Farmor's School

AN ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM



FARMOR'S SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

For September 2027

Welcome to Farmor's Sixth Form

As Head of Farmor's School Sixth Form, I'd like to offer you a warm welcome and give you a brief insight into why I believe it is such a fantastic place to study.

We are a proudly comprehensive sixth form where students, through expert teaching and support across a wide range of A level options, have an experience that prepares them to excel in their choice of post-18 pathway.

We place students' choices at the centre of their programme and supplement these choices through a diverse and comprehensive co-curricular experience, embracing visiting speakers, trips, visits, as well as opportunities for the student body to make a real and telling contribution to the schol as a whole.

Our support of students sets Farmor's School Sixth Form apart. Be it through the Aspire programme to support applications to Oxford and Cambridge, to students' work experience at the end of Year 12, to tailored, 1:1 sessions for degree apprenticeships, we carefully curate students' experiences, so they are ready to succeed in their chosen pathway.

Our pastoral team take pride in the way they offer tailored support, to ensure that students are able to fulfil their aspirations. Our whole sixth form teaching team make sure we truly know our students and go the extra mile for them.

If you would like to find out more, please make contact, attend our open evening or book in for our taster day during the course of the year. We are looking forward to meeting you!



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Study programme

Your A Level choices form the centre of yourcurriculum in the sixth form, and will mean you can follow your interests and passions.

Your study programme will have three A levels at its core. We offer an extensive range of subjects and ask you to choose three of these as the basis of your curriculum. You may choose these based on career ambitions at university or the workplace. For example, if you want to study Medicine, Chemistry must be one of your choices. If you want to study Law, History or English will be important. You should choose on the basis of what you enjoy, are good at, or are interested in. During the application process, you will meet with members of the sixth form leadership team, and this is a good chance to talk through your choices and seek advice, so you start with the best choice of courses for you.

Alongside your 3 courses, you may add a further academic qualification, subject to meeting the entry requirements of each course:

- Extended Project Qualification
- Core Mathematics
- Further Mathematics

For example, if you choose to study Geography, Psychology, Chemistry, Economics or Business, Core Maths would be a really useful addition that would complement the maths requirements in those A levels. If you are studying Maths A level and have achieved a GCSE grade 8 or 9, you might like to add Further Maths, especially if you are thinking of studying Maths at university.

In addition, all Year 12 students go out on work experience in the final week of the academic year.

It is important to recognise that no university requires four A levels as a minimum. High achievement at GCSE would indicate suitability for four A levels; however, we believe a more balanced curriculum to be more beneficial for those intending to continue their studies at University level. Oxford and Cambridge universities explicitly prefer students to have three A levels and the EPQ, for example.

Speakers Programme

Once a fortnight, year 12 come together for our speakers' programme to listen to a range of interesting and informative guest speakers from the world beyond school. Recent topics have included:

- My life as a spy
- Driver and passenger safety
- Personal finance
- Degree level apprenticeships
- The Bank of England
- Gap years
- University

Private study

Our purpose built Learning Resource Centre is open from 8am to 5pm during the week and provides all our students with a calm, purposeful environment for study. Our Sixth form area includes a common room, social spaces, a café, outdoor seating and table tennis tables.

Trips and visits

A variety of trips are on offer every year. Recent destinations have included: London, Oxford, Model United Nations, South Africa, New York, Bristol, Iceland and of course, our famous Three Peaks Challenge walking weekends.

Enrichment

As well as your academic courses, you will get the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities that will give you the skills to stand out from the crowd.

This includes 'Community Action', where students volunteer either in the local community or in school, adding valuable experience to their academic pursuits

Every Wednesday afternoon we offer the following options:

- Duke of Edinburgh Gold
- Modern United Nations
- Engineering
- Art/Textiles
- Competitive and social sports
- Maths
- Music performance and Grade 5 Theory
- Community environment projects

Shadow Senior Leadership Team

As the Student Shadow Leadership Team, we strive to ensure that the school is the best reflection of student voice, and that each individual is supported by a team of experienced, encouraging role models. We also hope to inspire students to become part of this community in the future and put their stamp on improving our school. This team includes the Heads of School, Heads of House, Student Presidents, Wellbeing Ambassadors, Eco-Ambassador, Charity Committee, STEM Committee, and Reading Ambassadors. The wide variety of roles within the Student Shadow Leadership Team encourages people to get involved with leadership roles and wider school activities.

