



Little Heath School

SIXTH FORM

PROSPECTUS 2026-27





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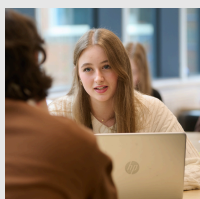
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Welcome from the

HEADTEACHER

At Little Heath School we pride ourselves on the very high standard of education that we offer to students in our Sixth Form.

Excellent teaching and learning is at the heart of all that we do. Through continual support and guidance, we enable our students to flourish during their time with us, both inside and outside the classroom, so that they are ready for their future – whether entering the varied and rewarding world of work, or embarking upon further study at college or university.

The effective pastoral care and support provided by the Sixth Form team allows our students to make excellent progress at Little Heath School. The Sixth Form team takes pride in preparing students carefully for UCAS applications and for subsequent university interviews. We are equally supportive of those students who choose to enter the competitive world of work, providing bespoke advice about job applications and interview techniques. Students' success rates are excellent as a result. A high percentage of our young people secure a place at their preferred choice university.

Little Heath Sixth Form students play a huge role in the life of the school. They are encouraged to take part in a range of leadership activities. Not only does this allow them to give something back to the school community, but it also helps them with applications because employers and universities recognise that such well-rounded and confident individuals can only go on to be future successes.

I hope that this prospectus and accompanying Course Information booklet give you a flavour of our Sixth Form. We would be delighted to see you at our Sixth Form Information Evening, or, if you would prefer, you can contact us at any time to arrange an individual visit.

We look forward to meeting you as a member of our Sixth Form community very soon.

DJ Ramsden

Mr D J Ramsden | Headteacher

Welcome from the

SIXTH FORM TEAM

Little Heath Sixth Form is a vibrant, diverse and positive educational community. We are a “can do” Sixth Form where every adult will work hard to ensure that our students enjoy academic success. We know that students will find their two years of study both exciting and rewarding.

By offering a wide range of courses, we enable every student to study the most appropriate combination of subjects to suit their interests, strengths and future aspirations. We believe students deserve the best start for their future, whether that is applying to university, for an apprenticeship or entering the workforce.

At Little Heath Sixth Form, students have a wealth of opportunities and experiences to help them develop confidence and key skills such as leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication so they are ready for the challenges that life will bring. As part of this, we provide opportunities for students to take leadership roles and to contribute to the wider school community through our ‘Developing the Individual’ focus.

This currently includes roles on our Sixth Form Senior Student Leadership team, prefects and mentoring for younger students. We are expanding this programme by empowering students as subject and well-being champions.

We actively promote cultural and diverse inclusivity by encouraging equality and challenging discrimination. We want to ensure that all students can succeed and feel a genuine sense of belonging in their Sixth Form community.

We hope this prospectus covers all you need to know about the Sixth Form. Specific subject information can be found in the course booklet as well as details on the schools website on how to apply.

We look forward to welcoming you to Little Heath Sixth Form and working with you over the next two years.



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Mr Toby Jessop
Head of Sixth Form

*on behalf of the wider
Sixth Form Team*

A photograph of three students in a classroom setting. Two girls and one boy are sitting at a desk, looking at laptops. The girl in the foreground is smiling. The background shows a classroom with a bulletin board and a door.

OUR VISION

for Success

At Little Heath School Sixth Form, we believe that every student matters. Young people only get one chance at education and we believe it should be an outstanding one tailored to their personal needs.

We are guided by the following educational principles:

We treat our Sixth Form students as adults, believing that the best way to raise achievement is through a partnership between teachers, students and parents;

We offer a broad curriculum that aims to foster enjoyment in learning and develops the skills that students need for future education and employment;

