



# NEWLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL

## SIXTH FORM





# OUR VISION



Our vision is to build an ambitious and caring community of people who eagerly contribute to every aspect of school life. We instill the ethos that there are no limits to what can be achieved: every student is supported to reach their full potential. This is underpinned by our values: The 3Cs.

## **Courage**

Sixth Form students are superb role models and, as such, have the opportunity to become leaders as soon as they begin Year 12. We encourage everyone to consider applying to become a Prefect, Sports or Music Captain, Deputy Head Girl or Head Girl. There will also be opportunities to become House Captains and subject leaders next year, all of which contribute to rich and varied leadership pathways for you. Every year we are impressed with the courage students show by embracing new opportunities such as leading a society for younger pupils, or completing activities such as the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Our Sixth Formers are also fantastic ambassadors for the school, and they play a crucial role in showcasing all we have to offer.

## **Commitment**

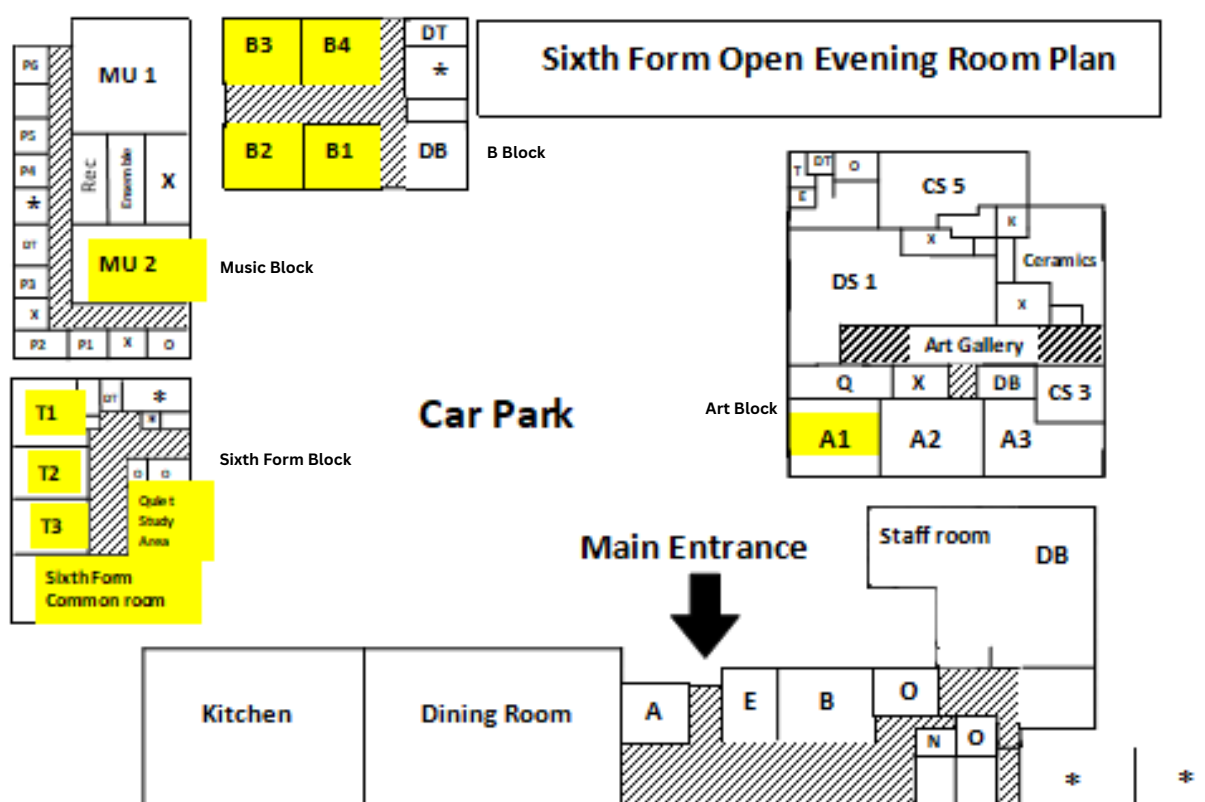
The relationship between our staff and students is one of mutual respect and trust. In the Sixth Form, students are taught in smaller classes, enabling them to work closely with teachers to fulfil their potential. We are proud of the commitment each member of the school community makes to their academic progress and personal development.

