



Sixth Form



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Welcome to Sixth Form



We are immensely proud of the school's reputation of providing a broad and balanced Sixth Form education that prepares our students for life in the 21st century and of our track record of consistent student success which is reflected in our A level and BTEC results. It is always wonderfully gratifying to see our students accessing a fantastic range of higher education and employment opportunities. The Sixth Form is a really special, warm and happy place; we want all our students to feel cared for and known well as individuals.

We aim to help them get the most out of their time with us and to develop, both personally and academically, into mature and well-rounded citizens, equipped for the challenges that lie ahead. All our staff take enormous pride in working with students, who tell us that they really rate their teachers' expertise and dedication and that they always go above and beyond to support them. We are delighted that so many of our own students actively choose to continue their education here and are very pleased to welcome others who join us from other schools. We continue to adapt and develop all aspects of our provision to meet the needs of our students and work hard to ensure that opportunities provided here are of the highest quality, both within and beyond the classroom. We put our young people at the heart of all we do and look forward to welcoming them to our community.

Ros Knapton - Assistant Head Teacher & Director of Sixth Form

From the students

The Sixth Form is a friendly community within which excellence thrives. Having joined the school in Year 7, I was pleased to discover that the incredible support only increased within the Sixth Form, with students having access to fantastic pastoral support, as well as academic support from teaching staff wholly dedicated to assisting students with their social and academic needs. Sixth Form study at TGS allows students to grow and mature with greater independence in their learning, developing vital skills for life beyond academia. Without question, Tadcaster Grammar School is the perfect place in which to complete further education.

Gabriel Owens - Head Student

I chose Tadcaster Grammar School for sixth form because of my experiences during my first 5 years of education here. Initially, I considered moving schools for years 12 and 13 - however, I came to realise that I was already in an outstanding place to achieve the best possible results at A Level. Students form close working relationships with teachers here due to the smaller class sizes, and I have found that all the staff are desperate for you to succeed - which reflects the caring nature of TGS. To help with your tertiary education and post-school choices, TGS supports their students throughout your two years with regular guidance regarding apprenticeships, university and much more. This is an excellent environment in which to undertake the final years of your secondary education and I would highly recommend it.

Harriet Gibson - Head Student



Teaching & Learning

Teaching and learning is at the heart of our culture. We pride ourselves on ensuring that all subject teachers are experienced specialists. For most subjects, students will have eight hours of contact time per subject per fortnight. Our teachers are also available to students outside of timetabled lessons, giving access to additional support when it is needed. Students can meet with their tutors daily and really benefit from their experience alongside our tailor made tutor programme covering careers advice, current issues and important life skills.

A Level & BTEC study can be challenging but, if a student is finding the transition from GCSE difficult, we have a 'Lifebelt' system in place allowing students, staff and parents to work together to agree a support plan. Regular assessment is vital throughout sixth Form to ensure students know how they are doing and what they need to do to achieve their targets. Students receive regular feedback from subject teachers and undertake official mock exam periods with formal examinations.

In Year 13, students receive a compulsory Guided Learning hour for each subject studied. During these sessions, students are set work by their subject teachers, often to complete in exam conditions, in the form of past papers, revision work, vocabulary testing etc. Students receive feedback from each subject and, working alongside their Tutors, will be able to set themselves targets for improvement which can be completed in their independent study periods.



Pastoral Support

Tadcaster Grammar School Sixth Form is a close knit and supportive environment and, as such, we know each student as an individual, their interests, aspirations, strengths and weaknesses.

The Sixth Form have a dedicated Pastoral Leader, located in the Sixth Form Centre, offering support to students who require additional help in various ways. Working alongside the student, a personalised bespoke package is designed to provide practical support with areas such as independent study or revision techniques. The Pastoral Leader is also there if a student needs to talk to someone or share any concerns they may have, to support their wellbeing and also to provide signposting to outside agencies when required.

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is provided to financially assist students who have the greatest need with expenditure that is directly related to school life. This can include support with transport costs (including for University visits), the purchase of stationery or technology required for school and support with catering requirements.

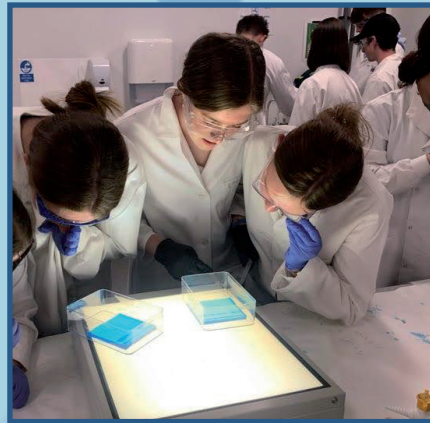


Enrichment

Sixth Form students are the role models that younger students around the school look up to. Sixth Formers are expected to contribute to the whole school community through the School Service Programme and numerous student leadership opportunities available. These opportunities not only broaden students' experiences of Sixth Form life, but often provide a welcome break from academic studies. Participation in a wide range of enrichment activities can help give students the edge over other applications in both the job market and the university application process.