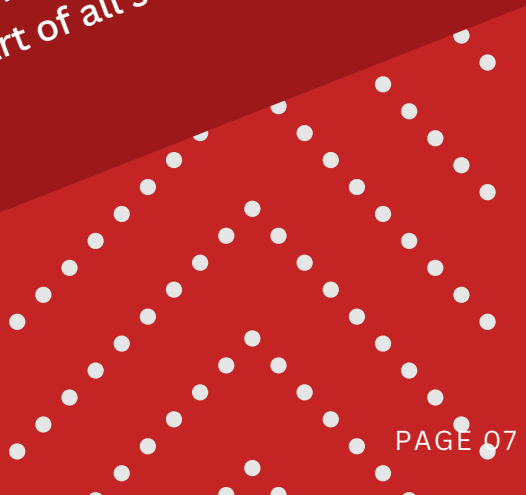


We seek to motivate, challenge and support all students equally so that they make outstanding progress;

We seek to stretch our students outside of the classroom by offering a wide range of opportunities to develop skills which will make them stand out when applying for their chosen university courses or higher level apprenticeships;

We believe that the views and opinions of our students are important and we listen to them carefully;

We expect our Sixth Form students to act as role models for our younger students and therefore to be at the heart of all school activities.





SUPPORT

for Students

The Sixth Form Team includes highly experienced staff with a proven track record of offering first class pastoral care, academic guidance and support.

The team is made up of a Head of Sixth Form; a Key Stage 5 Progress Leader; a Key Stage 5 Study Manager; Key Stage 5 Administrator and Key Stage 5 Student Services Support, all of whom are dedicated to working with our students to ensure that they get the most out of their Sixth Form experience at Little Heath School.

This team is also supported by an experienced and committed tutor team, where tutors will play a leading role in supporting Sixth Form students throughout the two years of their stay with us.

As well as a carefully planned tutor programme, all students have regular individual and small group meetings with their tutor. These meetings will help the tutor to write academic and work place references for their tutees, supporting their individual application process.

The tutors also play a key role in the monitoring of students' progress and will help them devise effective strategies for reaching their academic and wider school targets.

“Pupils enjoy their time and their learning at this school. They feel safe, cared for and welcome.”

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Planning for **NEXT STEPS**

We recognise that the world of work and university study has become more competitive over the last few years, and thus we work hard to support students in planning for their future.

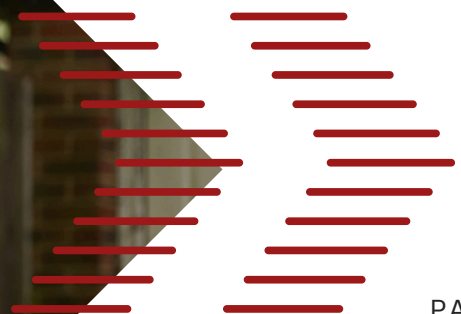
As well as support from the dedicated Sixth Form team, the Careers Leader is always available and based in the Sixth Form library at least one day a week. In addition, a professional Careers Advisor is also available for a confidential one to one meeting on request and we have an ex-alumni network of support and an extremely wide variety of business volunteers. Together, this team works very hard to support our Year 12 students in helping them to arrange meaningful work experience.

Students who are considering applying to go to university or college are given advice in choosing the right course. We have very close links with a range of universities, including admissions tutors. We liaise closely with admission tutors at Oxford and Cambridge University in an attempt to maximise the chances of our students being successful in their applications.

All students are registered with Unifrog, a very important careers tool which contains comprehensive information on Oxbridge, all university courses and apprenticeship vacancies throughout Europe.

Students seeking employment or an apprenticeship at the end of Year 13 are given help via visiting industry experts providing talks and advice, their tutors with the completion of application forms and the writing, when necessary, of Curriculum Vitae documents. Students are also informed, on a regular basis, of local vacancies and training opportunities through our Careers Service at Little Heath School, with all students being able to access our careers library.

“The school is ambitious for all its pupils.”
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ENRICHMENT

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We offer an extensive range of extra-curricular activities to our students. These are designed to broaden and enrich the experience we offer to our students, helping them to be ready for life after their Sixth Form studies.

Student Leadership

We appoint prefects in Year 12 who are given lots of opportunity to support the school by working with departments and Heads of Year. In Year 13, students can apply to join the Senior Student Leadership Team. This is comprised of two Head Students, four Deputy Head Students and four House Captains (one for each House). This high-profile group not only leads the prefect team and represents the Sixth Form at major events, but plays a key role in making important decisions about developments in the Sixth Form, as well as across the rest of the school.

