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Farmor's School
AN ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

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Welcome to Farmor's School

As Head of Farmor's 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.

EXCELLENCE "Their concept is so unique and brilliant, I feel like the school really puts the students first" *Student 2019*.

OUTSTANDING purpose-built facilities complement the quality of A level teaching that you will enjoy. Our staff regularly 'go the extra mile' with one-to-one tutorials and mentoring to ensure students reach their potential.

PERSONALISED advice, guidance and pastoral support is available to all students. This unrivalled support includes the Aspire Programme for Oxbridge and Medicine students and we are successful in supporting students onto these paths every year.

INDEPENDENCE is vitally important as you prepare for the next steps of your life after A levels. Therefore, we will treat you as an adult from day one, responsible for your choices from how you dress to the targets you set yourself.

We have a unique balance of freedom and academic rigour, of independence and support, of routine and choice. This, coupled with the breadth of our offer of both A levels and Enrichment Programmes, attracts students from many different schools. New entrants make up over 20% of the cohort each year.

But don't just take my word for it. Come and see what we have to offer.



Emma White

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Study Programme

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.

How many courses can I choose?

- Four A levels
- Three A levels + EPQ
- Three A levels + Core Maths
- Three A levels

Enrichment

You will have a range of enrichment programmes to choose from including:

- Duke of Edinburgh Gold,
- Sign Language
- Sports Coaching
- Three Peaks Challenge
- Criminology
- Social Committee
- Charity Committee
- Model United Nations

Speakers Programme

There is a fortnightly speakers' programme of events from all branches of industry and public life.

These include:

- Alan Rusbridger
- Living and working in war zones
- Mental health awareness
- Canine Partners

Aspire Programme

If you are aspiring to apply to Oxford, Cambridge or for a Medicine course you are welcome to join our Aspire Programme. There is a range of trips and speakers as well as support with the preparation of the application including reading seminars and tutorials. You will be offered an interview which is filmed for you to keep and review later. This is a highly successful and valued programme tailored to the needs of each individual.

Additional opportunities

- First aid
- Sports teams
- Student Shadow Leadership Team
- Work experience

Why choose Farmor's Sixth Form?

- Personalised teaching with an average class size of eleven, leading to great results.
- Excellent facilities including study areas, social spaces and café.
- Diverse enrichment opportunities including model United Nations, DofE Gold and far moors mountain walkers.
- Flexible and individual support for progression to a wide range of destinations from Oxbridge to apprenticeships.



Trips & visits

Sixth Form students have wide-ranging opportunities for experiences beyond Fairford.

Recent destinations have included Iceland, Russia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Chile, Bolivia, India, France, Spain, New York and Kenya across a range of departments and subject interests. Together with the foreign destinations, visits closer to home include London, Wales, Bristol and Birmingham. We are also linked with an exciting educational project in Zambia.



New York



Three Peaks





Choosing your courses

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. If you don't have an ambition at the moment, that is fine. You should choose on the basis of what you enjoy, are good at, or are interested in. You will have many opportunities to discuss your choices and options with experienced sixth form staff during the application process.

Academic enrichment

To your core three A levels, you can then add a further academic course if you wish. These are:

- The Extended Project Qualification
- Core Maths
- An additional A level.

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.

It is important to recognise that no universities require 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.

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.

Getting to Sixth Form

There are lots of buses and many of our students drive in once they have passed their test. There is no charge for this and there is a carpark at the front of the school. Some parents also set up lift-shares. If your household income is below £30,000 you can apply for financial support with bus fares.





New entrants regularly join us from many different schools and make up over 20% of our students each year.

Entry criteria

- A grade 4 in English and Maths plus at least 3 more GCSEs at grade 4 or above. Short courses do not count.
- 4 grades or above in the subjects you are wishing to study at A level though a 5 grade would be desirable.
- Please note that some subjects have specific entry requirements, see the Subject Information pages.



Deadlines

- **October 2020**
Applications Open
- **Friday 22nd January 2021**
Application deadline
- **February/March 2021**
Formal interview
- **July 2021**
Preparatory information and handbooks
- **Thursday 19th August 2021**
GCSE results day
- **Friday 20th August 2021**
Enrolment deadline



Art & Design

Fine art

You will develop skills and techniques in painting, drawing, printing, sculpture and explore the work of artists, designers and crafts people.

You will also participate in peer and teacher critiques, learning to talk about work and Fine Art and related Ideas. You will also set up your own blog/Instagram to understand how to present work to an audience.

Exams:

- 15-hour exam in Y13 which makes up 40% of the final grade.
- Y13 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.
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

- Art Foundation Course
- Degree courses in Architecture (this course is a requirement for studying Architecture)
- Fashion Design
- Set Design and for Theatre and TV
- All art and design careers such as Animation.

The exam board moderator praised the department for promoting a high level of experimentation and pushing students in the development of their ideas. He also praised the high level of rigour in this course.

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Artist and sculptor at Ernest Cook Trust
- Visiting artists
- Links with Stroud College
- Annual trip to such places as Barcelona, Paris, London and St Ives. A different place is visited each year so you will have the chance of at least two trips.



