



KINGSMEAD SCHOOL

Sixth Form

PROSPECTUS

2025

WELCOME TO KINGSMEAD SCHOOL

Sixth Form



MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to The Sixth Form at Kingsmead School.

This is a unique secondary school. Young people do consistently well and thrive at Kingsmead and our sixth form is no exception. Year on year, the outcomes show both high levels of progress and the very best of grades at both A Level and Vocational subjects.

This year we celebrated the fantastic destinations of young people after studying with us. From sought after places at prestigious universities, going on to study medicine, law and dentistry to securing high level degree apprenticeships, Kingsmead students are well prepared for their future.

High academic standards of teaching are matched by a full programme of opportunities outside of the classroom. The DoE award scheme, charitable work, performing in shows and being student leaders to younger children are integral to life in our sixth form. We encourage our sixth formers to make the most of their time with us.

Making the choice for your sixth form studies is a significant one and we hope that choice for you is Kingsmead.



**Mr. Paul Averis,
Headteacher**

WELCOME FROM OUR SIXTH FORM TEAM

Motivate



A warm welcome to Kingsmead Sixth Form. We are delighted that you are considering us for your place of study in the final two years of education.

Here at Kingsmead we have a **thriving community** of students that are **committed, friendly and capable**. Whilst studying at Kingsmead Sixth Form we want you to feel comfortable selecting and succeeding in your chosen courses. We also want you to find Kingsmead the place you feel **inspired to grow, shape your future, and achieve your goals**.

We make it a priority to **see you excel** in your time with us, regardless of subjects, learning styles or prior attainment. We ensure you are surrounded by teachers who are **passionate** about their subjects, and long to see you **succeed** at the end of your Sixth Form journey.

We support all our Sixth Form students as they take their next steps to ensuring a **successful future**, but also recognise there is more to school life than academic studies alone. Outside of studies, we offer **significant leadership opportunities, academic coaching**, opportunities for **supercurricular activities**, enrichment and much more!

We promise to provide you with a **strong support network**, a dedicated Director of Sixth Form and Heads of Year who will give you the scope to take responsibility, **gain independence**, and focus on discovering where your future aspirations will take you as you progress on your journey.



Mrs. Horsfield
Director of Sixth Form



Mrs. Bawn
Assistant Director of Sixth Form
Head of Year 12



Mrs. Watton
Assistant Director of Sixth Form
Head of Year 13





WHY CHOOSE KINGSMEAD SIXTH FORM?



Free breakfast for all students:

This ensures that every child has the opportunity to start the day with a meal, helping to support focus, energy, and overall academic success. Breakfast club has created a great place for students to start the day right.



Independent Sixth Form Centre open from 7:30am to 5pm each day:

The extended opening hours allow students to make the most of their day—whether they prefer to start early, stay later to complete independent study or receive additional support.



Strong Academic Outcomes and High Standards:

30% of results are A* or A with 100% pass rate for A-Levels and Vocational results.

Kingsmead School is a fantastic choice for your Post 16 studies, offering a **focused and dedicated learning environment** where students are supported to achieve their **full potential**. Beyond the classroom, Kingsmead provides a wide range of extracurricular activities that help develop leadership, creativity, and teamwork, creating a **well-rounded and enriching** experience. This combination of academic excellence and personal growth makes Kingsmead **an ideal place** to continue your education.



Wide and Balanced curriculum:

We offer over 25 courses, including both traditional course such as Mathematics, Chemistry and English Literature, as well as modern courses such as Criminology, IT and Psychology.



Enrichment and extra curricular opportunities:

Students can lead enrichments across school, complete an EPQ and super curricular activities as well as prepare for life beyond sixth form with healthy eating and finance classes.

STUDENT DESTINATIONS

We were delighted to celebrate another year of **exceptional results** at Kingsmead Sixth Form. Our 2025 students achieved an **average grade of B at A-Level**, and a **Distinction at Vocational Level**, reflecting both their commitment to working hard and the high-quality support they receive.

Our students moved on to **impressive destinations**, with two students going on to study Medicine at the **University of Birmingham** and another gaining a place to study History at the **University of Oxford**. Others are pursuing exciting courses such as Astrophysics, Sociology and Politics at the University of Liverpool, Film and TV Production at the University of York, and Cyber Security at the University of Southampton. Alongside these academic pathways, we are also proud of students who have chosen **high-quality vocational routes** such as Physiotherapy at University College Birmingham and Paramedic Science at Staffordshire University.

At Kingsmead, we are delighted to see our students grow in confidence, **achieve beyond expectations**, and secure aspirational futures.

University of Salford

Film Production
Theatre and Performance Practice

University of Manchester

Mathematics and Statistics

Manchester Metropolitan University

Computer Games Development
Forensic Psychology
Fashion Business and Management

Liverpool Hope University

Criminology and Law

University of Liverpool

Astrophysics
Sociology and Politics
History and Archaeology

University of Wolverhampton

Learning Disability Nursing

University of Birmingham

Medicine x2
Computer Science
Human Neuroscience

Birmingham City University

Quantity Surveying
Sports Therapy
Product Design
Digital Film Production
Filmmaking
Criminology, Policing & Investigation

