



Highsted

Grammar School

Sixth Form Prospectus



A Sixth Form that nurtures excellence and supports individual competitiveness

A young woman with curly hair is shown in profile, focused on painting a large canvas. She is wearing a dark long-sleeved top. The canvas features abstract, vibrant colors like orange, yellow, and blue. In the background, there are shelves filled with various art supplies and other canvases, creating a warm and creative atmosphere. A blue cup is visible on the table in front of her.

Dear Potential Sixth Form Student...

Do you want to join one of the most successful post-16 providers in Kent? At Highsted we always strive for excellence, with a proven record of outstanding results and the highest standard of teaching. At Highsted you will be joined by likeminded students who really want to learn and will be supported by teachers who will strive to make you competitive in the world of higher education or work. We would love for you to join what we believe is an outstanding Sixth Form.

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in the world of higher education or work?



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In choosing to join our Sixth Form you will have access to arguably the widest choice of A Level courses in the area. The choice is vast and you can make yours knowing you will benefit from the best specialist teaching on offer, the best examination results in the area and the most enjoyable Sixth Form experience.

Achieving academic excellence





Entry requirements

Admission to the Sixth Form will be as a result of applicants obtaining a minimum of six GCSE passes at grade C or above including Mathematics and English (a minimum of a grade 5 in the reformed GCSE qualifications in English and Mathematics) and A*– B grades in their preferred A Level subjects or nearest equivalents (9 – 6 in reformed GCSE qualifications). Information on admission to all our courses can be found within this pack.

Results 2016

100%

A Level pass rate

69%

A*– B

The average point score for our students was the equivalent of 3 A* grades

Student achievement in 2016 was outstanding and equal to the top 1% of post-16 providers nationally

“Students make excellent progress in the Sixth Form... results are exceptionally high.”

Ofsted Report



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In choosing to join our Sixth Form you will enrol on a post-16 study programme which is coherent, flexible and enjoyable. Our post-16 study programmes will offer you every opportunity to achieve more than the minimum, with a flexible enrichment option designed to develop your skills of independent learning and enhance your competitiveness after two years of study.

Developing personal competitiveness



At Highsted we value the importance of enrichment and extra-curricular activities. We understand that such activities will enhance your programme of study and are central to developing any student's personal competitiveness.

As part of your post-16 programme of study you have the opportunity to be involved in at least one enrichment activity however, you can get involved in as many activities as you like. Typical enrichment activities include:

- Completing a Level 3 Extended Project Qualification
- Work Experience with local organisations
- Volunteering within the local community
- Completing an additional Level 3 qualification
- Completing an undergraduate level Open University qualification
- Competing in the Crest Engineering scheme
- Coaching qualifications in various sporting disciplines
- Enrolling on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme
- Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examination
- Enhancing an Art or Photography portfolio

However, at Highsted we believe that enrichment activities are individual and for this reason we are open to consider the academic and personal benefits of any enrichment idea – the possibilities are endless!



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In choosing to join our Sixth Form you will receive a bespoke induction programme, alongside individual progress interviews at the start of your time in Sixth Form and personalised mentoring programmes throughout. We understand that the transition from GCSE to A Levels is an important time, which is why we are here to support you with a dedicated Sixth Form Learning Mentor and individualised learning support – fostering confidence in all learners.



Supporting individuals to succeed



Throughout your time in our Sixth Form, you will be supported by a team of specialist staff, skilled in meeting your individual needs and committed to helping you make the best choices for your future. If you are looking to secure the best opportunities post-18, then Highsted will support you with individualised career guidance and networking opportunities. We will support you to attend university open

days, Higher Education conventions and careers conferences. You will be able to access the Oxbridge Summer School Programmes or participate in university taster events. In addition, you will have the opportunity to attend talks given by university admissions tutors and departmental heads, as well as talks from industry and commerce, all of which will provide you with the very best specialist advice

when mapping your post-18 journey. Once you have your results, dedicated staff at Highsted will be available in school throughout the summer to help you confirm university places, make career choices and look at your options if necessary.



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In choosing to join our Sixth Form you will not only achieve the very best qualifications that reflect your ability, but you will leave after two years as a well-rounded young adult, confident and articulate with a sound understanding of your own interests, skills and talents.



Exceeding your personal best



In addition to your study programme, as a student in our Sixth Form you will have the opportunity to involve yourself in the wider academic and community life of Highsted. Sixth Form students regularly take advantage of opportunities offered by our highly successful music, drama and sport departments. Postgraduate level research is facilitated within

the science department and our Oxbridge style supervision group supports successful applications to Oxford and Cambridge. In addition, many Sixth Form students set up specific societies, such as Medicine and Law, where students discuss and debate a particular development in their field of interest.

At Highsted we will expect you to set yourself high standards, work hard, contribute to the community that you are a part of, and be what we know you are – one of the brightest and most talented students in Swale!





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