RESULTS 2019

A*-B 80% | A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum GCSE grade 5 in
Graphics, Art or Photography



Student Profile: Gabe Fryer-Eccles

Previous School
Sir Thomas Rich

Studied Fine Art,
Maths, Geography
& EPQ

Achieved AAAA*
and is now studying
Architecture at UCL



Art & Design

Digital Photography

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 83% | A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum grade 4 at GCSE in a
creative subject*

You will learn how 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 Y12. In Y13, you will choose your own genre of photography to research and develop.

Exams:

- The course is assessed in Y13 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.
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

- Sports' Photographer
- Fashion Photographer
- Advertising
- Journalism
- Teaching
- TV Work

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Wimbledon Arts Studio: camera skills and portraiture shoot
- Landscape trips to the local area
- Arts trip to London or Europe

My son has enjoyed the mature relationship he has developed with Staff in 6th form. Here has been a great atmosphere to foster Independent learning. Thank you.

Parental Exit Survey



Student Profile:

Stella Dalglish

Previous School

Farmor's

Studied Photography,
English Language and
Literature and French.

Achieved A*BC and is
studying Photography at
the Glasgow School of Art

*You will need your own Digital SLR camera and a basic knowledge of editing software would be an advantage

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Biology

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 32% | A*-C 76% | A*-E 96%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
 Grades 56 in double science or 556
 in triple (6 in Biology) and grade 6 in
 maths. If grade 5 achieved in maths you
 should also take the core maths option

Areas of study include human biology such as the nervous and endocrine systems as well as genetics. Further study includes cell structure, biological molecules, nucleic acids, enzymes, cell division and organisation.

Also covered are means of transport in plants and animals as well as diseases, immune systems, biodiversity, classification and evolution. You will also develop practical skills through a range of activities.

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Y13 plus a practical assessment course which leads to an endorsement qualification.
- Exam board: OCR

Career opportunities:

- Medicine
- Dentistry

- Environmental Science
- Food Industry
- Biochemistry
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Psychology
- Sports Science
- Biotechnology
- Veterinary Science

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Lecture days at Warwick University
- Field trips
- Science Support in Primary School



Student Profile: Henry Newman

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Biology,
Physics, Maths and
EPQ

Achieved AAAA and is
studying Civil Engineering
at Bristol University



A photograph of a classroom with students sitting at desks. In the foreground, a young man in a green hoodie is looking towards the right. Behind him, two young women are also looking in the same direction. The background shows a large orange wall and a window with greenery outside.

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.

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Y13
- Exam board: Edexcel

Career opportunities:

Business provides a range of knowledge and skills which will be useful in almost any career. These include the ability: to critically analyse business situations and data, to write clearly about business issues, to work effectively as part of a team and to give business presentations.

A-level Business provides the opportunity for a range of options for further study and careers including:

- Business management
- Accountancy
- Human Resources
- Apprenticeships such as at St James's Place
- Sponsored degrees such as PWC Nottingham University

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Study a wide range of local, national and international businesses.
- Business competitions
- Guest speakers
- Young Enterprise enrichment

The subject and teaching is exceptional.

Student Exit Survey

RESULTS 2019

A*-B: 54% | A*-C 92% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum GCSE grade 4 in
Business if studied



Student Profile:
Pippa Wildern

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Business Studies,
Geography, English Literature
and EPQ

Achieved AAAA
and is studying Rural Land
Management at Royal
Agricultural University



Chemistry

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 38% | A*-C 63% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grades 56 in double science or 556 in triple (6 in Chemistry) and grade 6 in maths. If grade 5 achieved in maths you should also take the core maths option

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.

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Y13 plus a practical assessment course which leads to an endorsement qualification.
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

Chemistry is a valuable subject in the world of work and can open the door to a variety of desirable career paths.

- Medicine
- Bio Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering
- Pharmacy

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Medical Society links and work experience in a range of hospitals
- Range of speakers including Maxillofacial surgeon
- Science Live in Birmingham



Student Profile:

Will Spurway

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Chemistry,
Physics and Maths

Achieved AAA and is
studying Medicine at
Manchester University



Computer Science

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Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
A keen interest in IT and how to use applications more effectively
Grade 6 Computer Science
Grade 6 Mathematics

This course is designed to develop your knowledge and understanding a range of computing topics which will prepare you to solve complex and challenging tasks.

Computer Science is a methodical subject that requires you to be logically minded, inquisitive and with a keen interest in how computers work. This course does not only cover the academic and technical aspects of computing, but it also allows you to use creative skills with software development.