University College Birmingham

Physiotherapy

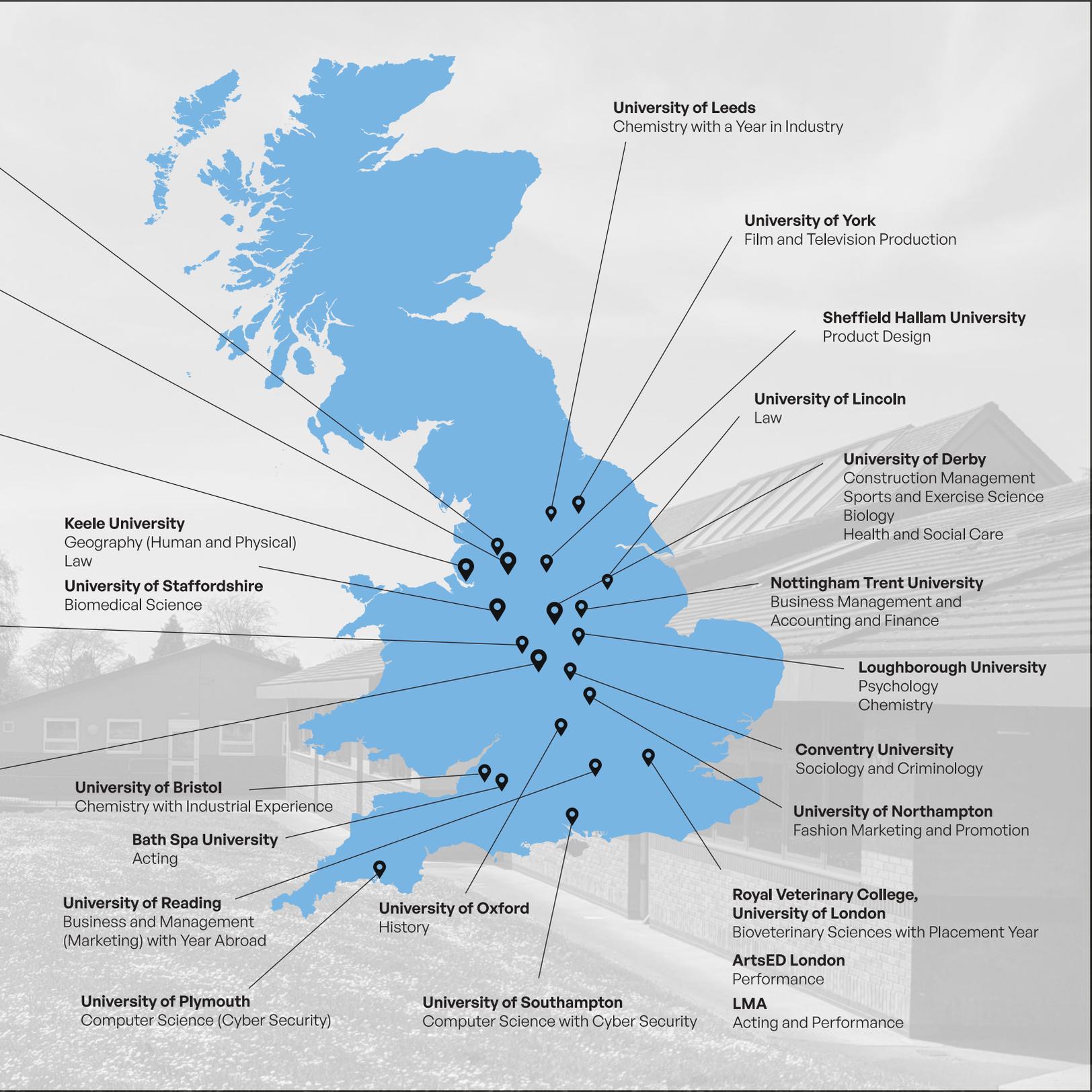
Birmingham Newman University

Psychology and Childhood Studies

Aston University

Accounting and Finance

Discover every



University of Leeds
Chemistry with a Year in Industry

University of York
Film and Television Production

Sheffield Hallam University
Product Design

University of Lincoln
Law

University of Derby
Construction Management
Sports and Exercise Science
Biology
Health and Social Care

Nottingham Trent University
Business Management and
Accounting and Finance

Loughborough University
Psychology
Chemistry

Conventry University
Sociology and Criminology

University of Northampton
Fashion Marketing and Promotion

**Royal Veterinary College,
University of London**
Bioveterinary Sciences with Placement Year

ArtsED London
Performance

LMA
Acting and Performance

University of Southampton
Computer Science with Cyber Security

University of Oxford
History

University of Bristol
Chemistry with Industrial Experience

Bath Spa University
Acting

University of Reading
Business and Management
(Marketing) with Year Abroad

University of Plymouth
Computer Science (Cyber Security)

Keele University
Geography (Human and Physical)
Law

University of Staffordshire
Biomedical Science

ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

Ambition

Cara Nicholls

Achieved exceptional results – 3 A*s in English Literature, History and EPQ, alongside an A in Mathematics and a D* in Music – Cara exemplifies academic excellence. She is now reading History at the University of Oxford, where her maturity, modesty and determination continue to drive her success.



Callum Henry

Achieved exceptional results – 2 A*s in English Literature and Film Studies, alongside a D* in Performing Arts and a B in the EPQ – Callum exemplifies creativity and will power. He is now reading Film Production at the University of Salford where he can fully embrace his passion for film and acting.



Phoebe Davies

Studied Geography, Design and Biology, Phoebe demonstrated drive and determination through her studies. Her drive and ambition led her to secure a highly sought-after degree in ARUP in Manchester, Engineering.

Ella-Mai Weaver and Grace Farr

Studied Maths, Chemistry and Biology, Grace and Ella-Mai supported one another through their applications for the highly competitive courses in Medicine. Demonstrating outstanding determination and willpower, they both secured multiple offers to study Medicine and are now beginning their medical degrees at the University of Birmingham.