Heads of School: Alex McGrath, Izzy Still, Olivia Power







Application Process

New students join us every year and their differing perspectives add great value to our sixth form community.

Entry Criteria:

- At least a grade 4 in Maths and English and at least grade 4 in 3 further subjects
- Meet the entrance criteria set out in the prospectus for the subjects you wish to study.

Alumni Network

We have a portfolio of ex-Farmors students, who not only visit and share their experience of life post-school as part of the Speakers Programme but run a mentoring programme to support students on to their chosen career paths.

Deadlines & Events

September 2026
Applications open

5th November 2026
Sixth Form Open Evening

21st January 2027
Sixth Form Taster Day

January-March 2027
Formal Interviews and Offers

Friday 11th February 2027
Application Deadline

21st June 2027
Sixth Form Induction Day

Thursday 20th August 2027
GCSE Results and Enrolment

Futures

Whilst many of our students go on to university, there is an increasingly exciting range of options for school leavers and we support our students to explore as many options as possible. Students interested in studying medicine or going to Oxford or Cambridge are invited to join our Aspire programme at the start of year 12 to support them in their aspirations, and from the summer of year 12, we walk students through the UCAS application process. Every week, our newsletter contains information and updates about courses, apprenticeships and job offers and Mrs Mitchell our careers advisor is always on hand to offer advice.

Taster Day Sign Up:

Application:

A highlight is the enrichment and speakers programmes, because they brought new ideas and insights in to my experience of the sixth form.

Student Exit Survey 2025

Getting to Sixth Form

There are lots of buses and many of our students drive in once they have passed their test. Some parents also set up lift-shares. If your household income is below £30,000 you can apply for financial support with bus fares.

Financial support

We have a bursary programme to support students who might have financial barriers to their learning. This includes payments to help with transport costs, with materials and resources, with books. You will all be given the application form and information but please ask if you need help.

Student Testimonials



"One of the main reasons I chose Farmor's was because of the small class sizes, which has meant I have always been able to gain extra support when i need it. The structure of the school day helps complete homework and study but also to make friends during frees in those first few weeks."

Evie-Beth, Year 13



"I came to Farmors because of its reputation for academic excellence. It was nice to start afresh and meet new people.. It has been a great experience and I am glad I am here because of how welcoming everyone is."

Elvins, Year 13



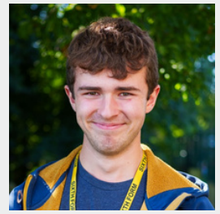
"All my lessons are engaging which has allowed me to enhance my critical thinking. Due to my teachers and the support that I am offered, I know that these next 18 months will continue to go smoothly."

Kelsey, Year 12



"One reason I chose Farmors for sixth form was because of how welcomed and supported I felt on the taster day in January. The teachers made me feel comfortable and interested during the lessons allowing me to contribute to the class."

Gracie, Year 12



"The teaching at Farmor's is great - be that tackling a new concept or consolidating content. It's always done in a way that makes sense and is broken down enough to be manageable."

Cody, Year 13



Sixth form has been fantastic for my daughter. She has been encouraged to be mature and be a far more independent learner and we can't believe the improvement she has made.

Parental Exit Survey

I have really enjoyed my time at Farmor's; I have loved the small class sizes and the close relationships with the teachers.

Student Exit Survey

Art & Design: Fine Art

You will further your skills and techniques in painting, drawing, printmaking, 3D alongside exploring, understanding and evaluating the work of Artists, Designers and Craftspeople.

Mrs Tara Parker-Woolway
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 83%, A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in Graphics, Art or Photography.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 15-hour exam in Year 13 which makes up 40% of the final grade.
- Year 13 students follow their own personal artistic investigation, supported by their teachers. This includes a 3000-word essay alongside sketchbook development work leading to substantial final pieces. This makes up 60% of the final grade.

Art & Design: Digital Photography

You will learnhow to take good quality, well composed photographs, looking beyond the lens to use the digital camera as a tool to capture moments in time. You will work on portraiture and landscape projects, completing sketchbooks and boards for a display at the end of Year 12. In Year 13, you will choose your own genre of photography to research & develop.