Exams/Assessments:

Assessments will take place in the form of:

- An on-screen practical coding - 40%
- A written examination - 40%
- A non-examination assessment - 20%
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

In recent years, Computer Science has become one of the fastest growing subjects at both GCSE and A Level. It is a sought-after qualification for both universities and employers. Specialist roles could include:

- Cyber Security Specialist
- Information Systems Manager
- Network Engineer
- Software Developer
- Systems Analyst
- Degree in Computer Science
- Application Analyst
- Applications Developer
- Cyber Security Analyst
- Data Analyst
- Database Administrator
- Forensic Computer Analyst
- Games Developer
- Information Systems Manager

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Workshops on Cyber security
- Workshops on programming
- Trips to Oxford University
- University of Gloucestershire
- GCHQ



Student Profile:
Peter Hebden

Previous School
Farmor's

Studying Computer Science, Maths, Further Maths and EPQ

Ambition to study Maths and Computing at Oxford University



Design & Technology

3D Design

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 50% | A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum GCSE grade 5 in a design related subject such as Resistant Materials, Graphic Design, Product Design, Fine Art, Textiles or Photography

This course is a creative and thought provoking qualification. Three-Dimensional Design is distinguishable by the emphasis placed upon functional and utilitarian considerations. It covers a particularly wide range of activities ranging in scale from jewellery and body adornment to architectural and product or furniture design, which may also include single items of furniture that are concerned with functionality and manual skills as well as aesthetic qualities.

You will investigate historical, cultural and economic influences of design as well as how technology has influenced products we use every day. You will also explore the design and creation of products for the future.

Exams:

- 40% Externally set assignment
- 60% Design and Make personal project
- Exam board: Eduqas

Career opportunities:

- Business management degree
- Product Design
- Engineering
- Degrees in design related courses
- Apprenticeships
- Manufacturing

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Cardiff University Fab Lab
- Warwick University Workshops
- Design Museum
- Jaguar
- Gloucestershire University
- Cardiff University
- Design trips are regularly offered



Student Profile:
Tabitha Roberts

Previous School
Kingshill

Studied Product Design,
Psychology, Business
and EPQ

Achieved ABCC and is
studying Advertising
Design at the University
of South Wales



Design & Technology Fashion & Textiles

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 50% | A*-C 75% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

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

This creative and thought-provoking A level gives you the practical skills and theoretical knowledge to succeed in the fashion and creative industries.

This course is suited to you if you are interested in fashion and its influence on society. You will experiment with a wide range of fabrics and techniques before refining your ideas for the final assessed pieces in the second year.

Exams:

- 40% externally set
- 60% through a project with the brief chosen by students
- Exam board: Eduqas

Career opportunities:

- Art Foundation Course
- Costume Design for TV and Film
- Fashion Buying and marketing
- Set design and the film industry
- Fashion Journalism
- Apprenticeships in Retail and fashion
- Merchandising
- Fashion design
- Engineering
- Illustration and publishing
- Store management and fashion styling

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Fashion and Textile Museum
- V&A Museum
- Design Museum
- Students are encouraged to build links with live clients & businesses



Student Profile:
Li Yang

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Textiles,
Biology, Chemistry
and EPQ

Achieved BBCC and is
studying Biomedical Sciences
at Southampton University

*However, if you are enthusiastic about the creative aspects of this course and have not studied Art or D&T subjects we would still be keen to hear from you.

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Drama & Theatre

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 19% | A*-C 63% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus

A minimum of a 4 grade in GCSE

Drama if studied or grade 4 in English

On this course, you will see many live drama productions in a wide variety of theatrical styles. This will help inform your own practical creativity in the productions you devise and perform.

You will also research the relationship between theory and practice and gain many invaluable skills in understanding how meaning is communicated to an audience through choices of form, style and convention.

Exams:

- 40% exam at the end of Y13
- Practical exams in performing an and also in devising theatre make up 60% and are supported by written notebooks and reflective reports.
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

Students of Drama and Theatre develop skills that are not just essential for drama but applicable to a wide range of higher education subjects and in the workplace. Whatever the future holds, students of A-level Drama and Theatre emerge with a toolkit of transferable skills preparing them for their next steps. Careers include:

- Teaching
- Law
- Business Leadership & Management

- Politics
- Media Studies
- Directing
- Acting
- Set Design
- Costume & Fashion Design
- Puppet-Making
- Playwriting
- Community Theatre & Education
- Outreach
- Lighting & Sound Design or installation
- Theatre-making
- Dance

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Drama schools and courses.
- Drama workshops
- National Theatre summer schools
- National Theatre
- RSC
- Regional theatres from Oxford to Cardiff and Bristol to Birmingham.
- Frantic Assembly
- Kneehigh
- Headlong
- Les Enfants Terribles.
- NT Live
- Digital Theatre



Student Profile:

Alfie Brown

Studied Drama,
English Literature,
Geography and EPQ

Achieved BCCC and is studying
Journalism at Cardiff University



Economics

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 55% | A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum GCSE grade 5 in English
and Mathematics

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.

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Business competitions
- Guest speakers
- Young Enterprise enrichment

Exams:

- There are 3 exams at the end of Y13
- Exam board: Edexcel

Career opportunities:

- Banking
- Accounting
- Management
- Economics Degree
- Business & Finance Degree
- Apprenticeships such as St James' Place
- Sponsored degrees such as KPMG



Student Profile:
Alex Eaglestone

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Economics,
Geography, Maths and
Further Maths AS

Achieved AA*AB and is
studying Geography at
Loughborough

I would like to thank the school and sixth form for the education experience they have given my daughter and for the business and economics teachers who have given extra support and encouragement.