We recognise how highly employers and universities value the broadening of horizons and we strive to meet the needs of a large variety of interests. These include:

- Duke of Edinburgh
- Orchestra & Concert Band
- Choir
- Sports Teams
- Performing Arts Productions
- Skiing Trip
- Extended Project Qualification
- Stonewall Group (LGBTQI)
- Eco Group
- National Citizens Service (NCS)
- Interview Practice
- Community Volunteering
- Work Experience
- University Visits
- Careers Fayres
- Lessons from Auschwitz
- Law Ambassadors
- Reading Mentors
- Classroom Assistant Volunteering Programme



The Future

As part of the Tadcaster Grammar School holistic approach, we aim to provide students with all the information they need in order to make informed decisions about their future. We have an impartial, experienced, professionally qualified Careers Adviser based on site who offers both a drop-in service and an appointment system for individual careers guidance. Our Post 16 tutor programme is specifically designed to ensure that students are provided with a full range of information, advice and guidance. In Year 12, all students participate in our work experience programme, undertaking a week-long work placement in a workplace of their choice.

University

Many of our students go on to undertake degree courses with many applying to Russell Group Universities including Oxbridge. Workshops run by university representatives, university exhibition workshops, advice on summer school opportunities, mock interviews, tutorial support and ongoing care and guidance ensure that students have every opportunity for success.

Apprenticeships & Employment

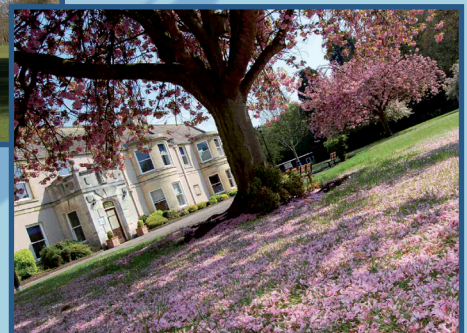
Students benefit from our excellent links with employers both locally and further afield and our careers team are able to offer advice and guidance, careers fayres and employer workshops to ensure all students can make informed decisions about the career that is right for them.



Facilities

Sixth Form students have access to a number of areas for their sole use for study and recreation.

- Dedicated study rooms in the Sixth Form Centre where students can access ICT, internet and printing facilities.
- A fully resources and staffed Independent Learning Centre (ILC) with a wide range of magazines, text books, reference materials and newspapers to support independent study and additional research.
- A designated Sixth Form mezzanine level within the ILC including silent study areas, revision areas and access to ICT.
- Careers and Higher Education support and resources, including a dedicated room for one-to-one interviews.
- A Sixth Form Café serving hot & cold food and refreshments.
- A Sixth Form Common Room
- An outdoor seating area and designated Sixth Form recreation area.



Why TGS Sixth Form?

Outstanding academic success

Personalised care and guidance for you as an individual

Excellent teaching by experience subject specialists

Exceptional relationships with staff

A bespoke programme from dedicated Sixth Form Tutors which supports academic progress

Rigorous academic assessment enabling you to monitor your progress and supporting you to make improvements

Facilities that enable you to study in a way that suits your learning style

An adult environment that treats you as the responsible, motivated individual that you are

A Sixth Form areas with dedicated areas to work and socialise
Excellent progress from GCSE results (value added)

Individualised support with your next steps: university, apprenticeship or employment

A dedicated Pastoral Leader to support your wellbeing

A wide variety of enrichment opportunities that allow you to develop a varied portfolio

What to study



At Tadcaster Grammar School Sixth Form we offer a large range of A-Levels with a smaller numbers of other Level 3 Qualifications. Students should select either three or four courses to study with the optional extra of an Extended Project Qualification. Individual subject details can be found in the accompanying subject information brochure.

The subjects:

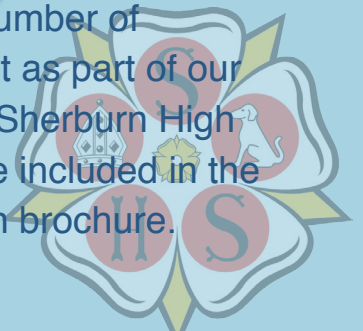
A Levels

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Fine Art
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- German
- Graphic Communications
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
- Sociology

Level 3 Qualifications

- Art & Design Practise:
Photography
- Business National
- Criminology
- Health & Social Care
- ICT Code

As part of our commitment to offer the broadest range of subject choices, a small number of subjects are taught as part of our collaboration with Sherburn High School. Details are included in the subject information brochure.



How to apply

Everyone is welcome in Sixth Form, provided they are prepared to work hard and have the basic Year 11 qualifications to make Post 16 success a realistic prospect. Standard Sixth Form entry requirements are an average of grade 4 from across Kay Stage 4 courses including a grade 4 in Mathematics & English at GCSE level. Individual subject requirements are detailed in the Subject Information brochure.

To apply to Tadcaster Grammar School Sixth Form please complete the application form on our website before the date specified on the form. Our option block system is based upon student choices. If you apply before this deadline then your choices will influence which subjects are available to study in each timetable slot. Applications made after this deadline may not fit within the timetabling.

Once you have made an application we will contact you to arrange an interview and give further details on what happens next.

Please note: All courses offered are subject to there being enough student demand to make the course viable to run.





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