## **Compassion**

We take the wellbeing of our students very seriously: our aim is for everyone to enjoy their time in the Sixth Form, and to develop strategies for maintaining a happy and healthy mind. We have a comprehensive system of support, founded on compassion, that cares for and guides our Sixth Formers towards the successful completion of their chosen courses. We ensure that they are equipped with the knowledge and skills for life-long learning beyond the classroom.

# TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Miss Jo Capon (Headteacher), Mrs Gemma Walton (Head of Sixth Form), and our Head Girls, Sophie, Brooke and Holly, will give a presentation in the Main Hall at 7pm. You will then have the opportunity to speak to Heads of Department and Subject Teachers. Following the presentation at 7pm, all prospective external students should congregate next door in the Q-Space for a bespoke talk.



## Art Block

Art Block, A1

Art, Photography

## B Block

B1

Religious Studies, Theatre Studies

B2

Economics, Business Studies, BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business

B3

French, German, Spanish

B4

Psychology, Physical Education, Dance

## Music Block

MU2

Music

## Sixth Form Block

T1

History, Geography, Government and Politics, EPQ

T2

English Language, English Literature, Media Studies

T3

Maths, Further Maths

Sixth Form QSA

Design & Technology (Product Design / Fashion & Textiles)

Sixth Form Common Room

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science, BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation, and Sixth Form Support



## A WORD FROM THE HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

We are delighted to welcome you this evening to Newlands Girls' School and show you first hand all we have to offer. Sixth Form at Newlands is about your place, your space and your future: you may never make a more important decision than where to study in your final years of school. We strongly believe that the best educational journey for our students lasts for seven years here: from Year 7 through to the end of Year 13. The relationships you have already built with your teachers, the knowledge you have already gained, and the friendship groups you have nurtured all contribute to a firm foundation for Sixth Form. For those of you who currently study elsewhere, it is a pleasure to have you with us this evening, and your journey begins now. Each year we welcome external students to our Sixth Form which makes for a diverse, animated, and welcoming community in which new friendships are forged, and old ones cemented.

I am very proud to be part of an ambitious and caring community of young people who are an absolute asset to our school, and who all go on to achieve incredible things. Our extensive offer of 25 A-Levels and four BTECS provides a wide range of opportunities to prepare our young people for the next stage of their lives. Our subject specialist teachers deliver a rich curriculum which develops character and thrives on aspiration, respect and positive relationships. Each year, our outstanding examination results ensure that entry requirements for the most prestigious universities are met or exceeded. These results also enable students to pursue their chosen paths including apprenticeships, sponsored degrees, further education, or employment opportunities.

With in-house careers advice on offer throughout Sixth Form, and a comprehensive pastoral programme, students are equipped for life beyond school, and leave with confidence and enthusiasm for the next steps of their journey. We cannot wait to welcome the class of 2024.

**MRS GEMMA WALTON**  
HEAD OF SIXTH FORM





## A WORD FROM THE HEAD GIRLS

In our Sixth Form you will discover new friendships, explore and challenge the limits of your academic abilities, and find out more about who you are and who you can become. We all feel lucky to be part of a school where we are supported and encouraged to pursue our interests from extra-curriculars to academics. With the assistance and inspiration provided by our motivational teaching staff, Newlands provides an uplifting working environment, which encourages students to excel and grow from young girls into independent women.

With the wide range of activities available to us including sports, music, drama, science, design and technology clubs and even a swimming pool, there is certainly something for everyone, catering for any number of diverse abilities and interests. In addition, there are many opportunities exclusive to Sixth Form such as the Bulletin Editorial Committee and Sixth Form Book Club, not to mention the freedom we experience at school as staff support us as we become young adults.

There are numerous opportunities to develop our personal qualities such as leadership and friendship. This is demonstrated through relationships created between different year groups via peer mentoring and clubs. Newlands prides itself on promoting an effective balance between academic and social skills, enabling its students to benefit from the inclusive community.

You are given far greater independence than in the lower school, and are encouraged to take responsibility for your own learning. Class sizes are smaller, which means you and your teachers get to know each other really well: the staff know exactly how you need to be stretched, and how to get the very best out of you. At the same time, they are also always there for you, ready to give you extra support when you need it. Newlands Sixth Form is the perfect stepping stone between school and university, or the world of work.