Student Exit Survey



English

Language & Literature

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 52% | A*-C 91% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum GCSE grade 5 in English
Literature and Language

You will study an anthology of fiction and non-fiction texts as well as a modern play, poetry and two novels. There will be a focus on the spoken as well as the written word, and creative writing opportunities.

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.

Exams:

- 2 exams at the end of Y13 making up 80% of the final grade.
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

English Language & Literature is regarded as a facilitating subject and is welcomed by universities for almost any degree course.

- Law Degree
- English degree
- Linguistics degree
- Journalism
- Education degree
- Publishing
- Creative writing
- Apprenticeships in journalism, marketing, publishing

rips, industry links and work experience:

- Creative writing opportunities
- Theatre trips.
- Swindon Poetry festival
- Cheltenham Literature Festival
- Lectures



Student Profile:
Hanna Doherty

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied English language and Literature, History, French and EPQ

Achieved A*A*AA* and is studying Modern and Medieval Languages at Cambridge.



English Literature

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 56% | A*-C 78% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum GCSE grade 5 in English
Literature and Language

You will study two novels linked by a theme, one Shakespeare play and one modern play, a selection of modern poetry and poetry from a specific period.

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.

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Y13 making up 80% of the final grade.
- Exam board: Edexcel

Career opportunities:

English Literature is regarded as a facilitating subject and is welcomed by universities for almost any degree course.

- Law Degree
- English degree
- Linguistics degree
- Journalism
- Education degree
- Publishing
- Creative writing
- Apprenticeships in journalism, marketing, publishing

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Creative Writing Club (A level students work with lower school students on their creative writing)
- Theatre trips to see plays.
- Swindon Poetry festival
- Cheltenham Literature Festival
- Lectures

One of the strongest departments and even the most difficult essays are broken down and explained. They have allowed my confidence in essay writing to grow and both teachers are always approachable and no task is ever too much for them.

Student Exit Survey



Student Profile:
Charlotte Gleeson

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied English Literature,
French, Psychology
and EPQ

Achieved A*A*A*A*
and is studying Modern
and Medieval Languages
at Cambridge



Extended Project Qualification

RESULTS 2019

A*-A: 55% | A*-B 84% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria

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.

Exams:

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

Career opportunities:

EPQ is highly regarded by universities and employers because of the skills needed to be successful.

Many universities lower their entry requirements if students have an A in their EPQ.

EPQ is an opportunity to demonstrate an interest in a potential career path for which there is no A level, such as nursing, midwifery, law, politics, archaeology. This sets students apart.

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- There are strong links with Southampton University which delivers lectures.
- You are strongly encouraged supported in any extra-activities which contribute to the project.
- You are encouraged to pursue your field of interest beyond the school.



Student Profile: Toby Jack

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied EPQ,
Physics, Maths and
Further Maths

Achieved A*A*A*A* and
is studying Mechanical
Engineering at Bristol
University



Level 3 Applied Certificate In Food Science & Nutrition

RESULTS 2019
NEW COURSE FOR 2019
Entry Requirements:
Sixth Form entry criteria

You will study how to meet the nutritional needs of specific groups. This will include exploring the properties of nutrients and how food production impacts on ingredients.

It is also a strongly practical course including designing menus, meals and dishes as well as dietary plans for specific groups and preparing them. Complex cooking skills are also part of the course.

Exams:

- 50% Internal Assessment
- 50% External Exam
- Graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction
- Exam board: WJEC

Career opportunities:

This course supports progression into the fields of Health and Social care, Sport, understanding nutrition, government agencies and the public service sector. It is recognised by UCAS and so progression onto university courses is also open to you:

- Degree in Health and Social Care
- Degree in Nutrition
- Degree in Public Health Nutrition
- Degree in Food Science and Technology
- Social Services
- Catering Industry
- Hospitality Industry

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Links with restaurants in Cheltenham for visits and visitors
- Works experience at various restaurants is available
- Links with Swindon College

The staff are very supportive and give many opportunities. There are many spaces to either study or relax.

Student Exit Survey



Student Profile:
Lucy Blacker

Previous School
Kingshill

Studying Food and Nutrition, Psychology, Business and Core Maths

Ambition to study Criminology at university



Languages French

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 67% | A%-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus

Minimum GCSE grade 6 in 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.

Exams:

- Listening, Reading & Writing 50%
- Writing on film and literature 20%
- Speaking on current trends in society 30%
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

French is regarded as a facilitating subject and is welcomed by universities for almost any degree course. Degree courses in languages, including Italian,

Japanese and languages not yet studied.

- Linguistics degrees
- TEFL courses
- Studying abroad
- Degrees in any subject with a year abroad option.
- Legal secretary
- Translation services

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Exchange trips
- French newspaper available in the LRC
- Exchange trips and cultural trips

The small sixth form class sizes that you have been able to offer really do make a difference to the students' enthusiasm and outlook and we would recommend the school wholeheartedly. Thank you.