Mrs Sharann Giles
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Results in 2026:
A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum grade 5 at GCSE in a creative subject.

You will need your own Digital SLR camera and a basic knowledge of editing software.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:

- The course is assessed in Year 13 through a personal investigation including a 3000-word essay which makes up 60% of the grade and a final exam.
- 15-hour exam, the wide range of topics for which are released in March. Students are supported in preparing for this practical exam from March until May. This makes up 40% of the final grade.

Biology

This highly regarded A level covers a wide range of both traditional and modern theory. It prepares students for numerous university courses and apprenticeships. It is a multidisciplinary course: data handling, mathematics (including statistics) and practical skills are all combined with a large theory content. Topics include means of transport in plants and animals, diseases, immune system, biodiversity, classification and evolution, the biochemistry of respiration and photosynthesis and genetics.

Mr Andrew Rowan
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 50%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grades 66 in Combined Science or 666 in Separate Sciences and Grade 6 in Mathematics. If lower than Grade 6 achieved in Mathematics, you must take the Core Mathematics option.

Exam board: OCR

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Year 13 plus a practical assessment course which leads to a separate endorsement qualification.

Cambridge Advanced Level in Human Biology

This course is an alternative to studying A level Biology, where students will explore a range of study areas that prepares them for post-18 study. A significant proportion of the course consists of non-examination assessed units, rather than public exams.

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Results in 2026:
New course

Entry Requirements:
Combined Science at 5-5 or above or separate sciences at 5, 5, 5 or above, in addition to sixth form entrance requirements.

Exam board: OCR

Exams:

- 2 mandatory units: fundamentals of human biology, health and diseases.
- 2 mandatory non-exam assessment units: genetics, biomedical techniques.
- 2 optional units from a choice of the following: nutrition and metabolism, human reproduction, the brain, drug development.

Business Studies

Business Studies will be of interest to anyone who wants a career in business, is thinking of starting their own business or is curious about how businesses are run. The course provides you with the opportunity to study how businesses in the real world operate and how they make decisions. By studying examples of real businesses, you will learn about a diverse range of areas such as marketing, human resources, international business, accounts and business strategy.

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Results in 2026:
A*-B 58%, A*-E 100%

EntryRequirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus minimum GCSE grade 4 in Business if studied.

Examboard: Eduqas

Exams:
- 3 exams at the end of Year 13.

Chemistry

This course offers a solid foundation in all aspects of Chemistry. You will explore areas of study that include Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry and Physical Chemistry. In addition, you will develop a variety of practical skills, including use of scientific equipment, report writing, communication, logical thinking and reasoning as well as researching and managing risk through a range of activities.

Dr Nicola Crook
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 28%, A*-E 91%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grades 66 in Combined Science or 666 in Separate Sciences and Grade 6 in Mathematics.

Examboard: OCR

Exams:
- 3 exams at the end of Year 13 plus a practical assessment course which leads to an endorsement qualification.

Computer Science

In a rapidly developing world, it has never been more important to be technologically aware. This course is designed to develop your knowledge and understanding of many Computing topics and solve complex problems in a variety of business, scientific and social contexts.

Computer Science is also a creative subject that involves the innovative thinking and development of ideas though software development.

Ms Helen Bristow
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 44%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Minimum grade 6 in both Computer Science and Mathematics GCSEs to study the course.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:
- NEA (Non-Exam Assessment): 20% of the A level.
- Paper 1 – an on-screen exam: 40% of the A level.
- Paper 2 – a written exam: 40% of the A level.

Design & Technology 3D Design

This creative and practical course explores the world of three-dimensional design, including product design, architecture, jewellery and furniture. Students develop skills in drawing, modelling, CAD, and workshop techniques to create innovative and functional outcomes. Through personal projects and set briefs, you will investigate materials, processes, and design concepts while studying the work of influential designers and architects. The course is ideal for those considering careers in design, architecture, or the creative industries, and provides a strong foundation for progression to higher education.

Ms Mindy Smith
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Results in 2026:
A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in a design related subjectsuch as Resistant Materials, Graphic Design, Product Design, Fine Art, Textiles or Photography.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:
- 60% Personal Investigation NEA (Non-Exam Assessment)
- 40% Exam board set breif, culminating in a 15 hour practical exam





Fashion and Textiles

This creative and thought-provoking A level gives you the practical skills and knowledge to succeed in the fashion and creative industries. This course is suited to you if you are interested in fashion and art textiles. You will experiment with a wide range of fabrics and techniques before refining your ideas for the final assessed pieces in the second year.