**BROOKE HANLEY**  
**HOLLY HANNAN**  
**SOPHIE PLEACE**  
HEAD GIRLS

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# SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM

Subject	Minimum GCSE Requirements
Art - Fine Art	5 in Art
Biology	7 in Biology or 7:7 in Combined Science
BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and Mathematics
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and Mathematics
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Combined Science, English and Mathematics
BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Forensic and Criminal Investigation	5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including Combined Science, English and Mathematics
Business	5 in Business Studies or, for students who have not previously studied this subject, 5 in English and Mathematics
Chemistry	7 in Chemistry or 7:7 in Combined Science
Dance	Grade 5 in Ballet (or the equivalent standard - see curriculum booklet for details)
Design and Techonology	5 in a Design and Technology subject and 5 in Mathematics
Economics	6 in Mathematics and 5 in English
English Language	6 in English Language
English Literature	6 English Literature



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Subject	Minimum GCSE Requirements
French	6 in French
Further Mathematics	8 in Mathematics
Geography	6 in Geography and 5 in Mathematics
German	6 in German
Government and Politics	6 in English or 6 in History
History	6 in History
Mathematics	7 in Mathematics
Media Studies	4 in English and Mathematics
Music	5 in Music. Grade 5 ABR SM Theory qualification is preferable
Photography	4 in English and Mathematics
Physical Education	5 in Physical Education with 5 in the theory paper
Physics	7 in Physics or 7:7 in Combined Science, and 6 in Mathematics
Psychology	6 in Mathematics or 6 in Science
Religious Studies	6 in Religious Studies
Spanish	6 in Spanish
Theatre Studies	5 in Drama and 5 in ENglish



## JOINING OUR SIXTH FORM

Not only are we proud to have the majority of our Year 11 students choosing to remain at Newlands for Sixth Form, but it is also a pleasure every year to welcome students from elsewhere to Year 12.

Our key dates for admissions are as follows

- Sixth Form Open Evening: Tuesday 21st November 2023, 7pm to 9pm
- Sixth Former for a Day (internal students only): Friday 1st December 2023
- Sixth Form Application Deadline: Friday 8th December 2023
- Sixth Form Interviews (internal students): January 2024
- Sixth Form Interviews (external students): February 2024

“My time at Newlands has already flown by! I was made to feel welcome immediately by both staff and students. I have already made some amazing friends and it feels like I have always been here! I can't wait to continue my adventures in Sixth Form! ”

“Joining Newlands as an external student was an enthralling experience. From the moment I walked through those gates, I've received unlimited support from teachers and staff members and felt at home instantly. There is a plethora of subjects to choose from and students are given the opportunity to form new clubs. I can assure you; you will always feel welcome! ”

“As an external student who joined Newlands Girls' School in Year 12 I have felt very welcome by everyone. The teachers are extremely supportive and always help us whenever we need it. There is a wide range of subjects you can choose from and I can always guarantee you will never feel left out. So far I have had an amazing time and will hopefully continue to! ”





## OUR RESULTS

A LEVEL RESULTS 2023	
Students achieving A*-A	30%
Students achieving A*-B	60%
Students achieving A*-C	81%
Average A Level grade	B-

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If it weren't for Newlands, I honestly don't believe I'd have achieved my dream of studying History at University College London. The specialist teaching and individual support I received from all my teachers made me believe in myself, and strive for my goal.