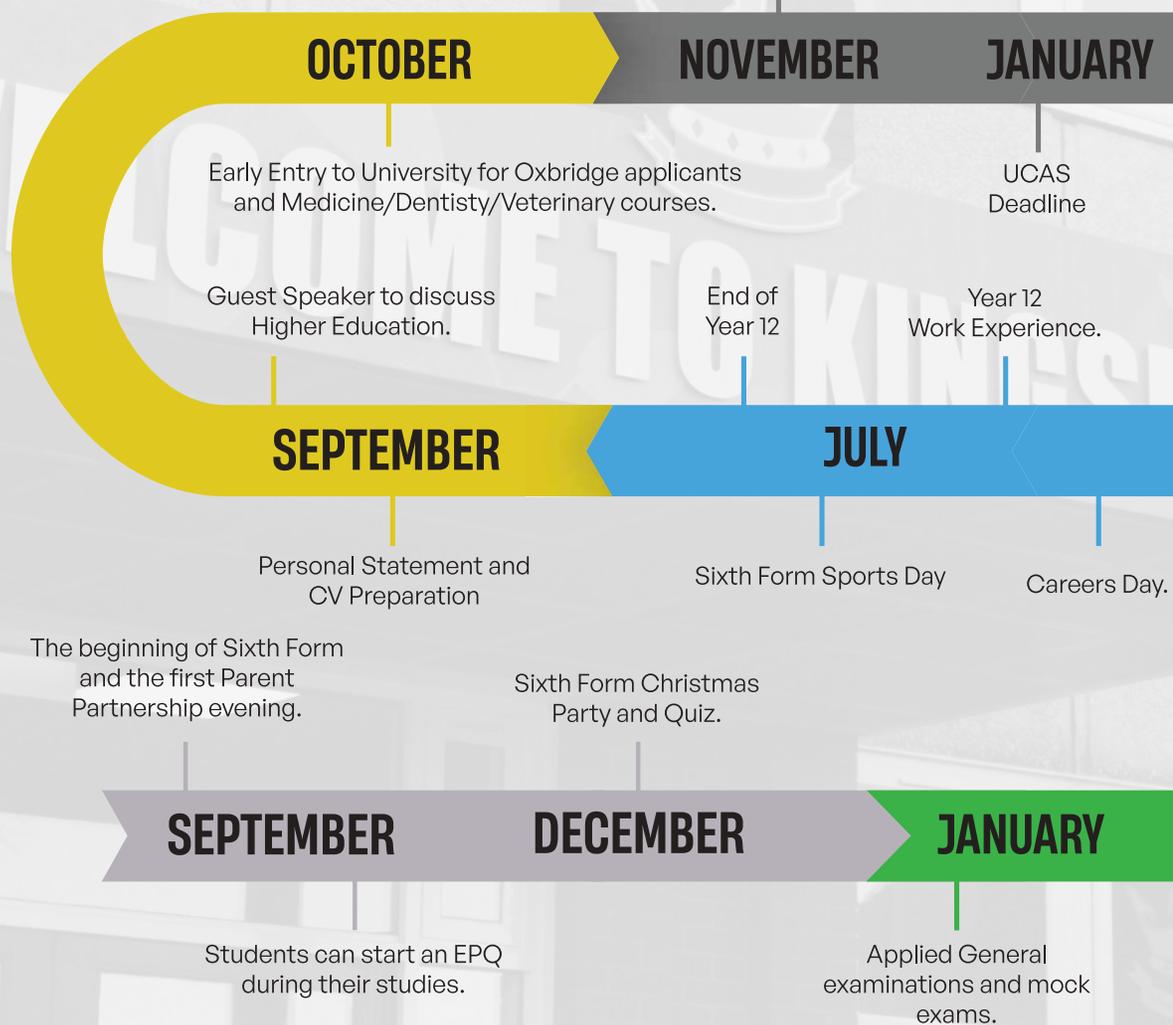


YOUR TIME IN SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form is an exciting and pivotal time in a young person's life. The two years you will spend with us offer a unique opportunity for growth, learning, and discovery — the perfect stepping stone into your future. This is a time for expanding your horizons, developing new skills, and preparing for the challenges and possibilities ahead.

Develop

November Mock Exams.



SEPTEMBER

Students can start an EPQ during their studies.