Miss Abigail Craig
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 57%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 4in a design related subject such as Resistant Materials, Graphic Design, Product Design, Fine Art, Textiles, Photography, or Technical Award is ideal.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:
- 40% externally set.
- 60% through a project with the brief chosen by students.

Drama and Theatre

This is a creative course in which you will watch, read and practically explore a range of plays, productions and practitioners in a variety of theatrical styles. This will help inform your own creativity as a theatre-maker in pieces that you devise, design and perform yourself.

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Results in 2024:
A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus A minimum of a 4 gradein GCSE Drama if studied or grade 4 in English.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:
- 40% written exam at the end of Year 13.
- 60% practical performance or design of text-based and devised work supported by a Working Notebook and Reflective Report.

> The teachers are so committed to my education.
>
> **Student Exit Survey**

Economics

The skills and knowledge developed when studying A-level Economics will be useful in a variety of careers and degree courses.

Students are taught to think critically about a variety of economic issues, to develop the ability to write analytically, to use economic data to support arguments and to communicate clearly.

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Results in 2026:
A*-A 34%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in English and Mathematics.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:
- There are 3 exams at the end of Year 13.

English Language and Literature

This course offers a fascinating insight into a diverse range of texts, both literary and non-literary. You will also have the opportunity to consider language in new ways and to write both creatively and analytically.

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Results in 2026:
A*-B 47%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSEgrade 5 in English Literatureand Language.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:
- The NEA – a language investigation of your own choosing - makes up 20% of the final grade. You will work independently on this with tutorial support from your teachers.
- 2 exams at the end of Year 13 making up 80% of the final grade.

English Literature

This course offers the perfect insight into the richness of English Literature, pushing well beyond the scope of GCSE. You will study texts from across the three genres: prose, poetry and drama, and will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in some of the finest literature written in English.

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Results in 2026:
A*-A 60%, A*-B 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in English Literatureand Language.

Examboard: Edexcel

Exams:

- A 3000-word coursework essay makes up 20% of the final grade. This is a comparative essay and you can choose any two texts of your choice. You will work independently on this with tutorial support from staff.
- 3 exams at the end of Year 13 making up 80% of the final grade.

Extended Project (EPQ)

This is an independent research project in an area of your own interest. You are taught skills including academic research and referencing, presentation, decision-making and project management.

A supervisor supports you with individual tutorials to progress your project. You will produce an artefact and report or a research essay of approximately 5000 words. Your production log records each stage of your journey.

Ms Abi Banyard
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Results in 2025:
A*-A 35%, A*-C 97%
Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 100% assessed through production log and essay / report and artefact. There is no exam.

Food Science and Nutrition

An understanding of food science and nutrition is relevant to many industries and job roles. You will be taught advanced food preparation techniques as well as learning the theory of nutrition, food safety and food science concepts. This is a modular course, and you will study 3 units which cover meeting the nutritional needs of various groups, the science of food safety and hygiene, and experimenting to solve problems of food production. Practical sessions will support the gaining of theoretical knowledge and ensure learning is a tactile experience.

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Results in 2026:
100% Merit

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria.

Examboard: WJEC

Exams:

- Year 12 - 50% external exam, 50% internal assessment including 3 hour practical exam.
- Year 13 – 50% internal assessment, 50% external assessment.
- Graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction, and recognised by UCAS as equivalent to an A level.

French

You will study current issues and trends in society as well as the cultural topics of religion, history, literature, art and film. You will also have half an hour per week of one-to-one speaking sessions to develop spoken French. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to immerse yourself in the language and culture of France and therefore gain a skill for life.

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Results in 2024:
A*-B 80%, A*-C 100%

EntryRequirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 6 in French.

Examboard: AQA

Exams:

- Listening, Reading & Writing 50%.
- Writing on film and literature 20%.
- Speaking on current trends in society 30%.



Geography

Geography will inspire you to learn more about the world around you. The course is topical and will develop your perceptions and stimulate your investigative and analytical skills. Course content includes both Physical and Human Geography. Physical Geography covers water and carbon cycles as well as coastal landscapes. Human Geography covers global systems and governance as well as populations and the environment. Students will take part in a residential field trip to Wales to look at coastal landforms and urban regeneration in Cardiff as well as local field trips and the possibility of international trips.

