



Achieving Excellence

A Warm Welcome to The Appleton School Sixth Form

We are very proud to be able to welcome you to our Sixth Form which opened in September 2014. Here at The Appleton School Sixth Form we strongly believe that *'Success tomorrow, starts today'*.

We provide our students with a broad range of courses, opportunities for further enrichment and a clear journey towards their next steps post-18. We have outstanding teachers who are experts in their field and stimulate academic excellence to ensure that all of our students reach their full potential and become well-rounded individuals. We offer all students the chance to excel through academic success, be supported through an excellent pastoral system and develop into young adults.

Alongside academic study, we fully prepare our students through a comprehensive UCAS and destinations programme to provide them with an understanding of the process, and the confidence that the right decisions are being made in their journey after Sixth Form.

Our role is to provide our students with the right environment in which they are then able to make the most of their academic ability, skill set and potential. We hope this prospectus provides students with all of the necessary information to make the right decision in the next phase of their studies. If you are interested in studying at our Sixth Form, we would be delighted to discuss your application and subject choices with you and look forward to welcoming you to the Appleton community.

Kirsty Sweeney
Head of Sixth Form



Sarah Cox
Headteacher



***"Teaching
across academic and
vocational courses
is strong".***

Ofsted

Sixth Form Facilities

Our purpose built £2 million Sixth Form block is situated in a discrete location to the edge of the school and has its own entrance, canteen and common room facilities. Whilst the Sixth Form is still very much part of the school, the dedicated centre has a distinct atmosphere to reflect the increasing maturity of our Sixth Form students. The facilities that The Appleton School has to offer our Sixth Form students enhances and supports every area of the curriculum. Currently our Sixth Form facilities include:

- *An extensive and well equipped study area*
- *8 large classrooms*
- *3 additional small seminar/ study rooms*
- *A Higher Education library*
- *A dedicated Sixth Form reception/ student services team*
- *A large common room with canteen facilities exclusively for Sixth Form students*
- *An outside social area with picnic style tables with parasol umbrellas and patio*



*“Sixth-form students are **positive role models** for younger pupils. They support each other, **organise** charity events and have **mature attitudes** towards school”. Ofsted*

Student Led Societies and Committees

There are a number of clubs and societies led by Sixth Form students which is something we encourage and reward. It is important that our students have a voice and many important aspects of our Sixth Form community are led by students. This includes our Prom Committee, the Sixth Form Council and most importantly our Charity Committee, who co-ordinate a vast array of fundraisers and help the wider community by organising a Sixth Form Charity week.

Ignite a Passion for Lifelong Learning

We give students of all abilities the confidence to succeed. We offer a wide choice of courses that ensures we cater for every learner. Every student is offered impartial individual guidance and advice as well as taster lessons so that they can make an informed decision as to which courses best suit them across three possible learning pathways. All of these programmes lead to Level 3 academic and vocational qualifications.

