



Hinchingsbrooke School

*Inspiring excellence
Fulfilling potential
Developing character*

Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form

Excellence in Everything

July 2021

Dear students,

Thank you so much for joining us for our virtual Induction Week! It was fantastic to hear how much you enjoyed the lessons. All the teachers here have told me how great you were in lessons and enthused to start your Sixth Form studies. We've been running school tours for students joining us from other schools over the last week; it's been great meeting you all and I'm looking forward to getting to know you better in September.

We are now looking towards GCSE results day and the start of the new school year. With the government announcement regarding on-site lateral flow testing we've had to make a slight adjustment to the start of term. We are now asking Sixth Form students to come in for their first lateral flow test on Thursday 2nd September, their second lateral flow test on Monday 6th September then enrolment will now take place on Tuesday 7th September. We are sorry for the additional burden that this will put on students and families to arrange individual travel arrangements. We will issue more precise guidance shortly about timings for the test days and enrolment. We are very grateful to the members of our community who are assisting in the testing process as well as our students and families for their cooperation.

On GCSE results day we ask if you could let us know whether you will be taking up your place with us as soon as possible. We will email you a link on the morning of results day so you can respond to your offer. If you are hoping to change a subject, we will also include the option to let us know which course you would like to study instead. If you are joining us from another school, we will also ask you to upload a copy of your results.

I hope you're having a lovely summer and I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Mrs Moyes
Head of Year 12



Important Dates

12th August 2021

GCSE Results Day - respond to your offer via the link emailed to you.

2nd September 2021

Lateral flow test 1

6th September 2021

Lateral flow test 2

7th September 2021

Enrolment



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GCSE Results Day

Thursday 10th August

On GCSE results day you will need to respond to your conditional offer and let us know if you want to make any changes to your programme of study.



If you are joining us from another school:

On the morning of results day, we will email you a link to respond to your Sixth Form offer. If you are deciding to accept your Sixth Form place it will then ask you to upload a copy of your results and ask you if you would like to change any of your course choices. The Sixth Form team will be available via Teams and phone appointments. Please indicate when completing the form whether you would like to have an appointment.

If you are joining us from Hinchingsbrooke:

In your results letter it will contain the link to respond to your Sixth Form. You don't need to upload your results, but it will ask you whether you are accepting or declining your place, and whether you want to make any changes to your programme of study. The Sixth Form team will be available in school for appointments.

Respond to your offer by 12pm on Friday 13th August.

If you are making changes to your programme of study please also let us know by 13th August at 12pm via the relevant form on www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/6thform.

"Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen."

Conan O'Brien

Start of term

We are now assuming that on-site lateral flow testing will take place at the start of term. Should there be any further adjustments/government recommendations issued over the summer we will let you know as soon as possible.

Lateral flow testing

For the Sixth Form lateral flow testing will take place in alphabetical order and we will confirm the timings of these groups over the summer. You will need to complete two on-site lateral flow tests; the testing dates for the Sixth Form are:

Test 1 – Thursday 2nd September

Test 2 – Monday 6th September

As test 1 is a day earlier than the original advertised term dates we are aware that some students will not be able to attend the test 1 dates. If this is the case, then please could you take a lateral flow test on the same day and report the result.

Enrolment – Tuesday 7th September

If you are joining us from another school, you will need to arrive at 8.40am via the Sixth Form Gate and will be in school until approximately 2pm. If you are studying Maths you will be in school until approximately 3pm to complete the baseline assessment. Further details of the timetable for this day will be sent to you via email but it will include registering for biometrics, your enrolment appointment and screen for exam access arrangements.

If you are joining us from Hinchingsbrooke, you will be sent an appointment time for enrolment. You need to arrive approximately 10-15 minutes before your appointment time via the Sixth Form gate. If you are studying Maths you will need to also complete your baseline assessment. We will email you further details on this after results day.

This is Hinchingsbrooke – Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th September

For the first two days of term you will be completing an exciting programme of activities that will (re-)introduce you to Hinchingsbrooke, Sixth Form study and our wider community. You will need to arrive at 8.40am on both days. On the Wednesday you will meet your tutor on the Sixth Form lawn and on Thursday you will go straight to your form room. as

Lessons start – Friday 10th September

The day will start with tutor time in your form rooms and you will then start your lessons.

School photographs – Monday 13th September

At some point during this day you will have your school photograph. Further details on timings will be given at the start of term.

“Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

Life as a Sixth Former

In Sixth Form you will have more freedom to plan your day and your studies.

Tutor time

During the Induction period (which is the first month of school) Year 12 form time runs everyday from 8.40 – 9am. In these sessions you will cover a variety of topics including independent learning, wellbeing and leadership training. This will also be a chance for you to have a daily check-in with your tutor to discuss how your subjects are going, how you are finding the transition to Sixth Form and any other concerns you have. Sixth Formers do not have PM registration and after the Induction period, form times are once per week for most students.

Additionally to group tutor times you will have at least one small-group/individual meeting once a half term with your tutor to discuss your progress in Sixth Form. These meetings are designed to give you personalised support during your time here with us at Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form. The frequency of these meetings are tailored around the student's needs so you may find you meet your tutor more frequently at some times and they are always available to meet on request.