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Results in 2026:
A*-B 33%, A*-D 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus minimum grade 5 in GCSE Geography.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- Two exams at the end of Year 13 as well as a piece of coursework that makes up 20% of the final grade. This coursework is a 4000 word individual investigation.

German

You will study current issues and trends in society as well as the cultural topics of religion, history, literature, art and film.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to immerse yourself in the language and culture of Germany and therefore gain a skill for life.

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New course for 2027

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 6 in German.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- Listening, Reading & Writing 50%.
- Writing on film and literature 20%.
- Speaking on current trends in society 30%.

Health and Social Care

This course gives you the opportunity to gain the right combination of knowledge, understanding and skills required for the care sector in the 21st century.

You will study a range of units, covering building positive relationships; equality, diversity and rights; health, safety and security; anatomy and physiology; nutrition for health; and sexual health, reproduction and early development stages.

Mrs Angie Cadwallader
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Results in 2026:
Disctinction 16%, Pass 100%

EntryRequirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria

Exam board: OCR

Exams:

- A combination of external exams and internally assessed units take place at the end of Year 12 and Year 13.
- Graded as Pass, Merit or Distinction, and recognised by UCAS as equivalent to an A level.

History

In Year 12 you will study the Soviet Experiment and look at the controversies about why it collapsed. You will also study the division of Germany after WWII through to reunification from an East German perspective. In Year 13 you will study the British empire 1763-1914 including the American Revolution, early Australian history, the abolition of slavery, the Indian Rebellion and much more. You will also have the opportunity to do an historical enquiry which is a 4000 word essay on an historical controversy of your choice.

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Results in 2026:
A*-A 29%, A*-B 71%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 4 in History if taken. Minimum GCSE Grade 5 in English Language.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:

- 3 Exams at the end of Year 13 which make up 80% of the final grade.
- The Historical Enquiry makes up 20% of the final grade.

Mathematics: Core Maths

Core Maths is a course designed for post-16 students who want to continue studying maths. It will help you retain, deepen and extend your maths to be better prepared for higher education and employment. You will apply clear, mathematical reasoning to real-life problems, analyse and interpret data in various contexts and confidently deal with everyday financial maths. Core Maths is very different to GCSE maths.

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Results in 2026:
A*-B 46%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus grade 4 at GCSE Mathematics. Students who gain a grade 6 at GCSE sit Core Maths at the end of Year 12.

Exam board: OCR

Exams:

- There are 2 exam papers at the end of the 2 year course. This leads to a level 3 qualification, which carries the same UCAS points as an AS Level.

Mathematics

Pure maths makes up two thirds of this course: this involves algebra, calculus, exponentials and trigonometry. You will also study statistics and mechanics and learn how maths can be uses to model the world around us in order to solve problems. Mechanics overlaps strongly with Physics A-level whereas Statistics deals with probability, sampling data and statistical hypotheses which overlap with Geography, Psychology and Biology.

Mrs Alison Lines
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Results in 2026:
A*-A 36%, A*-B 61%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus minimum grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:
The final exams consist of 3 two hour papers:

- Paper 1 – Pure Maths marked out of 100.
- Paper 2 – Pure Maths marked out of 100.
- Paper 3 – Applied Maths including Mechanics and Statistics also marked out of 100.

Further Mathematics

You will need a real enthusiasm for Maths and a desire to understand it at a deeper level. You may be interested in a studying maths, engineering, computer science or economics at university. In pure maths, you will encounter new topics such as matrices and complex numbers.

You will also study calculus in much more depth than at A level maths. Alongside the pure modules, we offer mechanics and decisions modules. In mechanics you will look at energy, collisions and elasticity. In decision, you study a range of algorithms to solve problems.

Mrs Stephanie Lindsay
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Results in 2026:
A*-A 28%, A*-B 55%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus minimum grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:
The final exams consist of 4 one and half hour papers.
The first two are compulsory while paper 3 and 4 allow for a number of options.

- Paper 1 – Pure Maths marked out of 75.
- Paper 2 – Pure Maths marked out of 75.
- Paper 3 & 4 – Mechanics and Decision marked out of 75.