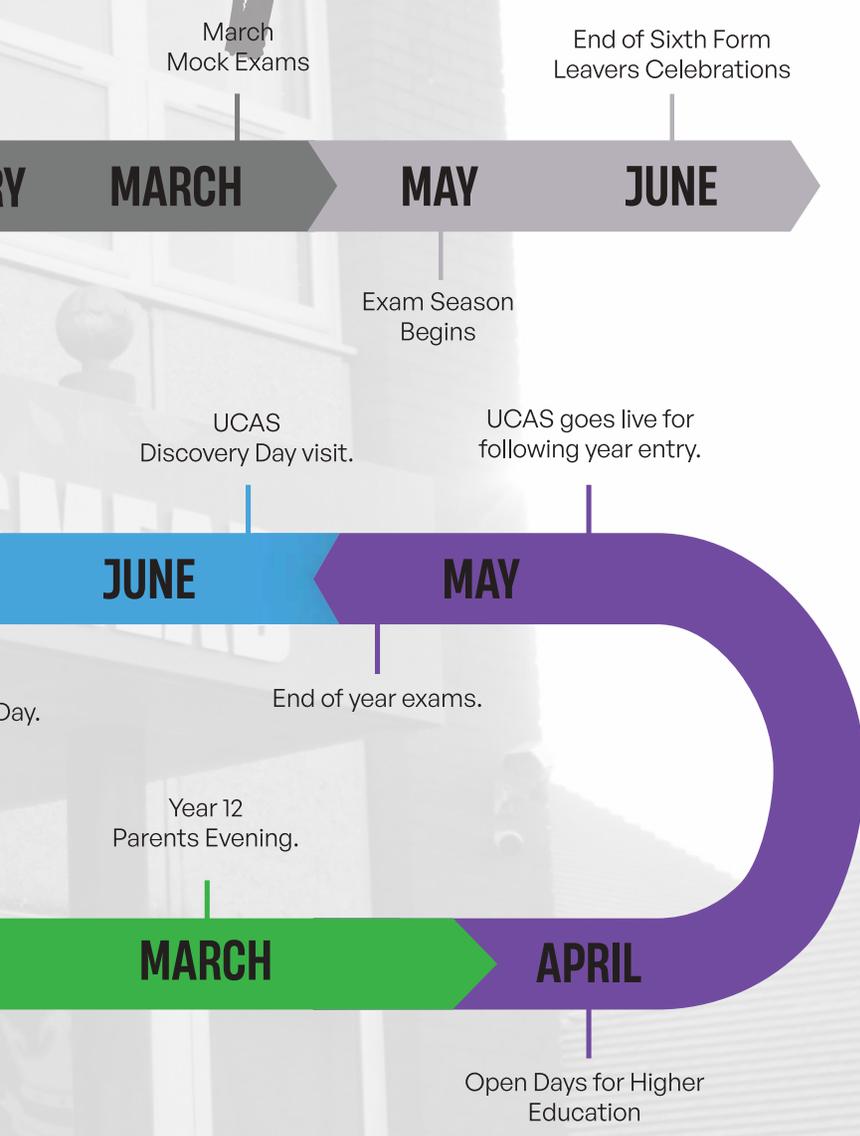
DECEMBER

Sixth Form Christmas Party and Quiz.

JANUARY

Applied General examinations and mock exams.

Development





LEADERSHIP AT KINGSMEAD SIXTH FORM

Empowering

Student Leadership provides Sixth Form students with an exciting range of opportunities where they can **develop themselves** as innovative and **employable citizens** of the future. Roles such as **Head Student**, **House Captain** and **School Councillor** are up for grabs where students are expected to create and lead their own school improvement plans, fundraising events and school charter.

Leaders are expected to attend half termly meetings, school council conferences, lead assemblies and **provide support for younger students** through academic coaching, all of which create a **positive presence** around the school. Sixth Form leaders are **role models for younger students** and work closely with Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 RIME teams on areas such as student voice, house events and RIME Funding.

For the role of Head Student, Sixth Form students go through a rigorous process, including devising a campaign to promote their manifesto and an interview with the Headteacher. The campaigns are a fantastic way for students to **promote themselves as leaders** and a great way to get to know their peers. Previously we have seen students run assemblies, create videos and produce posters; all great ways to gain valuable votes!



OPPORTUNITIES AT KINGSMEAD SIXTH FORM

Academic Coaching

At Kingsmead we want to give our students the edge, and when they join Year 12 we still want them to have every opportunity to continue developing the RIME values of **Resilience, Innovation, Mindfulness and Employability**. We offer coaching in order to support perfecting these values in their final years of formal education.

Academic coaching is when students take an active role in Key Stage 3 and 4 lessons. They help younger years progress in their studies, while also **building confidence** in working alongside specialist staff and furthering their own subject knowledge.

This programme allows students to achieve bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards after completing specific hours of academic coaching. It also gives them much **sought after skills** to enhance their personal statements for universities and CVs for jobs and apprenticeships.

GROWTH









OPPORTUNITIES AT KINGSMEAD SIXTH FORM

Enrichment

We believe that Sixth Form is about more than just academic success. Our dedicated Enrichment Programme, held every Tuesday after school, gives students the chance to **extend their learning**, develop valuable skills and **prepare for life beyond Sixth Form**. Students can use this time to enhance their leadership skills, **build their CVs** and explore new interests. Opportunities include helping to lead enrichment activities for lower school pupils, joining our **Lyceum Society** – designed for those aspiring to high-ranking universities – or taking part in sessions on **healthy eating** and **financial skills** to **support independent living**.

In addition, students may choose to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) or a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) to **boost their supercurricular profile** and stand out in competitive applications. We also offer opportunities for our students to relax and enjoy sporting activities, games and mindfulness activities throughout the year.

Our enrichment programme ensures every student can **broaden their horizons** and gain the confidence, experience and knowledge they need for their next step.

Inspiring





THE SIXTH FORM CENTRE

The Sixth Form Study Centre is the **beating heart** of our Sixth Form.

It is a self-contained area with **distinct study areas** and breakout spaces. It boasts 20 computers, 3 workrooms, free WiFi, built-in kitchen area and a vending machine. It is set up in a way that mirrors a university library, rather than a school. Within the Study Centre you are able to **work independently** in silence or in groups, using the silent study booths or the large whiteboards on the wall. There is a study support area where you have access to textbooks, revision guides, revision cards and stationery, **everything you could need** to be successful!

All students are able to bring their own devices in to school and make use of the free WiFi to support their study. The Sixth Form Study Centre building is **open daily from 7:30am to 5pm** for all those early birds and night owls who wish to stay and work.

DRESS CODE

At Kingsmead, **we take pride** in our Sixth Form and expect our students to dress in a manner that is both appropriate for school and reflective of the standards of **professional attire** expected in today's workplaces.

They are **key role models** for the younger students in school and as such, help reflect a **positive work ethic** and attitude towards learning at all times. The main purpose of our dress code is to ensure that Sixth Form students present themselves in a formal, **professional** manner both inside school and out in the community.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT KINGSMEAD

At Kingsmead, students can apply for scholarships to support their studies and future applications to Higher Education, Apprenticeships or Employment. Students can apply for a STEM, English, or Performing Arts scholarship.

Students can apply for the STEM scholarship with an average grade of at least a 7 at GCSE and if they take two or more STEM subjects - in Sixth Form.