School Day from September 2020		
8.35	Warning bell	
8.40 to 9.00	AM Tutorial/Assembly	(Bell at 8.40)
9.00 to 10.00	Period 1	
10.00 to 11.00	Period 2	
11.00 to 11.20	Break	
11.15	Warning bell	
11.20 to 12.20	Period 3	(Bell at 11.20)
12.20 to 1.20	Period 4	
1.20 to 2.05	Lunch	
2.00	Warning bell	
2.05 to 2.15	PM Registration	(Bell at 2.05)
2.15 to 3.15*	Period 5	

Timetable

In Sixth Form your timetable will look different to that of a Year 11 student.

- You will have nine lessons across the fortnight in each of your main subjects (we have a two-week timetable).
- If you have chosen to complete the Core Maths or EPQ qualifications you will also have additional lessons for these.
- You will also have Private Study sessions; these are sessions for completing supervised independent study.
- Every Wednesday period 5 we have our enrichment lessons – during these sessions you will experience a range of activities such as sports, music, art, debating and cooking.

All of the above sessions and tutor times/meetings are compulsory, you must attend all of them. However, you will be left with some 'blank' periods on your timetable. During these times you have the freedom to choose what to do. You can choose to use one of the on-site Sixth Form spaces or you can choose to leave the school site. For most students there is no requirement to be on-site at times where you do not have a compulsory session.

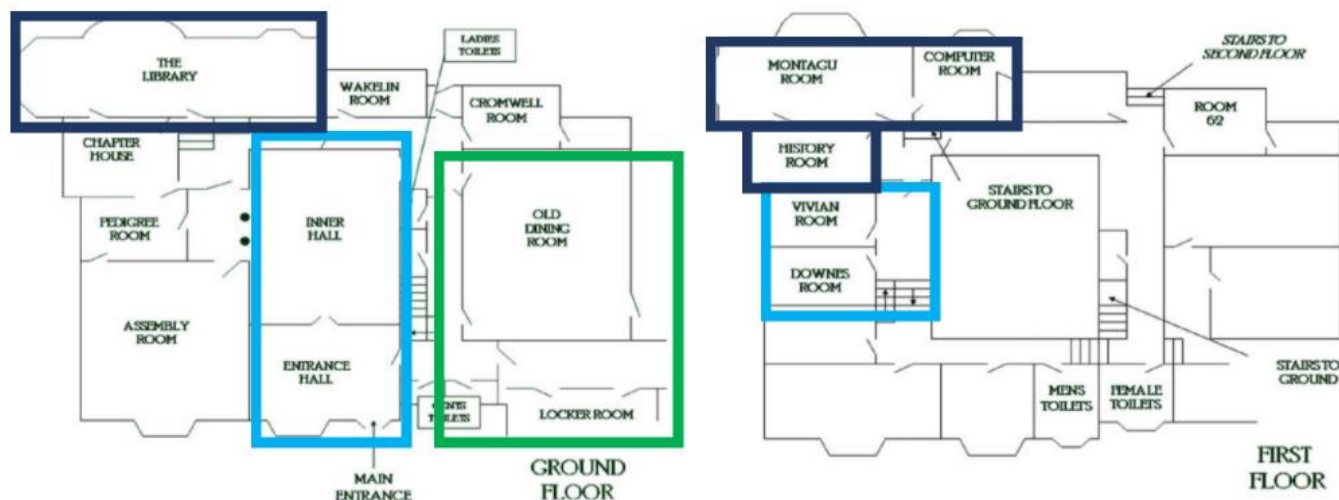
"It means a lot that I'm able to study my A-Levels with brilliant supportive teachers and that I've been able to work with like-minded classmates."

Year 12 student 2020-21

Hinchingbrooke House

The Sixth Form is based in the House but lessons take place in departments all around the school site. In the House we have several different spaces for you to use.

- Silent space: the Montagu and History rooms (upstairs) are the silent study areas for Year 12. You will be timetabled in this area for Private Study sessions but are welcome to use it whenever you would like. This area has PC facilities should you wish to use them. Downstairs, the Year 13 students use the Library as their silent study space.
- Quiet space: the Inner Hall and Entrance Hall are for group/paired study.
- Social space: the Old Dining Room and Locker Room are our social areas



Silent Space

Montagu Room, History Room, Library

- ✓ Silent atmosphere
- ✓ Individual Study

Quiet Space

Inner Hall, Outer Hall, Vivian & Downes area

- ✓ Quiet area
- ✓ Purposeful conversations
- ✓ Group/paired study

Social Space

Old Dining Room, Locker Room

- ✓ Spend time socialising with friends

- Joe's Café: this is the Sixth Form food outlet (top tip, they do loyalty cards!). The Sixth Form café takes card payments, and Apple Pay. In general, the school uses a biometric cashless catering system for the processing of school meals. More information can be found on our website: <http://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/cashless>. We require consent from at least one parent to be given to use biometric information. This would have been requested on your admission form. If a parent wishes, they can withhold consent by writing a letter to the school for the student to bring to Sixth Form enrolment

The most significant determiner in your progress, besides your own ability, is your resilience. There are many distractions and discouragements that you will face, and your ability to stay focused despite these, and to retain belief in your ability to learn and achieve anything you wish to, will dictate how successful you are. It is this belief which will motivate you to learn and grow as a student in your time here.