Parental Exit Survey



Student Profile: Molly Davis

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Biology,
French, Chemistry
and EPQ

Achieved A*ABA and
is studying Medicine at
Cardiff University



Geography

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 56% | A*-C 81% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum grade 4 in GCSE
Geography if taken

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.

Exams:

- There are two equally weighted exams at the end of Y13 as well as a piece of coursework that makes up 20% of the final grade. This coursework is a 3000 to 4000 word individual investigation.
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

Geography is regarded as a facilitating subject and is welcomed by universities for almost any degree course.

- Degrees in Geography
- Degrees in Planning and Urban development
- Degrees in Anthropology
- Degrees in Oceanography
- Degrees in Environment Studies
- Degrees in Teaching Estate Management

Trips, industry links and work experience:

A residential trip to South Wales to investigate coastal landforms and urban developments. A trip to Bristol to study urbanisation first hand. Local trips including primary data collection of the hydrology of the River Coln. An international field trip is often offered to enhance your geographical understanding on a number of topics.



Student Profile:
Eleanor Middleton

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied ADG,
Geography, Maths
and EPQ

Achieved A*BA*A*
and is studying
Architecture at UCL

A photograph showing students in a classroom. In the foreground, a student in a blue jacket is writing in a notebook. Behind them, other students in orange and dark clothing are also working at their desks. The focus is on the student in the blue jacket.

History

RESULTS 2019

A*-B: 37% | A*-C 89% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

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

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 Y13 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.

Exams:

- 3 Exams at the end of Y13 which make up 80% of the final grade.
- The Historical Enquiry makes up 20% of the final grade.
- Exam board: Edexcel

Career opportunities:

History is regarded as a facilitating subject and is welcomed by universities for almost any degree course.

- Law degree
- Politics degree
- PPE degree
- Journalism
- International studies
- Many politicians have History degrees

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Russia and East Berlin



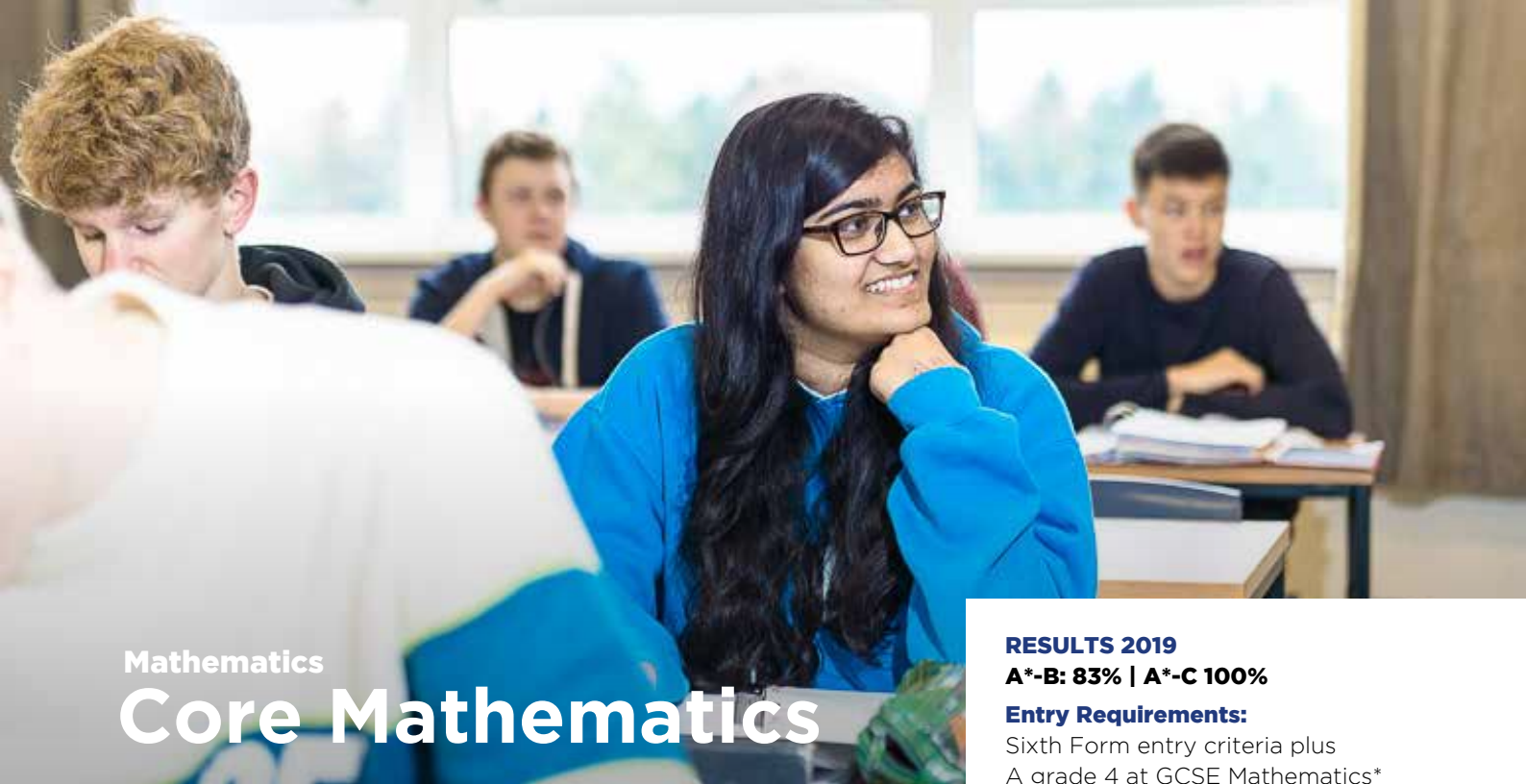
Student Profile: Edward Conlan

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied History,
English Literature,
Psychology and EPQ