Media

You will study media in all its forms, including TV programmes, music videos, video games, advertising, marketing, film making, newspapers, radio, magazines, the film industry and online media including blogs. You will also study the theory of media that will allow you to both analyse these forms of media and develop the skills to produce your own pieces.

Mrs Emma Palmer
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 25% A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteriaplus GCSE grade 5 in Media if taken GCSE grade 5 or above in English Language.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:

- There are two exams at the end of Year 13 as well as an NEA for which you produce teo artefacts/productions. This is worth 30% of the final grade.

Music

The Eduqas Music A-Level offers you the chance to study a wide range of musical genres. It has a focus on listening, performing and composition with an emphasis on classical music and traditional notation.

As part of the wider offer in the sixth form, all Music A level students have the chance to study and complete their Grade 5 theory music examinations, if they have not done so already. This is an important bechmark to support students' success in this A level.

Mr Jon Driver
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Results in 2022:
A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:
A grade 6 in GCSE Music and the ability to play an instrument or sing essential, ideally to Grade 5 standard. Students must be receiving regular private weekly tuition.

Exam board: Eduqas

Exams:

- 1: Appraising music 40%.
- 2: Performance 35% (Maximum of 12 minutes recorded performance).
- 3: Composition 25% (Maximum of 6 minutes).

Music Performance

The BTEC National Extended National Certificate in Music Performance offers a chance to focus on performance (50%) alongside one unit on the music industry (25%) and one on music theory (25%).

We know that every student has different learning styles and musical tastes, which is why we run either the A-Level or BTEC each year based on the volume of applications we receive.

Mr Jon Driver
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Results in 2026:
New course

Exams (BTEC Pearson):

- 2 mandatory external assessments 50%.
- 1 mandatory internal assessment 25%.
- 1 additional internal assessment 25%.



Physical Education

Studying Physical Education takes a multi-disciplinary approach, including social, physiological, biomechanical and psychological insights into understanding human performances and as such requires a range of academic skills. A level PE is regarded as an A level Science subject when applying to courses in different fields of study. Students are fit and healthy, good communicators and team players with good social skills. They have the ability to analyse, evaluate and self-reflect. These are qualities sought after by future employers.

Mr Paul Hockey
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 35%, A*-E 100%

EntryRequirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grade 5 at GCSE PE ifstudied. Participation in a sport at club level with regular training outside school. Grade 5 in a GCSE Science is preferred.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 2 exams in Year 13 plus a practical assessment making up 70% of the final grade. This involves film evidence of performing at a competitive level and a written analysis linking to theory topics. This requires a current and serious commitment to one sport.

BTEC Sport Level 3 and Diploma

BTEC Sport Tech Level 3 is an alternative to A-Level PE and would be suitable for those who prefer coursework style approach as opposed to terminal exams. BTEC Sport level 3 combines academic learning and practical sports training. It is ideal for those looking to work in coaching, sports organisation or leisure industry. It is equivalent to 1 A-Level but there may be scope to add additional units and top up to diploma standard.

Mr Paul Hockey
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Results in 2026:
Diploma Distinction* 25%
Diploma Pass 100%

Entry requirements:
GCSE PE grade 4+ or BTEC Level 2 are preferable but not essential.

Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel

Exams:

- Anatomy & Physiology Exam Jan Year 12 = 33% of course (Retake option Jun Year 12).
- Fitness & Training Unit = 33% of course (Case Study/Exam).
- Sports Performance Unit = 16.5% of course (Coursework).
- One additional module = 16.5% of course (Coursework).

Physics

You will study core content including measurements and their errors, particles and radiation, waves, mechanics and materials, electricity, thermal physics, fields and their consequences, nuclear physics and medical physics.

Mr David Tatlow
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 57%, A*-C 76%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grades 66 in Combined Science or 666 in Separate Sciences and Grade 7 in Mathematics. It is preferable to also study maths at A level for this course and students would need to demonstrate a significant aptitude for Physics to study the subject without A level Mathematics.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Year 13 plus a practical assessment course which leads to an endorsement qualification.

Politics

The Politics course looks at the system and people that make the decisions that affect the everyday lives of people in the UK in Year 12 and the USA in Year 13. It also looks at the ways in which people engage with the politics, learning about voting, political parties, pressure groups and social movements. Political ideas such as liberalism, socialism, conservatism, anarchism and ecologism are also explored.