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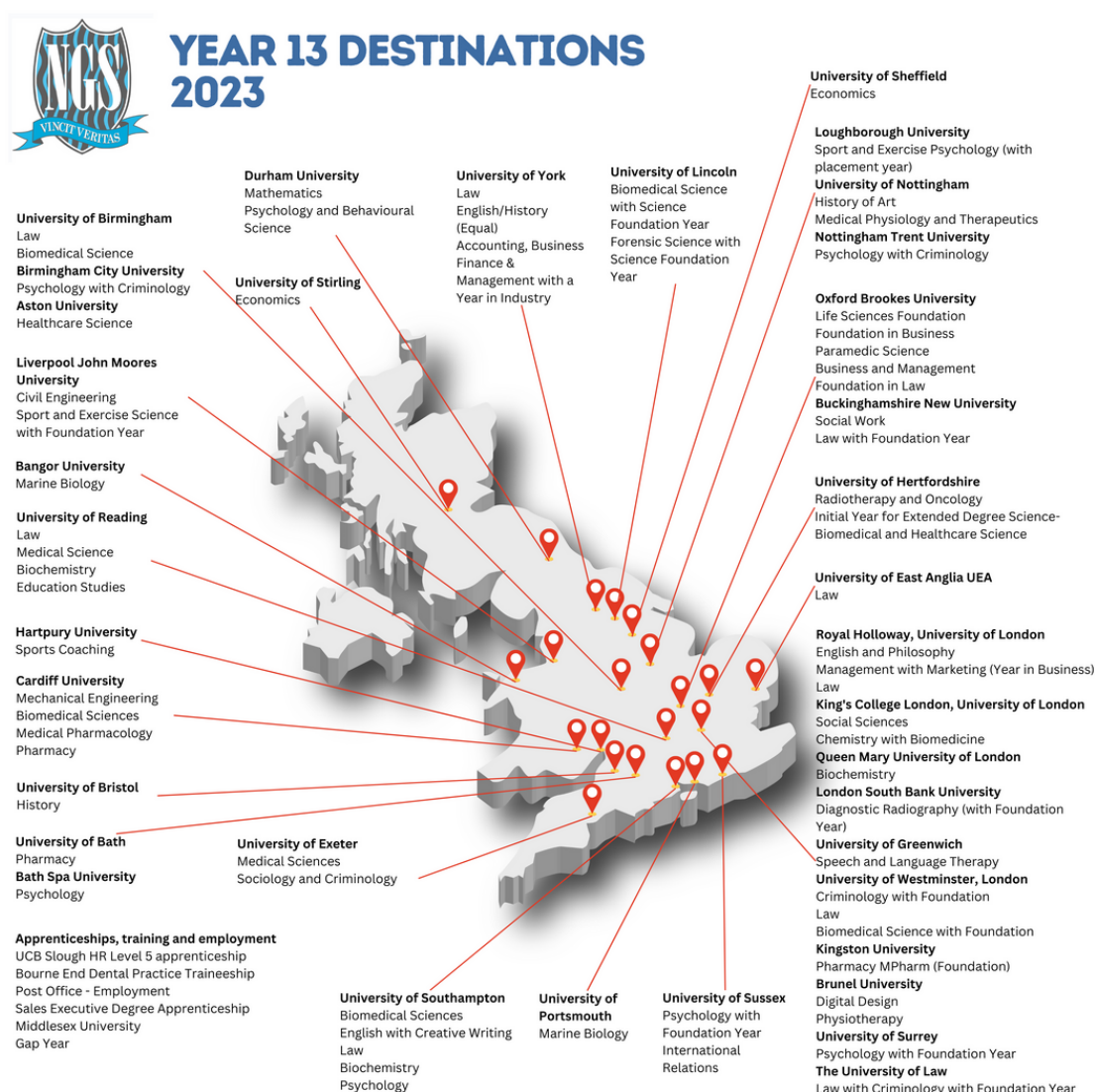
# CAREERS

One of the most important things we do in Sixth Form is to prepare our students for their next steps into the world beyond Newlands. Whether that is to university and higher education, the route chosen by the vast majority of our girls, or into the workplace, we are here to support them.

Students go on to study a huge range of different subjects and pursue a wide variety of career paths. Our aim in the Sixth Form is to ensure that students have the tools and information they need to make the right decisions about which path they wish to follow.

We aim to help students make informed choices and inspire them to pursue their aspirations. In addition to the support provided by all Sixth Form staff, our full-time Careers Advisor is an invaluable resource for students to access. Our careers programme includes:

- Careers Fairs
- Access to an up-to-date Careers library
- Access to one-to-one support and advice from our Careers Advisor
- Lunchtime career 'drop in' sessions
- Work Experience
- Networking events
- Mock job interviews
- Guidance on writing CVs







# LEADERSHIP

Responsibility and leadership are at the heart of Sixth Form life and students play a major role in the running of the school.

There are opportunities to lead a myriad of societies for younger students, catering for everything from political debate to drama.

Students take on key roles in school performances and sports teams, run the School Council, and much more.