A scholarship can support with the following;

- Educational visits
- Equipment and resources for studies
- Contributions to travel, open days or summer schools

The Performing Arts scholarship is available for outstanding performers.

A scholarship can have support with the following;

- Participating in auditions at Kingsmead for the British Youth Music Theatre
- Audition and residential costs
- Priority places towards theatre trips, including London, New York or the RSC

Students can apply for the English scholarship if they are taking A level English Literature. They should have a passion for English and be considering a career in an English related field such as journalism, media or the creative industries.

A scholarship can support with the following;

- Funding towards University summer schools.
- Travel expenses to open days.
- Funding towards specialised equipment for lessons
- Funding towards English courses and conferences

Inclusive







THE RIGHT COURSES FOR YOU

Success

Our thriving Sixth Form offers **one of the best provisions in the country**, with a broad mix of **A-Levels** and **Vocational** courses designed to suit every learner. Sixth Form students succeed at Kingsmead because they are supported to take **ambitious next steps** on their educational journey and nurtured to **develop** the knowledge, skills and understanding to **be successful** in their chosen fields. It is our personal mission to ensure that all students are given the opportunity **to be the very best that they can be**.

With specialist teaching across **over 25 different subject areas**, we inspire students to excel, be it in traditional courses such as Chemistry, English and Maths, or modern subjects such as Criminology and Creative Media. Our specialist **staff are dedicated** to ensuring every student **achieves their full potential**, often going far beyond expected progress.

We want our students to further develop a **love of learning** alongside their chosen subjects, as well as excel in the courses they pick, therefore we use pathways to help suggest routes for students to pick courses that best suit their particular GCSE profiles. These do not have to be followed, but simply **act as a guide** to help identify the best path forward for their studies

	GCSE PROFILE	SUGGESTED ROUTE
PATHWAY 1	At least 8 GCSEs at Grade 6+	3 A Levels and an EPQ
PATHWAY 2	8 GCSEs with 4-5 at Grade 6+	2 A Levels, 1 Vocational and an EPQ
PATHWAY 3	5-7 GCSEs at Grade 4+, with up to 3 at Grade 6+	1 A Level and 2 Vocational
PATHWAY 4	5-7 GCSEs at Grade 4+	3 Vocational



APPLIED SCIENCE (VOCATIONAL)

A minimum of 55 in Combined Science or 5s in Triple Science, as well as a 5 in Maths and 4 in English

The AAQ in Applied Science is ideal for students who enjoy practical, real-world applications of science. This course blends key concepts from Biology, Chemistry and Physics with hands-on laboratory work, giving you the chance to develop both scientific knowledge and technical skills. You'll explore topics such as practical techniques, scientific investigations, and the application of scientific principles to real situations. The course is designed to be varied, with assignments, projects and practical investigations alongside theory sessions.

Studying Applied Science can open doors to a wide range of careers and higher education opportunities. Many students progress into fields such as Biomedical Science, Forensic Science, Nursing, Environmental Science, Sports Science and Healthcare. It also provides a strong foundation for apprenticeships and university courses in science-related disciplines or for roles in laboratories, research, and technical support.

ART & DESIGN (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 6 in GCSE Art and 4 in English

A-Level Art and Design at Kingsmead encourages students to develop skills, creativity, imagination and independence based on personal experience, taught skills and critical understanding. Learning through and about the arts enriches the experience of studying while at school, as well as preparing students for life after. Arts subjects encourage self-expression and creativity and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity.

Many students go on to university to study a wide range of subjects, including Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Fashion Design, Game Design, Architecture, Photography, Interior Design and Animation.



BIOLOGY (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 7 in Biology or 77 in Combined Science and a 6 in Maths

Biology is the study of living organisms, the study of life on Earth, why it exists, how it exists and how it all works. On this course you will study a wide range of biological fields in considerable depth, some of which will be familiar. These range from the heart and lungs, to the complex ways that we can use DNA and gene technology in the modern world. You'll do dissections, breed fruit flies and do DNA fingerprinting.

Success in Biology could take you on to study Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Biochemistry, Pharmacology, Biomedical Science and pure Biology, along with so much more.

PERFORMING ARTS SINGLE (VOCATIONAL)

A Level 2 Merit in Performing Arts is essential for either the single or double award, including a Grade 4 in English

If you're passionate about performing and eager to develop your talent in the arts, the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts is the perfect platform to grow, explore and shine. This dynamic course is designed to deepen your understanding of performance and equip you with the essential skills to captivate live audiences. You'll immerse yourself in a range of performance styles, including naturalism, total theatre and physical theatre, while studying influential practitioners and theatre companies whose work continues to shape the industry today. Through practical workshops, live performances and creative exploration, you'll build confidence, refine your technique, and develop a professional approach to the performing arts.

Performing Arts opens doors to a wide variety of exciting careers, including Actor or Director, Production Manager, Costume or Set Designer, Drama Teacher or Drama Therapist. Whether you dream of being centre stage, behind the scenes, or inspiring the next generation, this course lays the foundation for a future in the creative industries.



PERFORMING ARTS DOUBLE (VOCATIONAL)

A Level 2 Merit in Performing Arts is essential for either the single or double award, including a Grade 4 in English

The BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts Diploma in Performing Arts offers an exciting and immersive experience that goes far beyond the basics. Building on the foundation of the single qualification, this course includes four additional units that allow you to deepen your knowledge and explore a broader range of performance techniques. You'll engage with diverse styles of theatre, from community theatre to Greek to 19th century naturalism, while discovering the work of noteworthy practitioners and companies that continue to shape the performing arts today.

