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@ Haslingden High School



Prospectus

WELCOME

I am delighted that you are interested in joining our thriving and successful Sixth Form. Our key aim is to ensure that **every student fulfils their potential** and is able to go on to **enjoy a successful future**. The ethos that underpins this is to provide a secure and supportive environment in which students can benefit from expert teaching and individual guidance.

We have a firm belief that students achieve most when they are happy, and in our sixth form there are excellent relationships between staff and students, as well as an extensive enrichment programme. We offer the care, support and guidance they need to excel. We are proud of our achievements and believe that there is nowhere better for students to continue their studies.

Our sixth formers have privileges and are treated as mature young adults, but we also have high expectations of them as role models for the younger students in our main school. We do not have lots of rules and regulations but expect a commitment to meet our 'Eight Expectations.' We offer a wide range of level 3 courses and hope to have something to suit everyone who meets our basic entry requirement of having passed five level 2 subjects at grade 4 or above (including English and maths). We also offer a level 2 post-16 foundation course in business and IT for students who do not achieve these grades. This is a one year course that, upon successful completion, can then give access to some of our level 3 courses the following year. Details of all our courses can be found in the course information booklet.

I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Welcome





Excellent Teaching and Learning

- Our highly qualified, **dedicated subject specialists** help our students achieve excellent results. In 2017 our results placed us as the highest performing local school sixth form using the government's key measure: student progress.
- We offer a wide selection of A level subjects - from physics to psychology, as well as a range of vocational courses – from sport to health and social care. This means that the right study programme for each individual can always be found. All of our courses are ideal for **progression to university or into employment**.
- Students and parents receive clear targets and regular updates on performance against those targets.
- **High achievers** are able to take advantage of our Russell Group programme to prepare them for application to the most competitive courses at the most prestigious universities. This includes being invited to complete an EPQ; an extended piece of independent study culminating in an award that is highly sought after by admissions tutors at the most prestigious universities. Students electing to complete an EPQ work under the guidance of a personal mentor.

EXCELLENT LEARNING AND LEARNING

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“Very **effective teaching** and a curriculum which offers students a broad range of academic and applied vocational choices”



EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

- **Each student has an individual tutor** who works with them each day. Any questions or issues are discussed and worked through with their tutor. The Director and Deputy Director of Sixth Form work with tutors and oversee any pastoral issues.
- In year 12, all students are timetabled a PSHEE period where issues relevant to the students are explored. Examples include sexual health, safe driving, financial independence and developing independent study skills. As well as this, a bespoke lecture programme is delivered. This is designed to provide students with an experience of higher education methodology and contribute to enhancing cultural capital.
- Students in need of extra support access a successful and proven mentoring programme to help ensure that they achieve success.
- Throughout their time in our sixth form, students are given the highest level of guidance and support to ensure a smooth transition to employment or university. In Year 13 each student has a timetabled period each week to work with their tutor where they receive support and guidance to help them decide upon and apply for **their next step**.

Excellent Support and Guidance



EXCELLENT FACILITIES

We offer unrivaled facilities within a **state-of-the-art sixth form building** that is separate from the rest of the school.

- At its centre there is a 270 seat theatre used for sixth form events, lectures and performing arts lessons.
- Three dedicated media suites.
- A modern and spacious student common room where students can relax, socialise and eat and drink during their free periods breaks and lunches. Our café is attached to the common room and open all day serving breakfast, lunch, drinks and snacks.
- A private study room fully equipped with individual study booths for students to work independently in a quiet environment.
- Wi-Fi connectivity is available within the sixth form building

Excellent Facilities

“Students speak highly of wider curricular opportunities which are designed to **support their personal development**”

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STUDENTS

Tarek

“I settled in to sixth form straight away. Everybody was really supportive and welcoming from the start. Coming here was definitely the right choice as I’ve just been appointed Head Boy. I have made superb progress because of all the support I’ve been given and I also like the way that everybody is treated as an individual”

Tarek is studying history, sociology, RS and business as well as the EPQ. He hopes to study politics at Manchester University.

Abbie

“What I love about Haslingden High School Sixth Form are the people, the small class sizes and particularly the teachers – they really care. I have made superb progress and I am inspired to apply to Oxford to read law and French law.”

Abbie is studying English literature, French and history.

STUDENT FOCUS

CURRENT

Anya

“As well as my lessons I am heavily involved in other activities at sixth form, including dance and performance. There are numerous chances to get involved in things ranging from drama to charity work. I have also helped younger students with reading skills and feel I’ve been able to really give something back”

Anya is studying dance, theatre studies and English literature. She hopes to go on to Bird College, a conservatoire of dance in London.

Jack

“The sixth form teaching is excellent and it was definitely the right choice for me. My teachers have predicted that I will achieve A grades and I am applying to either Newcastle University or Warwick where I hope to study German.”

Jack is studying English literature, German and RS.



EXCELLENT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- Our 'Russell Group' allows the brightest students to engage in a range of activities to enhance their applications to the most competitive universities. Examples include a visit to Oxford University and the chance to complete an EPQ.
- We offer a full enrichment programme which is available to all. In recent years this has included; football, rugby and netball teams, school bands, debating, fair trade and charity societies, trips to Indonesia, Iceland and California, school dance shows and theatrical productions as well as numerous other activities and educational visits.
- A proactive student management team helps to ensure the needs of students are always met. Elections are held annually.
- A bespoke enrichment programme for those wishing to pursue a career in teaching in partnership with Edge Hill University. Participants attend focused workshops, undertake formal work experience in school and visit Edge Hill's campus.
- Work placements and **volunteering opportunities** with organisations such as The Challenge. All students complete an Internship Week in a workplace at the end of year 12.
- Students are encouraged to join with like-minded others to begin **clubs and societies** that reflect their own interests. Staff will always be available to offer support.



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Excellent Enrichment Opportunities

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"Students are provided with an extensive range of **enrichment activities**"



Individual Study Programmes

We are committed to offering the right mix of courses and enrichment activities for each individual. All applicants will have a personal interview to discuss their **course choices** in detail. Our basic entry requirement for level 3 study is having passed five level 2 subjects at grade 4 or above (including English and maths).

INDIVIDUAL STUDY PROGRAMMES

Starting Point	Year 12	Year 13	After Year 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than 5 GCSEs at grade 4 5 + GCSEs at mainly grade 4 5 or more GCSEs at mainly grade 5 and above 5 or more GCSEs at mainly grade 6 and above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 2 business and IT course 4 vocational courses 4 courses which may be a mixture of A level and vocational courses 4 A level courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin level 3 courses 3 or 4 vocational courses 3 or 4 courses which may be a mixture of A level and vocational courses 3 or 4 A level courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish level 3 courses University or employment University or employment University or employment

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“Students receive a wide range of information aimed at **raising their aspirations.** As a result, increasing numbers of students gain places at prestigious universities”



WHAT TO DO NEXT

- 1 Visit our Open Evening
- 2 Contact us for more information
- 3 Come and visit us
- 4 Take a look at our website: www.haslingdensixth.com

COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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