From the start of Year 12, you will have a wide range of leadership opportunities, working both with staff and your peers.

“ **The Sixth Form also offers students the opportunity to become a Prefect so they can act as a role model to all the pupils in the school, it's also a good early encounter of leadership and the responsibilities accompanying that.** ”







## EXTRA CURRICULAR

Once you join the Sixth Form at Newlands, a whole world of new and exciting opportunities is opened up to you. In addition to the extra-curricular activities you can enjoy throughout school, there are many activities which are exclusive to Sixth Form, including:

- Sixth Form Bulletin Editorial Team
- Eco-Committee
- Duke of Edinburgh
- EPQ
- Oxbridge preparation and links with Dr Organ from Brasenose College, Oxford University
- Inspirational speakers
- Sixth Form Book Club

Each year new clubs and societies spring up, many created and run by our Sixth Form: all the evidence shows that well-rounded students who pursue interests alongside their studies are the happiest and most successful, both academically and in other aspects of their lives.

“Being part of the Sixth Form Bulletin Editorial Team has given me so much confidence, as well as enabling me to develop new skills.”







# SCHOOL TRIPS

Whether you decide to pursue science-based courses, the Arts, or a combination of both, there are opportunities throughout Sixth Form to participate in school trips to gain deeper insights into your subjects.

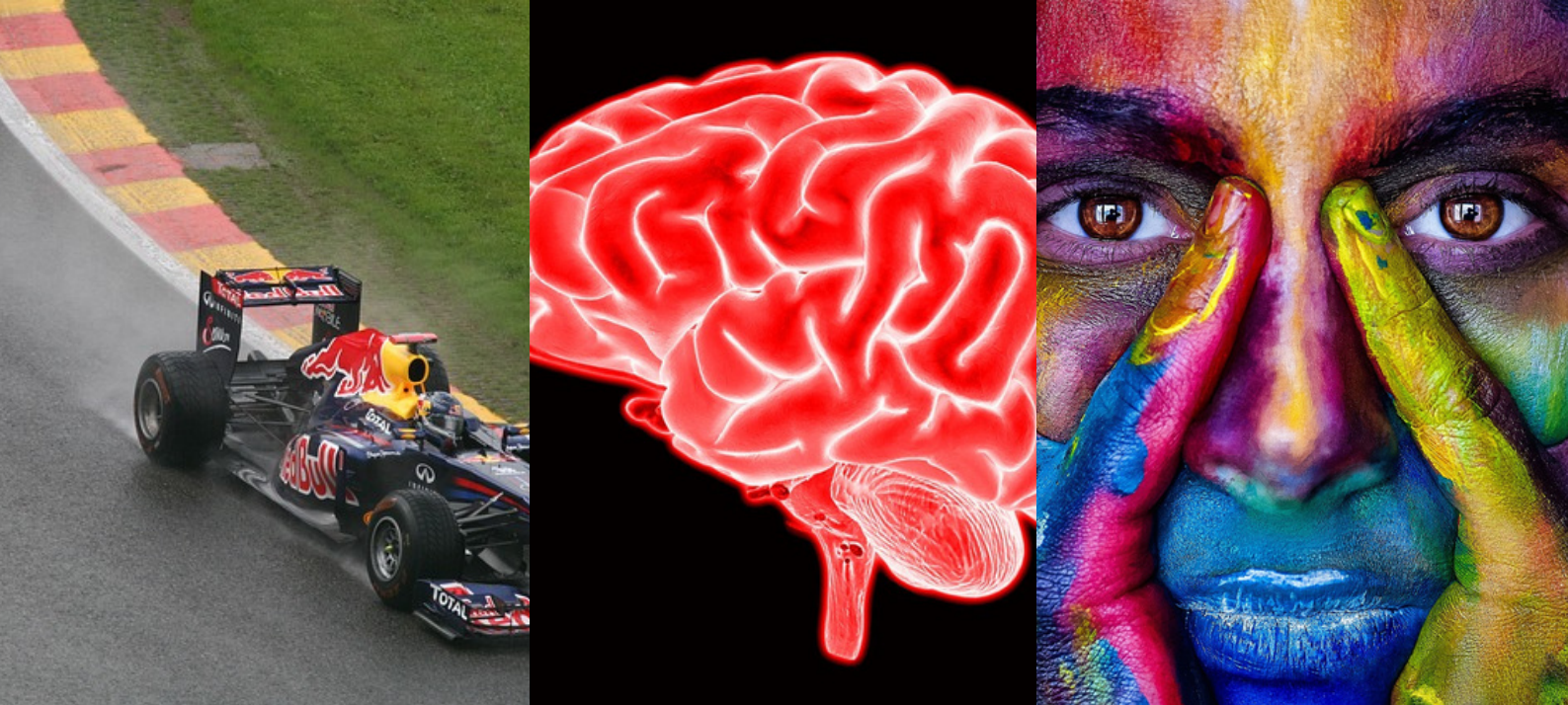
Sixth Form trips give students the chance to exercise their independence, whilst improving their understanding of important A-level subjects. As students prepare for the working world and learn about more complex topics, booking a Sixth Form trip can help your class strengthen their soft skills, in addition to giving them the knowledge to succeed in their exams.

