



Hinchingsbrooke School

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# Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form

*Excellence in Everything*

July 2023

Dear students,

Thank you so much for joining us for our Taster Days! It was so lovely to meet you all and we hope you enjoyed the experience. It was wonderful to see the year group together for the first time in the assembly, having a BBQ and taking part in the House activities. It has been fantastic to hear from staff how engaged and enthusiastic you were about the lessons. We are really looking forward to getting to know you better in September.

We hope you're having a lovely summer and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon to start a successful 2 years together!

A polite reminder that the Sixth Form does have a dress code as follows:

- no wearing of clothes that reveal underwear.
- no tops which reveal large amounts of flesh.
- no see-through clothes not also accompanied by a skirt or shorts.
- no hats or hoods to be worn inside.
- no ripped clothing.
- no joggers or sports leggings.
- no items of clothing advocating or celebrating illegal acts, drugs etc or inappropriate imagery.

As we are now looking towards GCSE results day and the start of the new school year. Please read the newsletter so that you are aware of the plans for Results Day and our start in September.

Mrs Black and Mr Burton  
Head of Year and Student Support Officer for Year 12.



## Important Dates

### GCSE Results Day

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### A-level Subject Change Day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023

10am – 2 pm

### Induction Day 1

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

### Induction Day 2

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

### Lessons Begin

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September



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# GCSE Results Day

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Message from Mrs Rix, Head of Sixth Form:

On GCSE results day you will need to let us know if you wish to take up your conditional offer for a place at Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form. Below is some FAQs regarding the process that we went through on the Taster Days.



### How do I accept my place once I have my results?

The process for accepting your place for Hinchingsbrooke students and students from other schools is the same. Results day this year is the **24th of August**. If you are successful in attaining our entrance requirements (5 x grade 5 or above including maths and English; or 5 x grade 5 or above with maths and/or English at a grade 4) you must accept your place to study with us via link to a Microsoft Form which will appear on our school website. Students who are not currently at Hinchingsbrooke will be required to email us a copy of their results to

[sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk). We will be checking through all these emails to ensure that you have the right grades to join our Sixth Form.

### **YOU MUST ACCEPT YOUR PLACE BY 8AM ON 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

### How do I change one or more courses once I have received my results?

If you would like to change one or more of your courses after you receive your results, you still have to **accept your place by 8am on the 25th of August via the link on the website**. You are then invited to come to school, via the Gatehouse, on the **25th of August between 10am and 2pm** to change your options. We will do our best to accommodate any changes, but this will be subject to availability on the course and the course fitting the option blocking.

### What if I do not meet the entry requirements for one more courses, but still qualify to join the Sixth Form?

If you *do not* meet the subject specific entrance requirement (s), but do make the threshold to join Sixth Form, please accept your place via the link on the website. You are then invited to come to school via the Gatehouse, on the **25th of August between 10am and 2pm** to change your options. We will do our best to accommodate any changes, but this will be subject to availability on the course and the course fitting the option blocking. **If you come to see on the 25<sup>th</sup> August from a school other than Hinchingsbrooke, please have a photo/copy of your results to show us.**

### What do I do if I cannot come into school on 25<sup>th</sup> August, but I want/need to change my subjects?

If you are not able to come along on the 25<sup>th</sup> August and would like to/have been asked to change a subject, please email us at [sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk). We will look at these emails after 2.00pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August and do our best to accommodate any changes you would like to make.

*I wish you the very best for the summer and look forward to working with you next year.*

**Please respond to your offer by 8am on Friday 25th August.**  
**Please use the link on the school website to do this.**

## Start of Term

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form. Here is a brief outline of what will be going on at the start of term.

Date	Activities
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Please arrive at the Gatehouse at 8.30am where you will be allocated a form group, and your tutor will tell you where you need to be during the day. The day will consist of preparing for your 1:1 tutorial tomorrow, participating in 3 sessions about stepping up to Sixth Form and an assembly.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	You will have your 1:1 with your tutor at the time allocated on Tuesday.* You need to ensure that you are in school for a minimum of 4 hours completing a range of activities that will be explained to you on Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> . You will need to go and have your photograph taken during the day for your lanyard. Maths and Further Maths students will need to do their baseline test in the Montagu Room at 9am. Students joining us from another school will need to complete their CAT tests after they have had their 1:1s (these will take place in the Montagu Room).
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	You will be with your tutor for Periods 1 and 2 and lessons will begin Period 3.

\* These meetings are the first of many you will have with your tutor, and we believe that the relationship that you build with your tutor is essential to your progress at Sixth Form. The 1:1 will cover a variety of things and the tutors will have a copy of your application to chat with you about. You can talk about anything you want and let them know of any concerns/issues you feel the school should be aware of.

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

*Conan O'Brien*

# Life as a Sixth Former

*In Sixth Form you will have more independence and it is therefore you can plan your time to ensure you progress to your potential.*

## Tutor time

During the Induction period (which is the first half term!) Year 12 form time runs everyday from 8.40 – 9am. In these sessions you will cover a variety of topics. 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 <b>(Bell at 8.40)</b>	
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	<b>(Bell at 11.20)</b>
12.20 to 1.20	Period 4	
1.20 to 2.05	Lunch	
2.00	Warning bell	
2.05 to 2.15	PM Registration	<b>(Bell at 2.05)</b>
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 8 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 choose an activity to enrich your curriculum.

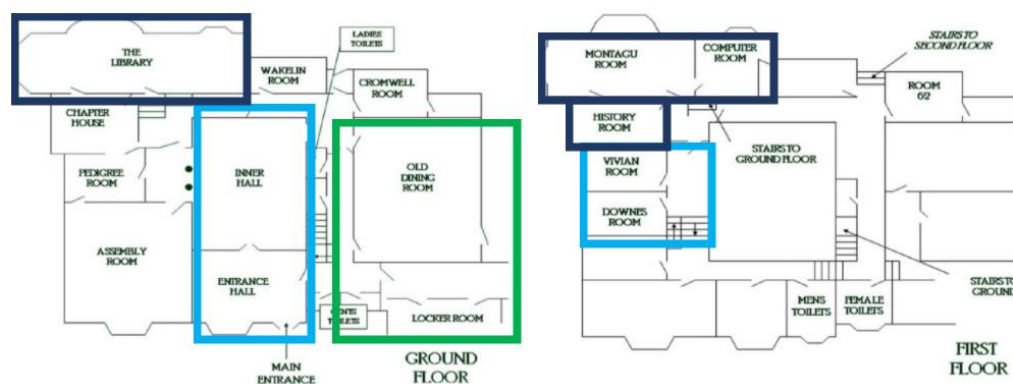
All of the above sessions and tutor times/meetings are compulsory. However, you will be left with some 'non-contact' periods on your timetable. During these times you we strongly recommend thsat you continue with your studies but we do allow students to go leave the school site if you have the ability to. Please ensure you swipe out at reception when you leave the school site.

# The Facilities

## 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) and the Library (downstairs). You will be timetabled in these areas for Private Study sessions but are welcome to use it whenever you would like. T
- Quiet space: the Inner Hall and Entrance Hall are for group/paired study.
- Social space: the Old Dining Room and the Sandwich Room (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 The Sixth Form café takes card payments, and Apple Pay. It will be cashless from September. If you would like to be able to have money put on a tab by your parents, we will set up the biometrics for you in the first week.