*"The leadership
of the Sixth Form
is a strength."
Ofsted*



Personal Development

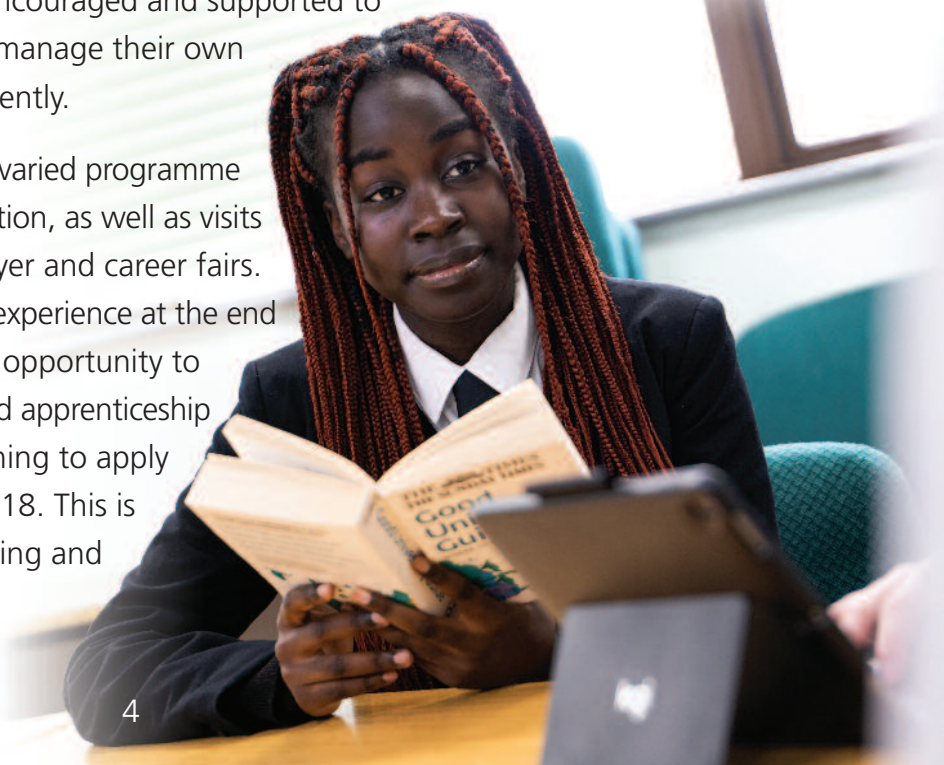
We offer a range of opportunities that will help students to develop interests and skills which will prove invaluable in later life and ensure successful university applications, such as the Extended Project Qualification or additional online courses. Dedicated teachers and staff run a wealth of clubs and societies outside of lessons which will allow students to develop their creative and sporting potential. This could mean joining the Sixth Form football team or taking part in the School Production or Performance Evenings. The DofE Bronze and Silver Award Programmes will provide students with a real adventure.

Students who secure a place on the programme will find themselves helping people in the community, getting fitter, developing skills, going on an expedition and taking part in a residential activity.

Work Experience and Careers Planning

At The Appleton School Sixth Form we offer a comprehensive careers programme that is designed to provide impartial advice and guidance, ensuring our students are fully informed of the range of career opportunities and pathways available to them. They are encouraged and supported to make career decisions that enable them to manage their own career development successfully and confidently.

The programme consists of an excellent and varied programme of visiting speakers from industry and education, as well as visits to Higher Education establishments, employer and career fairs. Our Year 12 students also take part in work experience at the end of the academic year which gives them the opportunity to explore their interests further. A full UCAS and apprenticeship programme is provided for all students wishing to apply for university or apprenticeship places post-18. This is supported by individualised, personal planning and advice to ensure students are able to make decisions that are right for them.



Aiming Higher...our Horizons and Post-18 Support Programme

We consistently have a high proportion of our students annually entering into Higher Education or Higher Level Apprenticeships, with over 90% of students attaining their top choice university places.

In addition to a comprehensive tutor programme, specialist workshops are also run by a dedicated staff team to give help and advice with students' UCAS, apprenticeship and job applications. We provide all of our students with a range of resources to successfully complete their applications. These include our Horizons Programme, which not only supports all students through the UCAS and student finance process, but also helps our highest ability students successfully navigate competitive placements for Oxbridge, Russell Group Universities and Medicine. Other resources include access to our ICT facilities, information about university and open days, careers exhibitions and job vacancies and visits from external speakers to help with personal statements and apprenticeship applications.



*“The **careers** advice and guidance students receive in the Sixth Form **builds well** on the **effective provision** in key stages 3 and 4”.*

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Trips and Enrichment

At The Appleton School Sixth Form we offer a broad range of enrichment opportunities designed to develop the knowledge and skills that students can draw upon to help them achieve their goals. These include day visits to theatres, the Royal Courts of Justice, the Greenwich Observatory and the financial district in London, field trips to coastal and urban locations of study as well as overseas residential trips, which have included destinations such as Thailand and China in previous years. Students are also encouraged to attend regular webinars and lectures by guest speakers, as well as attending external conferences arranged by examination boards and universities. Additionally, students have the opportunity to participate in experiences such as the Financial Times Student Advocate programme, the Nuffield Research Placements, Oxbridge summer schools and Medicine Interview Practice workshops.

Helping and Volunteering

At The Appleton School Sixth Form there is a real sense of community spirit. We encourage all students to become involved in helping both the school and the wider community. We offer a wide variety of opportunities for enrichment to the budding volunteer, which will include peer mentoring students in Years 7-11. These activities help to develop skills such as teamwork and compassion for others which perfectly complements students' academic achievements.



