

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



Waseley Hills High School

Aspire, Invest, Respect



Head of Sixth Welcome

Being a part of Waseley Sixth really does mean being part of a community, not only with your peers but the whole school.

Our Sixth Form students here at Waseley Hills High School are ambassadors of success, aspiration and change and whilst they drive to achieve their very best in their academic studies their experience is also underpinned by a variety of other opportunities and privileges that make our Sixth Form a truly special place to work and study.

Our Post 16 provision is delivered by subject experts who utilise their specialist knowledge to deliver the curriculum in a challenging and engaging way, inspiring and supporting all students to achieve their very best. Students at Waseley Sixth benefit from smaller class sizes where their teachers know them well and can tailor their provision to their needs.

Our Sixth Form students are supported and guided through their time here by a dedicated expert pastoral team who are specialists in Post 16 provision and support taking students through from Year 12 to 13, supporting in post 18 applications and the delivery of our bespoke Culture Curriculum.

Through our leadership and enrichment programme students at Waseley Sixth can explore their passions and interests fully, participating in various non qualification opportunities that enable them to create a full and rich portfolio of evidence for their Post 18 destinations in addition to giving back to their community.

I feel proud to say that our students here at Waseley Sixth feel that they belong; the sense of camaraderie and supportive atmosphere is evident from even the briefest of chats with a current Sixth Form student and I am very much looking forward to welcoming and working with you.

Gemma Loveridge
Vice Principal, Head of Sixth Form



Our Sixth Form experience is underpinned by three core pillars of success: pastoral support, academic expertise and enrichment.

Central Sixth Form



Vision

As a trust founded by the Royal Society of Arts, our exceptional schools work together to create learning that is inspirational for all: igniting imagination and enabling creativity and curiosity which results in the highest achievement. People are valued and happy, developing their knowledge, attributes, skills and networks for success and fulfilment. In our empowered communities, everything is possible and aspirations are high.

Central Sixth Form is a community of Post 16 education providers within the Central Regions School Trust. Our vision is to provide an outstanding education for all students that leads to excellent outcomes and enables them to move on to high quality destinations.

The core values of our trust run through everything we do; students at Central Sixth Form can expect to be treated with respect, be part of a community that supports and empowers them and work within teams that have integrity at the core of everything they do. Students' creativity and ambition will be fostered at every turn and will lead to excellent outcomes and opportunities for all.

Central Sixth Form Partners

Our Central Sixth Form centres all boast a range of strong and considered partners who work with our communities to drive aspiration, provide opportunity, and open a network of support for our students.

We are very proud of these partnerships and will always strive to grow these connections for the benefit of our young people.

- Aimhigher
- Elevate Education
- Mind
- Social Mobility Foundation
- University of Birmingham (A2B Programme)
- Aston University (Sir Doug Ellis Pathway to Healthcare Programme)
- Nuffield Foundation
- Oxford Pathways Programme
- RSA Fellows

Central Sixth Form Centres:

Our core mission is to provide opportunity and social justice for every child through exceptional schools and we are very proud to have four centres of excellence for Post 16 education within our Central Sixth Form community:

- Waseley Hills Sixth Form
- Arrow Vale Sixth Form
- Holyhead Sixth Form
- Gospel Oak Sixth Form

Bespoke Curriculum

Students at Waseley Sixth are able to choose from a variety of academic courses to create a package that will not only allow them to progress on to their desired career path but will also challenge, stretch and inspire their interest and passion. Students are expected to study these courses full time, for two years, alongside other non

qualification based enrichment choices, to ensure a suite of qualifications and experiences that will open many doors for them in the future. With a number of subjects to choose from students are able to create a bespoke package that will engage and challenge them throughout their time with us.