Politics will suit students who have an interest in the world around them and who enjoy debate, discussion and argument. It will give students the ability to analyse information, make valid judgements and become informed citizens.

Mr. Jim Speake
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 75%

Entry requirements:
Sixth form entry requirements, a 5 in English and a keen interest in politics.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Exams:

- 3 papers at the end of Year 13.

Psychology

Psychology is a fascinating and incredibly popular area of study. It will help you understand human behaviour and mental processes and allow you to better understand how we think, act and feel. Why do people act the way they do? What shapes our personality? How do we learn and change throughout our life? Psychology develops valuable skills such as analysis of evidence, reasoning and evaluation.

Mrs Kit Taylor
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 40%, A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus taking Core Maths if GCSE Maths is below grade 6.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- 3 exams all of 2 hour duration at the end of Year 13.

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

A-LevelReligion, Philosophy & Ethics introduces students to the study of philosophy, and fundamental questions like what is knowledge, truth, and good. Students learn about moral philosophy, the metaphysics of God, and conduct an in-depth study of a selected religion. They also study the works of philosophers like Immanuel Kant, Aristotle, and Joseph Fletcher. Students develop critical reasoning, logical and analytical thinking, and problem-solving skills. They also learn how to interpret and assess arguments and counter-arguments.

Mr Callum Broussine
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Results in 2026:
New course

Entry Requirements:
Grade 5 in English Language and Literature and a grade 4 in RE if studied. You do not need GCSE RE to take the A level.

Exam board: Edexcel

Exams:

- 3 papers at the end of Year 13.

Sociology

Why do middle class children do better at school than working class children? Why do some ethnic minority groups appear to commit more crime than others?

If you choose to study sociology you will investigate these types of questions and begin to understand more about your own motivations and behaviours. If you are fascinated by the behaviours of others and why we act the way we do, then sociology is for you. Sociology goes especially well with Psychology, Geography, English, Economics, Business Studies, Media and History.

Mr Kenny Robins
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 64%, A*-C 100%

EntryRequirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus at least a grade 5 in English Language and/or Sociology. You do not need GCSE Sociology to take the A-level.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:
All taken at the end of Year 13:

- Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods.
- Paper 2: Health and Global Development.
- Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods.

Spanish

You will study current issues and trends in society as well as the cultural topics of religion, history, literature, art and film. You also have half an hour per week of one-to-one speaking sessions to develop spoken Spanish. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to immerse yourself in the language and culture of Spain and therefore gain a skill for life.

Mr Simon Pike
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Results in 2026:
A*-B 64%, A*-E 100%

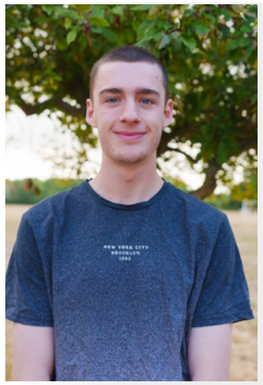
EntryRequirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria plus minimum GCSE grade 6 in Spanish.

Exam board: AQA

Exams:

- At the end of Year 13.
- Listening, Reading & Writing 50%.
- Writing on film and literature 20%.
- Speaking on current trends in society 30%.

Student Profiles



Student Profile:
James

Achieved:
A*A*A*A

Now studying:
Chemistry at Oxford University



Student Profile:
Grace

Achieved:
A*A A A

Now studying:
Psychology at Cardiff University



Student Profile:
Phoebe

Achieved:
A*A B B

Now studying:
Italian and Portuguese at Oxford University



Student Profile:
Gabe

Achieved:
A*A*A*A

Now studying:
Physics at Durham University

Next steps

Our UCAS system is second to none: we support our students through every stage of the application process and help them find the higher education course that is right for them including Oxford, Cambridge and medical courses.

Other popular destinations include gap years, apprenticeships, drama schools, art colleges and employment. Whatever your ambition, there is individual support, advice and guidance to help you on your way.

In addition, you will be emailed a weekly careers bulletin with a round-up of all the new opportunities available locally, nationally and globally.

In addition to locations around the UK, we have also had students move on to destinations in California, Florida, Finland, Holland, Zurich, Spain, Thailand and even Australia.



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