

The Wren School

Sixth Form Prospectus



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Welcome to our sixth form

Welcome to The Wren School Sixth Form, which is opening to its first year 12 intake in September 2020. We are planning a sixth form that continues to offer each student the nurture, challenge and inspiration for which we have achieved a positive reputation within our local community. We welcome applications from current year 11 students as well as external candidates who wish to study in our state of the art facilities.

Our sixth form offers an exciting, broad and inclusive curriculum, including a wide range of both traditional and vocational courses as well as an expectation that each student will develop the skills and personal qualities that will help them to progress to university, further training or the world of work.

Excellent learning and teaching is at the heart of all that we do; our well qualified teachers are looking forward to sharing their passion for their subject with our older students. Furthermore, our sixth form students will be encouraged to take part in a range of community activities, for example peer mentoring, in-class support for younger students and organising events. Through the ongoing importance that we will place on pastoral care, we will ensure that our students are given opportunities to thrive during their time in our sixth form, in part because we recognise that a broad and enriched educational experience is so important in developing the global citizens of the future.

As a current year 11 student, I recognise that you are making the most important choice so far and that you will have many questions about each of the options that you now have available to you. When considering applying to our sixth form, a key question must be "Is The Wren School sixth form the right place for me to aim high and be prepared, both academically and socially, for life after school?" Only you, with your parents/carers – who know you best – can answer this. However, I am confident that, with our personalised approach and superb team of staff, this is a fantastic time to join our new sixth form and to grow and develop with us.

I hope that this prospectus and course information provide you with a flavour of our sixth form. I am looking forward to welcoming our first sixth formers to the school and invite you to visit us to learn more about our plans.



Mrs J Broadhead, Headteacher



Why The Wren School sixth form?

Our vision & ethos

The Wren School sixth form is dedicated to ensuring that each student is prepared for future study, employment and life experiences. We implement this through:

- a qualified, committed and enthusiastic staff;
- interview and application workshops;
- forming links with local businesses to provide employability support;
- employability development course to help each student develop 'life skills';
- brand new facilities and resources.



Personalised curriculum

Each student who applies will have an interview where they will meet a senior member of staff and discuss their future aspirations. We will then ensure that each student's personal curriculum is appropriate and ensure that they have the best chance of achieving their goals.

Employability development course

Running alongside their academic studies, each student will undertake our employability development course. This focuses on equipping students with the skills necessary to succeed in higher education, apprenticeships or employment. We will use outside speakers, work experience, lectures and much more to deliver key skills and information to our young adults. We will cover many themes including interview practice, CV writing, UCAS applications, money and savings, learning to drive and even basic catering skills. Students will also be given the opportunity to work within departments to 'give back' to the school, informing any personal statement or reference that may be needed in their future.

Key Information

Pathways and subject offer

Selecting the correct courses to study in sixth form can be difficult. Students will be able to select between studying A level and BTEC courses. Our A level pathway allows students to study 3 A levels (more or less, subject to interview). Our BTEC pathway is flexible. Students may choose a course that is their main focus (worth the equivalent of 2 A levels) or a BTEC course that is equivalent to 1 A level. Depending on GCSE outcomes, they can combine a BTEC with a supplementary course to ensure that students have the opportunity to earn enough UCAS points. You can find our subject offer on our website.



Dress code and personal learning agreement

Each student will be required to sign the personal learning agreement before starting their courses. Our dress code is 'smart casual' (non-ripped clothing) with a natural hair colour.

Transition and support

As part of the interview process we will ensure that we get the 'full picture' about each student to enable us to set them up for success as soon as they start. Included in this will be a 'student reference' from their current school (external applicants only). In July we will hold our 'induction day' for students with a place offer. The sixth form team – key stage 5 leader and form leaders – will work closely with 1 to 1 meetings throughout the first term.

Each student will receive a laptop/chromebook for use in all lessons and during study periods whilst a member of our sixth form.

How to apply and subjects on offer

How to apply

Our application form can be completed via our school website under the 'sixth form' tab. Once completed, an interview will be scheduled. After the interview, students will receive an offer of a place for September 2020. ***Applying before the 31st December will place your name into a draw for a £200 Amazon voucher.***

| Subject | Level |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Art | A level |
| Art: Photography | A level |
| Biology | A level |
| Chemistry | A level |
| Design technology: Product design | A level |
| English language | A level |
| English literature | A level |
| Film studies | A level |
| French | A level |
| Further mathematics | A level |
| Geography | A level |
| History | A level |
| Maths | A level |
| Maths (core) | AS level |
| Physical education | A level |
| Physics | A level |
| Psychology | A level |
| Philosophy & ethics | A level |
| Spanish | A level |
| | |
| Business studies | level 3 BTEC |
| Computing | level 3 BTEC |
| Food & nutrition | level 3 BTEC |
| Health & social care | level 3 BTEC |
| Music (performance) | level 3 BTEC |
| Performing arts (acting) | level 3 BTEC |
| Physical education | Cambridge Nat. level 3 |
| Travel & tourism | level 3 BTEC |