Achieved AABA and is
studying Law at Bristol
University





Mathematics

Core Mathematics

RESULTS 2019

A*-B: 83% | A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus

A grade 4 at GCSE Mathematics*

Core Maths is a new 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.

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.
- Exam board: OCR

Career opportunities:

This course will improve your career prospects in many ways as taking maths after GCSE is highly desirable and this course will set you apart. These practical mathematical skills will help you in particular with sciences, geography, business studies, psychology, and economics.

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- The Meteorological Office showing how maths is used in weather forecasting.
- Escape room team building trip



We are very pleased that our son has settled so well in sixth form and that we have you to help support him.

Parent email



Student Profile:
Charlotte Blakeley

Studied Psychology,
Fine Art, English
Language and Literature,
Core Maths and EPQ.

Achieved CBCDB and
is studying Advertising
and Marketing at the
University of Lincoln

*50% of our students take a maths course post 16

For further information please contact: Mrs Alison Lines: alines@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk



Mathematics

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 70% | A*-C 91% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus

Minimum grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics

You will study pure maths including extensive use of algebra, calculus and trigonometry as well as applied maths including statistics and mechanics focusing on how maths can be used to model the real world 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.

Exams:

- The final examinations 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.
- Exam board: Edexcel

Career opportunities:

In an increasingly numerical world A-level maths is useful in a large number of degree courses and careers. It is a subject that is highly valued both by universities, as a facilitating subject, and employers for the problem solving skills it develops. It is essential for further study of:

- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Engineering
- Physics

It is desirable for:

- Other physical sciences
- Computing
- Architecture
- Computer animation
- Psychology and other social sciences
- Actuary
- Meteorology
- Economics
- Accounting
- And numerous other careers rely on a good understanding of number.

Trips, industry links and work experience:

Previous students have completed work experience with a number of financial and engineering firms. The department is developing links with the local STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) network which can arrange gap year placements with STEM firms.



Student Profile: Charlotte Pearce

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Maths,
Chemistry, Geography
and EPQ

Achieved A*A*A*A and
is studying Pharmacy at
Cardiff University

A photograph of students in a classroom. In the foreground, a young man in a green hoodie is looking down at a book or paper. Next to him, another young man in a white t-shirt is looking towards the right. In the background, other students are visible, and a bulletin board with various papers is on the wall.

Further Mathematics

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 67% | A*-C 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum GCSE grade 8 in
Mathematics

You will choose Further Maths because of a real enthusiasm for maths, and an aspiration to further study in maths, engineering, the sciences and economics.

You will explore complex numbers and matrices, as well as building your understanding and knowledge of sophisticated mathematical ideas and techniques. You can choose options to specialise in areas that are particularly relevant to your interests and aspirations.

Exams:

- The final examinations consist of 4 one and half hour papers. The first two papers are compulsory while paper 3 and 4 allow for a number of options.
- Paper 1 – Pure Maths marked out of 100.
- Paper 2 – Pure Maths marked out of 100.
- Paper 3 & 4 – More pure and applied maths options including Decision, Mechanics and Statistics also marked out of 100.
- Exam board: Edexcel

Career opportunities:

The students who choose to study Further Mathematics are more commonly the students who go

on to study Mathematics, Physics or Engineering at one of the Russell Group universities. Careers where Further Maths is highly desirable are those involved with mathematics at a high level.

These include:

- Statisticians
- Engineers
- Computer scientists
- Physicists
- Economists
- Actuary

Trips, industry links and work experience:

Previous students have completed work experience with a number of financial and engineering firms. The department is developing links with the local STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) network which can arrange gap year placements with STEM firms.

There will also be the opportunity to compete in a number of mathematical competitions.



Student Profile:

Lydia Nuttall

Previous School

Farmor's

Studied Further Mathematics, Mathematics, and Physics

Achieved ABC and is studying Architecture, Urbanism and Building Sciences at Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands

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.

Exams:

- There are two exams at the end of Y13 as well as a piece of coursework for which you produce your own piece of media. This is worth 30% of the final grade.
- Exam board: WJEC

Career opportunities:

- Advertising
- Journalism
- Television / Film producing

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Pamela Armstrong
- Speakers' Programme
- BBC



RESULTS 2019

A*-B 61% | A*-C 72% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus GCSE grade 5 in Media if taken GCSE grade 4 or above in English Language



Student Profile:
Harry Palmer

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Media, Psychology, Business Studies, Economics (AS) and EPQ

Achieved ABCBA and is studying Communication, Media and Culture at Oxford Brookes University

Media at this school is very well taught and i feel confident in it, the feedback is detailed and you are clearly told how to improve. The coursework is very strong in how it is taught, it's clear and precise.