“Students are given the opportunity to explore the different choices they face at the end of their time in school and are well prepared for their next steps”.
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What Subjects do we Offer?

At The Appleton School Sixth Form we offer a curriculum that is broad and rich in opportunity. Please see below for our range of Post-16 courses:

A-Levels

- *Biology*
- *Business Studies*
- *Chemistry*
- *Computing*
- *Economics*
- *English Language*
- *English Literature*
- *French*
- *Further Maths*
- *Geography*
- *German*
- *Government & Politics*
- *History*
- *Law*
- *Maths*
- *Physics*
- *Psychology*
- *Religious Studies*
- *Sociology*

Vocational

- *L3 Applied Diploma in Criminology*
- *BTEC Performing Arts Extended Certificate*
- *BTEC Sport Extended Certificate*
- *BTEC Business Extended Diploma*
- *BTEC Sport Extended Diploma*



Which Route should you take?

Route A - Academic

Students choosing this purely academic route have typically achieved at least 7 GCSE grades at 9-5 or Level 2 BTEC pass equivalent, including GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade 5+.

Students will choose 3 or 4 A-Levels which they will study for a two year period. This may include two or more facilitating subjects*. In addition to achieving an average of 40+ points from their best 8 GCSEs, (50+ points for a 4 A-Level programme) students also need the requisite subject specific entry grades at GCSE for each subject A-Level chosen.

Students on this route are also likely to follow the Extended Project Qualification enrichment course or take AS Core Maths to complement their programme of study.

*Facilitating Subjects

Facilitating subjects are those identified by the top group of universities (The Russell Group) which are most likely to facilitate entry onto degree courses.

They help you keep your options open when choosing a degree, and many of the top universities will ask you to have at least one A-Level in a facilitating subject when you apply.

The facilitating subjects are:

- *Biology*
- *Chemistry*
- *Geography*
- *English Literature*
- *French*
- *Further Maths*
- *German*
- *History*
- *Maths*
- *Physics*



Which Route should you take?

Route V - Vocational

Students taking this vocational route have typically achieved at least 5 grades 9-5 at GCSE or Level 2 BTEC pass equivalent, including GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade 4+. They will choose one Extended Diploma Qualification (worth the equivalent to three A-Levels).

Students will study these courses for a two year period and will need the requisite subject specific entry grades for each BTEC course selected. Students on this route are also likely to follow the Extended Project Qualification enrichment course to complement their programme of study.

Route M – Mixed

Students taking this mixed route have typically achieved at least 6 grades 9-5 at GCSE or Level 2 BTEC pass equivalent, including GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade 5+.

They will choose a mixture of three qualifications; one or two BTEC subjects at Extended Certificate level (each worth the equivalent to one A-Level Qualification) and one or two A-Levels.

Students will study these courses for a two year period and will need the requisite subject specific entry grades for each BTEC and A-Level course selected. Students on this route are also likely to follow the Extended Project Qualification enrichment course or take AS Core Maths to complement their programme of study.



How do I Apply to the Sixth Form?

Step One

Familiarise yourself with our curriculum offer and learning pathways. It is very important that you make an informed decision about your prospective choices.

To assist you with this, there are virtual option talks and sample lessons on our School's website under the Sixth Form tab 'admissions and enrolment'.

In addition, all potential applicants are invited to our Sixth Form Open Evening in October.

Step Two

Fill in the application form, which can be found at the back of this prospectus or downloaded off the Sixth Form website. All applications should be completed and returned before the December deadline.

Step Three

To help you choose the right courses and pathway, all applicants will be invited to a subject guidance meeting with a member of the Sixth Form team. These interviews take place across February and March.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to ask any questions and for us to explain the opportunities and the responsibilities that come with studying in the Sixth Form.

Step Four

Successful students will be sent a conditional offer by the end of March. We will keep in touch with you during the summer term to invite you to our transition days in July and give a start date for your courses in September.

Step Five

On GCSE results day, if your grades have met your conditional offer requirements for entry, you just need to confirm your place. If your results didn't work out the way you hoped please don't worry. We will invite you in to meet with a member of the Sixth Form and Careers team to give you further help and guidance.

We may be able to change your offer to another suitable course or pathway to suit your grades.



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