



# The Abbey School

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## Sixth Form Prospectus



With enterprising minds we aspire to be the best

## **Head Teacher's Comment**

Our aim in the Sixth Form at The Abbey School is to support and encourage you to achieve high academic and vocational qualifications. This will provide you with the breadth of education that will prepare you to take your place with confidence in modern society.

Commitment and hard work are the keys to success and we intend that the work you do in the Sixth Form will be challenging. Working hard in the Sixth Form is rewarded and we take great pride as we see more and more students taking up places in Higher Education and professional careers.

I hope you are looking forward to the challenge and the enjoyment that the Sixth Form at The Abbey School offers. We are looking forward to sharing these opportunities with you.



**Catrin Woodend**  
**Headteacher**

## **Sixth Form Aims and Objectives**

The Abbey School Sixth Form is a stimulating and supportive community in which there is a commitment to these aims:

- To promote a passion for learning and the achievement of excellence through challenge and excitement;
- To encourage integrity, hard work, self-discipline and teamwork;
- To develop each person's intellectual, physical, creative and leadership potential;
- To value each individual and promote mutual respect, showing tolerance, understanding and sensitivity.



Whilst academic achievement is our priority and every encouragement and effort is made to realise each student's potential, the Sixth Form has much to offer in terms of personal and social development.

Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities—sport, drama, music, etc and are also expected to play a leadership role, to take the initiative and to organise activities in which they have an interest or talent and which they think will also be of interest to others.

In order to gain the most from Sixth Form life, it is important to have an enthusiastic and positive approach. As students move from Year 11 to Year 12, opportunities to develop their sense of responsibility and leadership are offered through the prefect system and Sixth Form Council, led by the Head Boy and Head Girl.



## **Entry Requirements**

Sixth Form is divided into two tiers. Your entry tier depends on your GCSE results.

### Transition Year

The Transition Year is designed for those students who require an extra year of development before progressing to Advanced Level study. There are two stages to the Transition Year dependent on the student's performance at GCSE level.

#### **Transition Year Stage 1**

Minimum entry requirement : 1 GCSE Grade A\*-G

#### **Transition Year Stage 2**

Minimum entry requirement: 5 GCSEs Grade A\*-G

### Advanced Level

Advanced Level courses are appropriate for those students who have achieved 5 GCSEs at Grades A\*-C, or have successfully completed their transition year.

#### **Advanced Level**

Minimum entry requirement: 5 GCSEs Grade A\*-C



## **The Possibilities**

The school offers a broad range of subjects in the Sixth Form. They include Catering & Hospitality, Health and Social Care, Sport, Business Studies, Film Studies, Performing Arts, Horticulture, ICT, Maths, English Literature, Psychology and Sociology. The combinations of possible subjects will be decided upon provisional student choices. If a subject is under-subscribed at this stage, it may be withdrawn from the range of subjects offered.



## **Extra Curricular Activities**

Sixth Formers are encouraged to get involved in the extra-curricular life and spirit of the school.

Students interested in applying for university have the opportunity to study for an additional qualification to boost UCAS points. They will also be supported and guided through the university application process.

There will be plenty of opportunity to play sport and use the superb fitness facilities on site. Sixth Formers are encouraged to take a lead role in coaching and organising younger sports teams and this can lead to an additional qualification (Community Sports Leadership Award).

It is important that Sixth Formers become a positive role model to younger students. For this reason, students will be expected to take a lead role in school festivals and dramatic productions as well as supporting Years 7 to 11 with the various House activities throughout the year.

Being a part of the Sixth Form Council, chaired by the Head Boy and Head Girl, will enable individual students to play pivotal roles in shaping Sixth Form policies and activities, such as the annual Prom and other fund-raising events.

The school places great importance on charity work and students will be given opportunities to undertake work experience for local charities. In addition, students will be involved in regular fund-raising activities for chosen charities throughout the year. These are often highly competitive, with each form seeking to outdo the others with their fund-raising ability!

Last but not least, many faculties organise educational visits to supplement Sixth Form studies. The Life Skills programme also provides opportunities for students to develop vital skills such as time management, financial awareness and team-building.

"The atmosphere in 6th form is friendly and positive."  
Student, The Abbey School 2008

"I am so proud to be associated with our Sixth Form. It's the most fantastic feeling to help these bright, energetic and creative individuals achieve their goals. Truly inspiring."  
A. Goss, Teacher, The Abbey School

"The Private Study area with the new computers is a great place to do your school work in."  
Student, The Abbey School 2008

"I like the business dress in the Sixth Form. It helps give you the right attitude towards work."  
Student, The Abbey School 2008

"Teaching the Sixth Form is a real highlight of my week. The mature and intelligent observations of the students really make for great lessons"  
S. Dannel, Teacher, The Abbey School

"The school offers up to 2 years in 6th Form, giving students the opportunity to get more from their schooling."  
Parent, schoolsnet.com

"You are never judged harshly in Sixth Form with your different abilities. Teachers treat you all as equals and are really supportive. They give you one-to-one help when you need it."  
Student, The Abbey School 2008

"The Sixth Form is improving with some good features .. Joint provision with another school ensures that a growing range of courses is available. Students see the relevance of courses offered and recruitment into the Sixth Form has increased."  
Ofsted, 2006 ([www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk))