

Welcome



Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form

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Welcome

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

We are an ambitious Sixth Form, benefitting from outstanding facilities and a unique setting and everyone who studies and works here strives for excellence in everything they do. This high standard creates a buzzing sixth form environment where our students are able to flourish and grow their confidence, so that they are ready to take their place in the world. 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, but our offer also includes subjects which are not available at other local 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.

Your lessons will be fast paced and challenging, delivered by expert teachers, benefitting from first class facilities; we have Performing Arts Centre, Music technology suite and cutting-edge IT facilities both in the House and across the school. Aside from your subject choices you also have the opportunity to enhance your wider skills through our extensive enrichment programme, where you can hone your skills in debating, sport, the arts, politics and much more. We are also proud of our Student Leadership team who underpin our community and the student life. It is important to us that our Sixth Formers are busy and feel part of a community; not only will this enhance an application to higher education or employment, it also builds esteem and improves well-being.

Our standard of excellence extends to the support we provide to all of our Sixth Formers. 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 or an apprenticeship. This team of tutors is led by a Head of Year and a Well-being 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 specialist, 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, as well as the subjects that we offer. We very much look forward to receiving your application so that you can begin your journey with us.

Mrs Victoria Rix
Director of Sixth Form



Your programme of study - Your core curriculum

Your core curriculum consists of the Level 3 courses that you choose to study for the two years that you are with us. You can find out about the courses we offer in our Course Information Brochure. When you are choosing your core subjects, it is important that you consider those that interest you and which you enjoy, as these are likely to be the ones in which you will do best. However, you should also consider which subjects relate to your future aspirations and be mindful of the entry criteria for the university courses or apprenticeship you wish to pursue after school. For more guidance from the Russell Group of universities about A level options and potential careers, look at the Informed Choices [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 Course Information Brochure. 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

Alongside your core curriculum we expect students to take part in a number of programmes which will help them develop the skills, qualities and confidence which are necessary to move onto adult life.

For example, every week in year 12 you will be taking part in **Enrichment** once a week. This strand of our provision will give you the opportunity to develop your wider interpersonal skills, your mental resilience and your well-being. This year students pick from a range of activities including 'Speaking for Success', 'Cookery Toolkit', Photography and Music and the Media. You will take part in **Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education** with the Sixth Form Team, touching on topics which are pertinent to young adults. 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** until we feel they are ready to work independently.

There is a lot more besides this for you to get involved in. Exciting extras include the **sporting opportunities** we offer, and there is a full schedule of fixtures against other local Sixth Forms in a range of sports for you to take part in. The **House system** is also a fundamental feature of life in the Sixth Form. We have numerous inter-House competitions (from debating to netball) which are led by year 12 House Ambassadors and House Captains

We have completely revamped our **student leadership** provision this year, meaning that over 60 students in year 13 have taken on key roles to lead on aspects of student life in the Sixth Form and in the rest of the school. We also strongly encourage all of our year 12 students to undertake a leadership role, feeding into our **Hinchingbrooke Leadership Award Scheme**. Our Sixth Form **Head Students** oversee all of our **Student Leaders** and play a pivotal role in Sixth Form life.

You will also find that many departments run subject based societies and activities. This year sees the return of the **school production** and we are excited to see the return of the **school orchestra, choir and windband**.



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 of 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, you will be attending morning tutorials so that you can complete your **Induction Programme** and settling in period. In addition, your tutor will meet with you regularly, on a one to one basis, 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 the Sixth Form who works with the Inclusion team, the **Sixth Form SEND mentor**, **School's Counsellor** and a **School Nurse**, to co-ordinate interventions wherever needed. We also have an award-winning **post-16 Careers Counsellor** who is available to discuss your post-18 options should you be considering an Apprenticeship or employment when you leave Sixth Form. We also have a dedicated programme for those students who wish to apply to **Oxbridge** and other competitive undergraduate courses (**medicine, law, veterinary sciences and Russell Group**).



Making your application

If you would like to look at the courses we offer, recommended pathways and entrance requirements, please look at our 'Course Information' brochure on our website. Over the page there is also a timeline charting how we will manage your application.

We look forward very much to seeing you soon!

The Sixth Form Team
Hinchingbrooke School

Application Timeline



What our Students say...

Criminology, Sociology, Sports BTEC

'There's so many amazing sporting opportunities here at Hinchingbrooke both in terms of leadership and participation. I have represented the school at both local and district level and loved the experience!'

Izzie

Biology, Chemistry, Maths

'Hinchingbrooke is an environment where I feel comfortable and my teachers know me very well; well enough to challenge and push me in my work. Because the Sixth Form is smaller than other colleges, the community feels tight-knit and it's nice to see so many friendly every day.'

Film Studies, Drama, English Literature

'I joined Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form from another school to have a fresh start, explore new opportunities and meet new people. It was definitely one of the best decisions I have ever made. I'm proud to be part of the Hinchingbrooke community!'

Kim

History, English, Philosophy, EPQ

The support I have had with my Oxbridge application has been very good indeed. I have had extensive support in perfecting my application, my admissions assessments and interviews.

Emma

Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Mathematical Studies

'There's always someone to talk to about anything and a massive support team. I feel safe at Hinchingbrooke'

Emma

Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry

I knew there was nowhere else I wanted to go for Sixth Form. From the seemingly broad and endless opportunities from sport to music; the fantastic teaching staff who never fail to inspire; the brilliant support team to the wonderful students who you get to spend your time with- what more could you ask for in a Sixth Form?

Joe

Physics, Maths, Further Maths

I joined Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form from another school, because of the wide leadership opportunities available to students. Everyone is extremely friendly and all of the staff members I met have driven me to be the best I can be.

The facilities at Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form are unparalleled. The school is well looked after and the respect that everyone has for HBK has been apparent from day one!

Ben

Biology, Geography, Art

The setting and study spaces here at Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form are simply amazing.-you are surrounded by history! There are plenty but also facilities to work with your friends on project work. In addition, we have Joe's our fabulous coffee shop and seating area'

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