Student Exit Survey



Music

RESULTS 2020

100% A*-C

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
The ability to play an instrument
is a significant advantage

The Eduqas Music A Level is a relevant and contemporary qualification that offers you the chance to study a wide range of musical genres. It brings listening, performance and composition to life in new and engaging ways, and links to the world around us.

We know that every student has different learning styles and musical tastes, which is why our course values all music styles, skills and instruments. You will be able to broaden your mind and foster your love of all music with a qualification that you will enjoy no matter what your ability or background is.

Exams:

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

Career opportunities:

There are a huge variety of potential careers available from studying this course. The Music industry is one of the biggest contributors to the UK economy. Music is constantly evolving, inspiring creativity and expression in a way that no other subject can and is designed to develop a broad

range of skills including project management, appraising and analysis, creativity and imagination. Students will be able to progress to undergraduate study in Music Performance, Popular Music Composition, Film and TV Sound and Production, Sound Engineering and many other courses requiring a similar skill set.

The subject can enhance a lifetime hobby as well as lead to a career in recording, sound engineering, composing for film and media, performing, teaching, radio or television work and studio work.

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Trip to a West End Musical.
- Opportunity to perform in Sixth form concerts and take part in extra curricular groups such as Staff and Sixth Form choir, Orchestra and Jazz band.
- Also the chance to learn a musical instrument and have lessons in school.

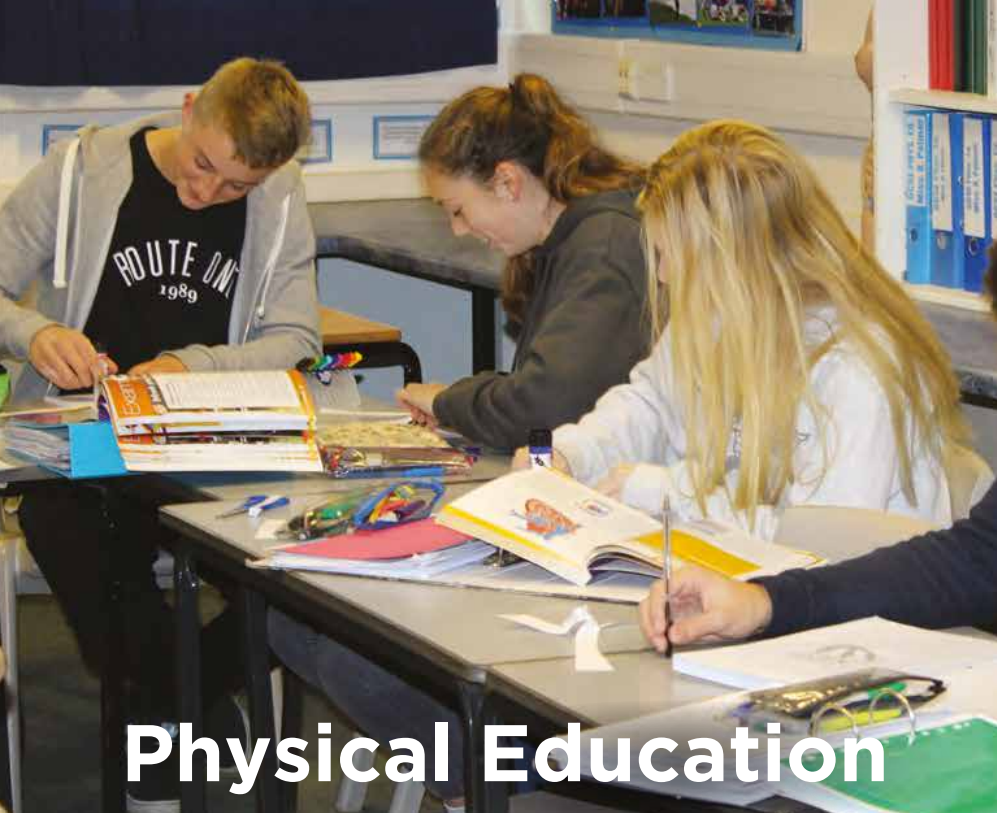


Student Profile:
Charlotte Staynings

Previous School
Kingshill

Studied Music,
Psychology and English
Language and Literature

Achieved BBB and is
studying Psychology and
Child Development at the
University of Winchester



Physical Education

The course covers factors that affect performance in sport and activity as well as considering factors that affect optimal performance.

Exams:

- 2 exam papers in Y13 plus a practical assessment making up 30% final grade.
- The practical assessment 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.
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

Sport and fitness is a huge industry. From pushing the boundaries of performance in elite sport through to amateur teams and individuals who need activity to maintain health, sport and fitness is a fast growing business. Physical Education has never played such an important part in society. It takes a multi-disciplinary approach, including social, physiological, biomechanical and psychological insights into understanding human performances and as such requires a broad range of academic skills. A level PE is regarded as an A level Science subject when applying to courses in different fields of study.