As well as being a great opportunity to learn, school trips are also beneficial from a personal and social perspective. School trips can help students develop and strengthen their relationships with their peers. This is because they get to spend time together outside of their classrooms. As a result, students may become more confident at school and participate during lessons.

“Our trip to Cern, Switzerland, translated our theoretical knowledge from the science laboratory into a real and tangible understanding of this major advance in the scientific world.”







# EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

The Extended Project Qualification is available to all students in Year 12 and forms an additional qualification to the subjects being studied. The EPQ allows each student to embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project. Students must choose a topic, plan, research and develop their idea and decide on the finished product. The EPQ is examined through AQA and is co-ordinated by Mrs Tor Wills.

We encourage creativity and curiosity. A project topic may be directly related to a student's main study programme, but should look beyond the specification. A finished product may take the form of a:

- Research based written report
- Production (eg; charity event, fashion show or sports event etc.)
- An artefact (eg; piece of art, a computer game or realised design)
- A written report must accompany these options.

“**The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) has given me life-long skills which will be invaluable not only at university, but in any future career.**

**The research I've undertaken has enabled me to look in detail at a topic unrelated to my A-Levels but of personal interest to me. I've gained a huge amount of confidence and have loved every minute!**”





# BESPOKE SIXTH FORM CENTRE AND FACILITIES

In the Sixth Form, students enjoy much greater independence, preparing them for the self-directed study expected at university.

The modern Sixth Form Centre has a different feel from the rest of school. While you still have access to the fantastic whole-school facilities including the swimming pool, science labs and the gym, you also gain the following:

- A comfortable common room
- A new cafe
- A supervised study area
- ICT facilities
- Easy access to the Sixth Form Leadership Team
- Sixth Form classrooms
- A new Sixth Form Instagram

There are also study spaces for the exclusive use of Years 12 and 13 in the main school building, including the Q-Space and the Library Silent Study Area.

New for 2024! We will also be offering A-Level Dance for the very first time!

“The Sixth Form at Newlands offers many places to study and revise, the teaching staff are always very supportive and approachable if you’re ever struggling with anything.”

# PASTORAL CARE



Sixth Form is a crucial time as students prepare for examinations and assessments which may shape their future for years to come. It is the first time you will have been given so much independence to manage your own workload and the autonomy to make important decisions about their future.

We understand that, whilst it is an exciting time, it can also be challenging. We take mental and physical wellbeing very seriously and have a comprehensive pastoral structure in place throughout the school.

“My daughter joined the school this year and I am very pleased how easily she has settled, made friends and been made to feel welcome. I really applaud the school’s emphasis on student wellbeing and mental health support.”



# OUR HOUSE STRUCTURE



As a school community, we feel passionately that a well-established House and rewards system has innumerable benefits including, but not limited to, instilling our school values: Courage, Commitment, and Compassion.

All students are placed into a House. Each House has an affiliated colour and is named after an inspirational woman: Austen (pink) Bronte (green) Curie (yellow) Darling (purple) Earhart (orange) Frank (blue).

In the Sixth Form you will have the opportunity to apply to be a Deputy House Captain in Year 12 and a House Captain in Year 13. These student leadership opportunities will allow you to be a role model for the younger years and develop your public speaking abilities. You can get involved with House competitions – either help out in the organisation and promotion of the events, or take part!

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