change your sixth form options.

Application Timeline



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