“Sixth form students lead community events, such as the annual Tea Party for local elderly residents. They lead student groups such as the eco group and school council.”

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TIMELINE

Admission Timeline for September 2027



Sixth Form Online Application Opens

Friday 6 November 2026

Sixth Form Surgery

By appointment only

[Email sixthform@littleheath.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@littleheath.org.uk)

Monday 23 - Friday 27 November 2026

Sixth Form Online Application Closes

Monday 14 December 2026

Interviews

January 2027 (TBC) - *LHS Students*

Jan/Feb 2027 (TBC) - *NEW Students*

Induction Day

Thursday 1 July 2027

GCSE Results Day

and Registration Day for LHS Students only

Thursday 19 August 2027

Sixth Form Registration Days

Friday 20 August 2027

Monday 23 August 2027

Start of Term

September 2027 (*Date TBC*)

Available at LHS Sixth Form

STEM

Biology

Chemistry

Computer
Science

Further Maths

Maths

Physics

**HUMANITIES
& SOCIAL
SCIENCES**

Business

Economics

Geography

History

Philosophy

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

**LANGUAGES
& LITERATURE**

English
Language

English
Literature

French

German

Spanish

CREATIVE ARTS & MEDIA

Art & Design

Art & Design: Textiles

Drama

Film Studies

Media
Studies

Music

Music Technology

SPORTS STUDIES

Physical Education

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS – LEVEL 3 (EQUIVALENT TO A LEVELS)

BUSINESS - Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate and Diploma

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT - Level 3 BTEC National Extended Certificate

FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION - WJEC Level 3 Diploma

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE - Level 3 BTEC National Extended Certificate

IT: DATA ANALYTICS - Cambridge Advanced National Certificate

SPORT - Level 3 BTEC National Certificate

OPTIONAL LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATIONS

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)





HOW DO I APPLY AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once you have chosen your courses and checked your grades against the entry requirements (these can be found in the [Course Information Booklet](#)), you should complete the online application form which can be found on the Sixth Form area of the school website.

Most students apply to do three subjects, although we are able to offer students the opportunity to study four subjects if it fits in with their plans for future courses and careers.

Starting in January, members of the Sixth Form Team will meet with all potential Sixth Form students to discuss their course choices to ensure they match their academic strengths and future career plans.

To find out more about the application process, visit: littleheath.org.uk/sixthformadmissions



WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD I CHOOSE?

Choosing the right Sixth Form course is a difficult decision. As well as doing lots of thinking about your strengths and weaknesses and what interests you, you will need to read the course booklet carefully and talk to your subject teachers, form tutor and parents. We also hold a Sixth Form Surgery for students and parents across one week during the application process. This is an ideal opportunity to talk through any concerns you might have about your choices.

If you are not sure about what you want to do when you leave the Sixth Form, choose a course you enjoy and where you are most likely to succeed. A Levels and Vocational subjects are demanding courses and you won't want to do the hard work necessary for success if you're not interested and motivated in the subjects you are studying.

FAQs

CAN I STUDY A COMBINATION OF A LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS?

Yes – every year we have a considerable number of students who study a mixture of the more traditional A Level courses with the more vocational courses. We will offer you guidance and support to ensure that you are taking courses that are tailored to your strengths and aspirations.



WILL I NEED TO BUY MY OWN TEXTBOOKS?

Yes – departments will let you know what books you need once you have started in year 12. It might be possible to buy some second-hand books from students who have just completed their examinations.



WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE IF MY FAMILY FACES FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES?

We will encourage all eligible students to apply for the 16-19 Bursary. This is a scheme which enables schools to give financial support to students who might struggle to buy the necessary equipment such as textbooks for their KS5 studies. Students will be able to apply for this support in September of Year 12.



Find out more here: littleheath.org.uk/1619bursaryfund

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LITTLE HEATH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM?

Take a look at our website where you can find more information on the admissions process, course information, the Sixth Form Student Handbook and more about our facilities and life as a Little Heath student, including videos. Go to: littleheath.org.uk/sixthform



You can also follow us on our socials. Search for @LHSReading on Instagram and Facebook.

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