Lessons are hands-on, collaborative, and designed to stretch your creativity. You'll have the chance to perform, devise, and experiment with new approaches, gaining confidence and versatility as a performer. This qualification opens the door to a wide range of exciting careers in the creative industries, including: Actor or Director, Production Manager, Costume or Set Designer, Drama Teacher or Drama Therapist, Casting Director, Voice Coach, TV Presenter, Sound Engineer or Make-up Artist. This course provides the skills, experience, and insight to help you achieve your goals.

BUSINESS (VOCATIONAL)

A minimum of Grade 4 in English and Maths. Studying Business at GCSE is preferred, but not essential

On our Business course, students will study materials that will help them become successful in the world of finance, but also develop transferable skills that will help with working in an office environment dealing with customers, or in a factory. The skills you learn in Business will stay with you for all life.

Students who have previously studied this course have gone on to study a variety of courses at university, from Business Management to Finance and Accounting. Successful students have also gone on to attain apprenticeships in industry, allowing them to complete degrees and other academic qualifications.



CHEMISTRY (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 7 in Chemistry or 77 in Combined Science as well as a 6 in Maths

Chemistry explains the substances and processes that shape the world around us. Studying AQA A-Level Chemistry will deepen your understanding of atomic structure, bonding, energetics, rates of reaction, organic chemistry and more.

This course combines theory with hands-on practical work. You will learn to analyse and identify molecules, explore how new medicines are measured and doses calculated, measure the iron content of tablets, and even make substances such as aspirin. You will develop problem-solving, analytical and practical skills that are essential for creating chemists that are key players to finding solutions to real-world problems. An A-Level in Chemistry is highly valued by universities and employers and can lead to careers including: Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Biochemistry, Natural Sciences, Chemical Engineering and Forensic Science.

COMPUTER SCIENCE (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 6 in Computer Science and 5 in Maths

Studying Computer Science at A-Level is a prudent choice for several compelling reasons. It provides a solid foundation in understanding the digital landscape and fostering technical proficiency and adaptability.

Computer Science offers fertile ground for innovation, enabling the creation of software applications and technological solutions that have the potential to significantly benefit society.

Students who study A-Level Computer Science are well-equipped to pursue higher education in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Data Science, Information Systems or related fields at university.

Career opportunities range from software and game development, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data analysis, network engineering, project management and much more.



CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (VOCATIONAL)

Grade 4 in English is essential to help support your exam and coursework content. Prior study of Child Development is preferred, but not essential.

Early Childhood Development is a subject that is gaining momentum due to the current Government roll out of free childcare places. We will study children's development between the ages of 0-8 years old. Looking at the milestones they are expected to reach, as well as how important keeping them safe and the impact play can have on their learning.

Early Childhood Development is an area that is being funded and can lead to many opportunities within childcare, such as Early Years, Primary Teacher or even Play Therapist or Social Work. By joining this course you can make an impact on the next generation. If you enjoy being with young children and value the impact their early years learning can have on them throughout their lives, this subject is for you.

CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION (VOCATIONAL)

A minimum of Grade 4 in English

Media allows students to gain a broad understanding of the subject, exploring a variety of media texts and contexts, and learn the skills to produce media artefacts that are applicable within the subject area but also to many different specialisms. It allows you to explore industry experience by creating a magazine, to understanding how media texts are made to communicate meaning.

This is the perfect course to lead you into a more specific route in higher education, such as film journalism, film production and marketing. If further education isn't the route for you, it can offer an entrance into areas such as directing, producing, costume design and much more.



CRIMINOLOGY (VOCATIONAL)

A minimum of Grade 5 in English Language or Literature

Criminology explores the types of crime that take place within our society. How do we decide which behaviour is criminal? How do we explain why some people commit crime and how can we use different theories of criminality to explain this behaviour? On this course, you will study real life cases in order to gain an understanding of the criminal justice system, from the crime scene through to the courtroom, and look at how social control is achieved within our society.

Criminology is an Applied General qualification primarily designed to support learners progressing to university and would be especially useful if applying for; BSc Criminology, BA Criminology, BA Criminology and Criminal Justice, BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology, However, much of the course is also vocationally relevant, offering opportunities to learn from practical activities and the expertise of professionals currently working in criminology.

ENGLISH LITERATURE (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 6 in English Literature

In A-Level English Literature, you will study an exciting range of texts from different eras which will provide you with the opportunity to engage creatively, critically and independently with a variety of prose, poetry and drama. English is a prestigious academic subject and this is reflected in the topics covered; it will enhance your critical and analytical thinking, develop your independent research skills and transform you into a confident articulate communicator.

Success in English provides a gateway to many careers including Journalism, Marketing, Business and Sales, legal professions, Education, Publishing, Creative Media, Policing and health professions such as Speech Therapists and Social Work.



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

A minimum of 55 in Combined Science or 5s in

The Extended Project Qualification allows students to lead their own projects. Students plan and carry out research on a topic that they've chosen and that isn't covered by their other Level 3 qualifications. They then use this research to produce a written report and in the case of practical projects, an artefact or a production. By taking responsibility for the choice, design and decision making of an individual project, students become more critical, reflective and independent learners.

The Extended Project Qualification awards UCAS points and is worth half an A-Level. Many universities value the EPQ significantly and will reduce offers made to students if they have completed one.

FILM STUDIES (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 6 in English Language or
Literature

A Level Film Studies allows you to broaden your knowledge and understanding of film and the range of responses films can generate in an audience. It allows you to uncover the stylistic factors that create meaning and explore how this meaning is interpreted. You also get the opportunity to write your own screenplay or create your own short film, giving you both theoretical knowledge and practical experience. The course is structured to give you a wide insight into a variety of different films ranging from Hollywood and independent cinema to Global and Silent cinema.

This is the perfect course for careers such as Film Journalism, Film Production, Screenplay Writing, Directors and Producers.



