



Hinchingsbrooke School

Inspiring excellence
Fulfilling potential
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Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form

Excellence in Everything

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Welcome to Sixth Form

Dear students,

What a year!

We all really hope that the last few weeks and your 'TAGs' wherever you are, have gone smoothly. We are looking forward very much 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 in the lead up to starting Sixth Form and introduce life at Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form.

In this edition:

- Introducing the Sixth Form team
- Welcome from our Head Students
- The Induction Week programme, including a task to complete beforehand.

We'll write again before Induction Week 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. Have a well-earned break over the next few weeks, you deserve it!

The Sixth Form Team



We have made over 260 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!



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The Sixth Form Team

Your main port of call during the Sixth Form will be your tutor. They will support you through the transition into Year 12 and throughout the two years to finally helping you to plan your next steps after Sixth Form. You will find out your tutor during Induction Week. In addition to your tutor, you can also talk to any member of the Sixth Form team.

Mrs Moyes, 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, cooking and attempting to learn German. 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.



Mrs Edwards, Student Support Officer

I'm Mrs Edwards, I'm here to support you in the Sixth Form and can point you in the direction of lots of useful guidance on a wide range of topics connected to your wellbeing. You can find in Student Services on the first floor of the House. My top tip for Sixth Form is to be organised and seek advice early. Outside of school, I enjoy watching my son play rugby and my daughter go horse riding

Mrs Rix, Director of Sixth Form

I'm Mrs Rix and the Director 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. In my spare time, I love watching sport, running and reading.



"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

Pelé

Head Students

Our Head Students, Bethan and Ben, lead our team of 26 senior students.

My name is Bethan McGregor. I am studying Biology, Geography, Art and EPQ. I started at Hinchingsbrooke School in 2015, so I have been here for 6 years. Sixth Form has been a roller coaster ride so far, from extreme highs to lows (lockdown). Although restrictions have been in place, Year 12 has been my best year so far. I love the independence, responsibility and opportunities.

My main piece of advice for starting Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form is to enjoy it, time will go so fast. Take the chance to make new friends and try out new experiences. This will prepare you for whatever your future holds.

My top tips are to simply to plan and be organised from the beginning. Get those highlighters and colour coordinated folders at the ready! At some stages, the subject content may be overwhelming, but don't be afraid to ask if you're struggling. More often than not, others will be feeling the same. Sixth Form is set up to guide and support. The staff will help you to be the very best version of yourself. Make memories and welcome aboard. Good Luck!

Bethan



Hello, my name is Ben La Roche and I'm one of the Head Students here at Hinchingsbrooke. I'm currently studying Physics, Maths and Further Maths. I'd like to take this opportunity to say how fantastic this school is; from friendly, helpful teachers to kind and respectful students, transferring to Hinchingsbrooke was undoubtedly a great choice to make. If you're an external student like I was, I'm certain you'll soon look back and say the same.

When I first arrived at Hinchingsbrooke, I was nervous trying to work out what might be the best way for me to begin studying for my subjects. However, over the first few days, I had an abundance of support from my tutor, the Sixth Form team and all of my teachers. They all made it very easy for me to pick up tips on tackling assignments, making the most of my revision time and tailoring my study schedule to suit me.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Ben

Leadership at Sixth Form

All students in the Sixth Form are expected to take on some form of leadership roles within the school. You will have the opportunity to become an Ambassador focusing on a specific area of school life including diversity, charity, wellbeing, mentoring.

Induction Week

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 except Friday which will finish at 2pm.

Monday 5 th July	Stepping up to Sixth Form What are our values and expectations, who is the team who will support me through the next two years and what is the best way to study effectively in the Sixth Form? Arrive at 8.35am at the Gatehouse.
Tuesday 6 th July	A day in the life of a Sixth Former Today you will experience lessons in your chosen options. You will also meet our Senior Students and have the chance to experience some of our enrichment activities.
Wednesday 7 th July	Where can Sixth Form take me? It's never too early to think of where Sixth Form is taking you so today, you'll discover some of the possible options for after Sixth Form as well taking part in the first Inter House competition of the year!
Thursday 8 th July	A day in the life of a Sixth Former During this day you'll experience a second lesson in all your chosen options as well as Private Study, which is where you complete work independently of your lessons.
Friday 9 th July	Looking forward to September On this day we'll equip you with top tips and advice for over the summer holidays as well as celebrate the culmination of the Induction Week and your transition to Sixth Form. This day will finish at 2pm.

Task to complete before induction week:

In preparation for induction week we would like you to complete the following MOOC (mass open online course) <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/improving-study-techniques>. This a great, free(!) course which will help you to prepare for the more independent nature of Sixth Form study.

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