PE students are fit and healthy, good communicators and leaders, team players with good social skills. They have the ability to analyse, evaluate and self-reflect. These are qualities sought after by future employers.

A level PE/ Btec Sports and Exercise Science could lead you towards numerous university courses including:

- Sports studies
- Sports science
- Teacher training
- Leisure studies
- Sports management
- Events management
- Strength and conditioning
- Exercise and health
- Nutrition
- Sports rehabilitation
- Physiotherapy

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Competitive sports competitions
- Sports tours have included Barcelona, Ireland, Italy, Barbados and various UK venues.

RESULTS 2018

A*-B 25% | A*-C 75% | A*-E 100%
(No entrants 2019)

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Minimum Grade 4 at GCSE PE if studied. Participation in a sport at club level with regular training outside school Grade 4 in a GCSE science is essential



Student Profile:
Sasha Gibbs

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied PE, Maths
and Biology

Achieved AAB and is
studying Sports Science at
Bath University

A group of five female students are sitting at a long table in a bright, modern laboratory or classroom. They are looking towards the left, engaged in a discussion or listening to a speaker. The table is cluttered with various items including papers, a laptop, and some small containers. The background shows more of the room with plants and other students.

Physics

RESULTS 2019

A*-B: 45% | A*-C 73% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus Grades 56 in double science or 556 in triple (6 in Physics) and grade 6 in maths. It is preferable to also study Maths at AS or A Level for this course.

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.

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Y13 plus a practical assesment course which leads to an endorement qualification.
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

Potential careers available from this course:

- Architecture degree
- Engineering degree or apprenticeships
- Medical degree (most medical courses require Chemistry and another science)
- Mechanical Engineering
- Astro-physics degree

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Honda Car Plant
- Intel Microchip processor plant
- Annual trip to CERN in Geneva to explore the Hadron Collider and associated scientific museums and research facilities.



Student Profile: Christina Elliott

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Physics,
Maths, Further Maths
and EPQ

Achieved A*A*AA and is
studying Actuarial Science
and Mathematics at
Manchester University

Farmor's is not just as academy, it is a family that inspires, supports, enables and provides not just learning but cultures the life skills that these children will take with them and use for the rest of their life.

Parent email



Psychology

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 57% | A*-C 86% | A*-E 96%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
If Maths GCSE grade is below 6
then Core Maths must be taken
as well

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.

Exams:

- 3 exams all of 2 hour duration at the end of Y13.
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

- Professional Psychology e.g. Clinical, Forensic, Occupational
- Advertising & Marketing
- Social Work
- Teaching
- Nursing
- Counselling

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- Exam Preparation courses
- Phillip Zimbardo Conference
- Social Sciences Conference



Student Profile:
Ellie Barnes

Previous School
Farmor's

Studied Psychology,
Biology and Chemistry

Achieved A*A*A and
is studying Medicine at
the University of Bristol





Sociology

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 11% | A*-C 44% | A*-E 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum grade 4 in GCSE
Sociology if studied

You will study many different aspects of society and acquire critical understanding of the sociological research methods to evaluate them.

Areas of study include poverty and wealth amongst different social groups, welfare provision and the importance of work, unemployment and education, global developments like inequality, globalisation and population growth as well as crime and deviance, considering the different social, psychological and cultural influences.

Exams:

- 3 exams at the end of Y13
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

The most obvious career directions are Nursing, Social Work and Teaching. However, students also go on to become lawyers, managers, journalists and police officers. It is a very useful course for developing your understanding of society and facilitates entry onto many university courses.

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- A range of speakers in the speakers' programme.
- Social Sciences Conference



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

Parental Exit Survey



Student Profile: David Chimbaza

Previous School
Highworth Warneford

Studying Sociology,
English Literature,
Business Studies and EPQ

Ambition to study
Business Management at
UCFB University



Languages Spanish

RESULTS 2019

A*-B 75% | A*-D 100%

Entry Requirements:

Sixth Form entry criteria plus
Minimum GCSE grade 6 in
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.

Exams:

- At the end of Y13
- Listening, Reading & Writing 50%
- Writing on film and literature 20%
- Speaking on current trends in society 30%
- Exam board: AQA

Career opportunities:

Spanish is regarded as a facilitating subject and is welcomed by universities for almost any degree course.

Degree courses in languages, including Italian, Japanese and languages not yet studied.

- Linguistics degrees
- TEFL courses
- Studying abroad
- Degrees in any subject with a year abroad option
- Legal secretary
- Translation services

Trips, industry links and work experience:

- European exchange trips
- Exchange trips and cultural trips



Student Profile:

Annabelle Foley

Previous School

Kingshill

Studied Spanish,
Psychology and Biology

Achieved BBC and after
enjoying a gap year is
studying Psychology at
Oxford Brookes University

I am very happy with the 6th form, and both my children have benefited hugely from the encouragement, support and ethos.

Parental Exit Survey

Next steps

Our UCAS system is second to none: 90% of our students gain a place at their first choice university, 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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