FRENCH (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 6 in French

The French A-Level course covers fascinating aspects of sociology, politics, history, literature and film studies, making it an excellent all-rounder for students wishing to hone their skills as successful communicators, whilst gaining a valuable insight and appreciation of cultures and societies beyond Britain. The research, self discipline and presentation skills acquired in this course will benefit students in preparing them for further study.

French is a popular choice for those wishing to pursue further study at university as it can be studied alone, or as a joint honours degree, for example with Business and Management, Marketing, Politics, Law, History, Arts and Literature.

GEOGRAPHY (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 6 in Geography and 5s in Maths and English Language or Literature

In A-Level Geography, students explore a range of human and physical geography topics. On the human side, they will examine how people's relationships with places are formed and transformed; we focus on urban growth, sustainability, and challenges faced by cities and explore global issues like climate change and migration are managed. For physical geography, students will investigate the Water and Carbon Cycles, understanding their importance in supporting life and regulating the Earth's climate, explore natural disasters such as earthquakes and tropical storms, and analyse how glaciers shape the land and respond to climate change. It is a dynamic course full of synoptic links.

Studying Geography is great for any kind of career that involves research, interpreting data and organisation. Popular careers include town and transport planning, surveying, conservation, sustainability, waste and water management, environmental planning and tourism.



HISTORY (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of 6 in History as well as a 5 in English Language and Literature

At Kingsmead you will study Edexcel A Level History. Studying History will allow you to see how the past shapes our country and the wider world today. You will learn how to utilise evidence and to evaluate interpretations of the past, exploring the interpretations of historians and wide-ranging historical sources. Studying History will not only give you a substantive knowledge of the past and its impact on the world; but as individuals with the essential disciplinary skills of a historian.

These skills can be translated into researching and critical thinking, constructing an argument, and communicating and analysing effectively to make articulate judgements. All of these skills can be translated into a myriad of careers. Popular career sectors for those who have studied History include Law, Archeology and Heritage Management, Finance, Journalism, Politics, Teaching, to name but a few.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (VOCATIONAL)

A minimum of Grade 4 in English is essential to help support your exam and coursework content. Prior study of Health and Social Care is preferred but not essential.

Health and Social Care is a fantastic subject that follows the new and improved AAQ qualification having the same rigour as academic A-Levels. This subject looks at the human lifespan and development from birth until death, including human biology and principles in Health and Social Care practice which are both externally and internally assessed.

Health and Social Care is a fantastic stepping stone into the careers of nursing, social work, mental health and midwifery to name a few. If you have a caring nature and want to look after others, this subject is for you.



APPLIED LAW (VOCATIONAL)

A minimum of Grade 4 in English Language or Literature

Applied Law will allow learners to develop highly transferable skills such as analytical thinking, critical evaluation, and problem-solving, which are valued by both universities and employers in a wide range of careers, not just the legal profession. The course provides a solid foundation for further legal studies and offers insights into a topical subject that shapes society. This course provides a strong basis for degree-level studies in Law and related subjects like Criminology, History, and Politics. Finally, the skills gained are valuable for careers beyond the courtroom, including Business, Journalism, Public Service, the Police force, and Social Care.

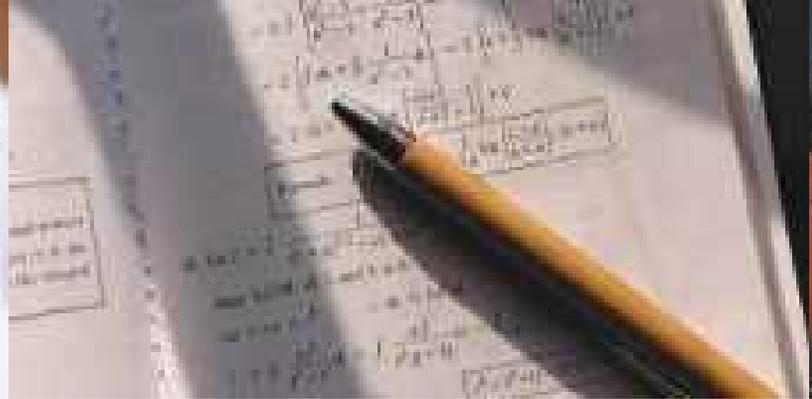
IT AAQ (VOCATIONAL)

A minimum of IT Level 2 Merit or Computer Science at GCSE Grade 5

Studying Information Technology at Kingsmead offers an alternative “student-centred” approach to a computing related curriculum by giving students the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge through a balance of assignments and examinations.

Whereas A-Level Computer Science focuses more on theoretical implications that underpin computing technology, AAQ Information Technology teaches students about the vast range of different information systems and considerations that are used in the contemporary workplace, ensuring students gain “future-ready”, practical knowledge and skills.

Students who study AAQ IT can continue onto higher education with IT related qualifications such as Computer Science and Software Engineering but are also better prepared to enter the workforce or begin careers directly in fields such as IT Support, Web Development, Networking or Cybersecurity.



MATHEMATICS (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 7 in Mathematics

A Level Maths is one of the most respected qualifications you can take. At Kingsmead we follow the Edexcel course, which mixes Pure Maths with applied topics in Statistics and Mechanics. You'll explore calculus, algebra, proof and modelling, alongside real-world applications like analysing data or studying forces and motion.

Maths opens doors. It's valued by universities and employers for subjects as varied as Science, Business, Economics, Engineering, Computing, Psychology, and Design. More than that, it develops logical thinking, resilience, and problem-solving skills that are useful everywhere.

If you enjoy a challenge and like the satisfaction of cracking tough problems, A-Level Maths will stretch and reward you while giving you skills that last a lifetime.

FURTHER MATHEMATICS (A-LEVEL)

A Grade 8 in Mathematics is essential. Further Maths can only be taken as a fourth option alongside 3 other courses including A-Level Maths, which you must choose.

Further Maths is for students who really enjoy the subject and want to explore it in greater depth. Taken alongside A Level Maths, it introduces brand new concepts and challenges. At Kingsmead we study Edexcel Further Maths, with options in Further Statistics and Decision Mathematics.

Further Statistics develops powerful techniques for analysing data, while Decision Maths focuses on algorithms and optimisation – the kind of maths behind logistics, computing, and problem-solving in the modern world.

It is demanding, but that's why universities and employers value it so highly. For subjects like Maths, Physics, Engineering, Computer Science, or Economics, Further Maths can give you a real advantage. If you're ambitious, curious, and ready to push yourself, Further Maths will give you a deeper appreciation of the subject and really set you apart.



MUSIC (VOCATIONAL)

A minimum of Grade 5 in GCSE Music is essential.

Music is a wide-ranging, challenging and engaging course that will develop students performance skills as a soloist and as part of an ensemble. The course will also develop students' knowledge of music theory and will introduce the professional aspects of working within the music industry. The course is made up of four individual units that cater for both the practical and theoretical aspects of music. There will be opportunities to analyse music, to compose and to perform, along with theoretical tasks and event organisation.

Music can lead to a variety of careers, including musician, performer, session musician, music teacher, sound technician, producer and event organiser.

PHYSICS (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 7 Merit in Physics or 77 in Combined Science and a 6 in Maths

Doing an A-Level (AQA) in Physics will allow you to learn more about the universe, from the tiniest of subatomic particles to the vast expanse beyond our solar system. You will begin to appreciate how the scientific process means that our thinking about the world around us has changed over the years and how you could be the scientists of the future who make changes to how we see things. You will become problem solvers who can use your skills to improve your lives and the lives of others around you.

You will get to use Maths as the language of Physics to help solve quantitative problems. This will prepare you for a multitude of careers such as Research, Computational Science, Data Analysis, Accounting, Astrophysics, Nuclear Management and Engineering.



PRODUCT DESIGN (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 5 in Maths and English Language or Literature. Studying GCSE Technology is strongly advised.

This creative and thought-provoking qualification gives students the practical skills, theoretical knowledge and confidence to succeed in the number of careers, especially those in creative industries. They will investigate historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic influences on design and technology, whilst enjoying opportunities to put their learning in to practice by producing prototypes of their choice.

Design and Technology can set you up for a career in a wide variety of industries such as Fashion, Engineering, Architecture, Games Design and Product Design. Popular careers for people with Design and Technology qualifications include fashion designer, tailor, product designer, architect, software engineer, civil engineer and carpenter.

PSYCHOLOGY (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of an average Grade of 5 across all GCSEs is essential, including English and Maths

In A-level Psychology you will study a fascinating range of topics delving into the mind and human behaviour, including infant attachments, social and group behaviour, the science of the brain, memory and psychological disorders such as OCD, depression, phobias and schizophrenia. You will gain a deep appreciation for how people behave and gain key skills such as critical thinking and evaluation.

Psychology opens up a range of pathways for careers in the private sector in HR, management and marketing, the public sector with clinical careers in the NHS, teaching or specialism work with rehabilitating offenders or law enforcement as well as occupational and educational psychology.



SOCIOLOGY (A-LEVEL)

A minimum of Grade 5 across all GCSEs is essential, including English Language or Literature

Sociology is one of the most relevant courses available to study. You will consider a range of complex societal issues, such as racial and gender inequality, the role of capitalism in society and how forces like identity and power uniquely shape our experiences of individuals. You will study topics including education, the family, the role of religion and belief, and crime and deviance. You will think critically as you evaluate a range of sociological perspectives such as Functionalism, Feminism, Marxism and Postmodernism.

Studying Sociology at A-Level opens doors to a range of careers including Social Research, Social Work, Policy Analysis, Journalism, Counselling and Marketing.

SPORT (VOCATIONAL)

A minimum of either a Grade 4 in GCSE PE or Level 2 Merit in BTEC Sport and English at Grade '4' are essential.

Studying the BTEC Level 3 Award in Sport at Kingsmead provides a dynamic and in-depth education in the world of sport and exercise. This qualification offers an excellent balance of theoretical understanding and practical application, giving students the opportunity to explore key areas such as sports performance, nutrition, biomechanics, Anatomy and Physiology.

Through engaging, hands-on experiences, including coaching, fitness training, and real-world scenarios, students will develop essential skills and knowledge that are highly valued in both higher education and the professional sports industry.

Completing this course can open the door to a wide range of exciting careers, including Sports Coaching, Fitness Training, Sports Management, Sports Science and Research, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, Sports Psychology, Sports Nutrition, and Sports Marketing and Media.

SIXTH FORM TRANSITION

We want our students to feel both **confident and excited** about joining our Sixth Form, and therefore, we prepare them with Transition Days during the summer term. These days are designed to **bridge the gap** between completing their GCSEs and the challenges and opportunities that will come with sixth form learning and the **new environment** they will be starting in.

During the Transition Days, students will:

- **Experience Taster Sessions** in their chosen A-Level or vocational subjects, allowing them to explore course content, meet specialist teachers, and understand the expectations required of them before September.
- **Meet their Form and Form Tutor.** Students can form early connections with their new form and their tutor who will guide and support them throughout their time in Sixth Form.
- **Explore life beyond Sixth Form,** through workshops and talks focusing on university, apprenticeships, employment, and the wider skills needed for success in Sixth Form. These transition activities give students a head start, ensuring they begin Year 12 feeling assured and secure, giving them an insight into the community they will belong to for the next 2 years.

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