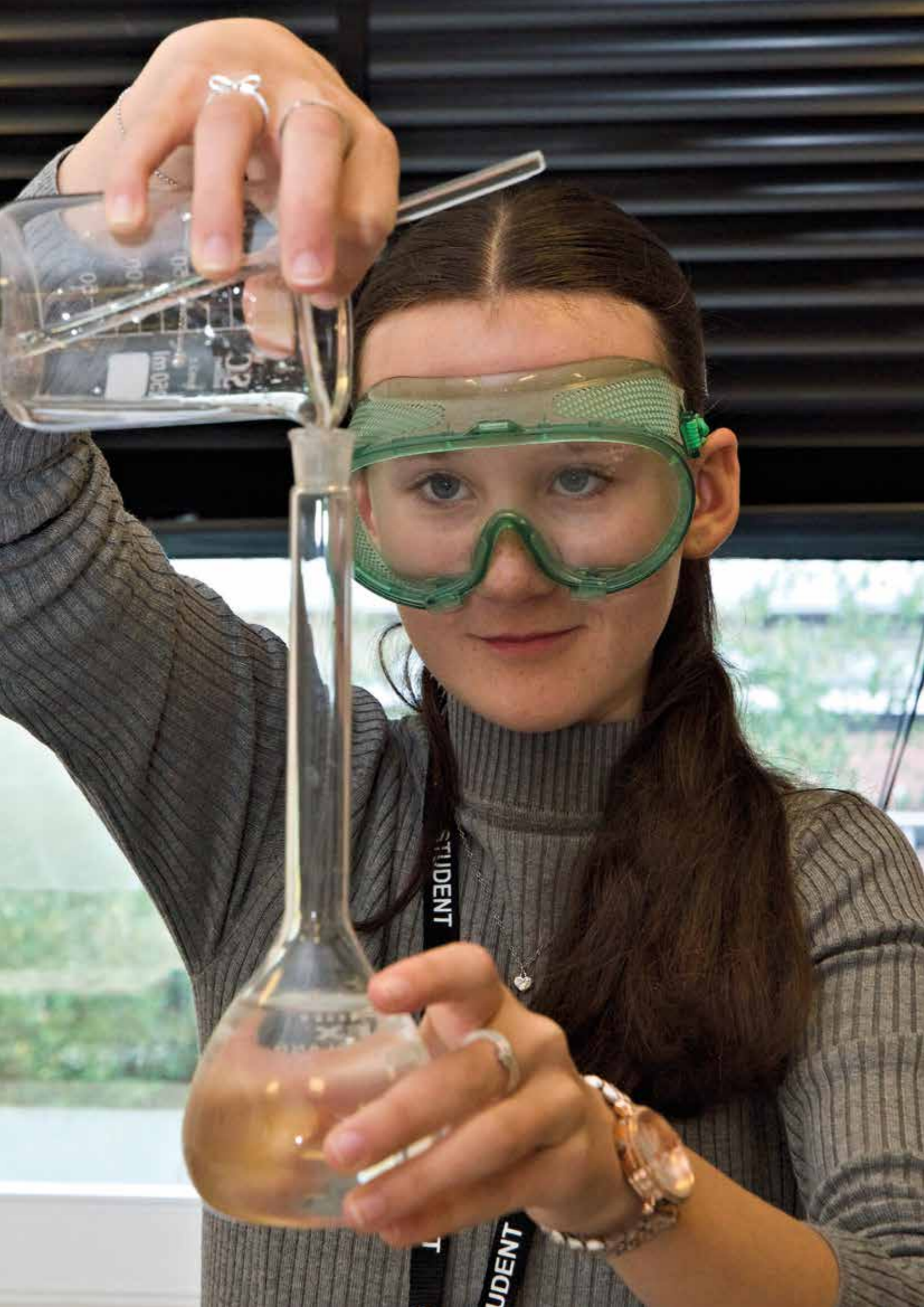
Subjects on offer

A Levels:

- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- English Literature
- Film Studies *NEW*
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geography
- History
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Philosophy and Ethics (RE) *NEW*
- Art and Design *NEW*
- Business Studies
- Economics
- Computer Science *NEW*
- Spanish
- Physical Education

Level 3 Applied:

- Applied Science
- Performing Arts Acting
- Performing Arts Dance
- Sport
- Applied IT
- Health and Social Care



Choosing your programme of study

Things to consider when choosing your subjects

We offer a variety of subjects and qualifications at Level 3 including A Levels and Level 3 Applied courses. Nearly all universities, including competitive universities from the Russell Group accept Level 3 Applied courses in relevant subject areas, similar to how they would with A Level equivalent qualifications.

Future Choices and Aspirations

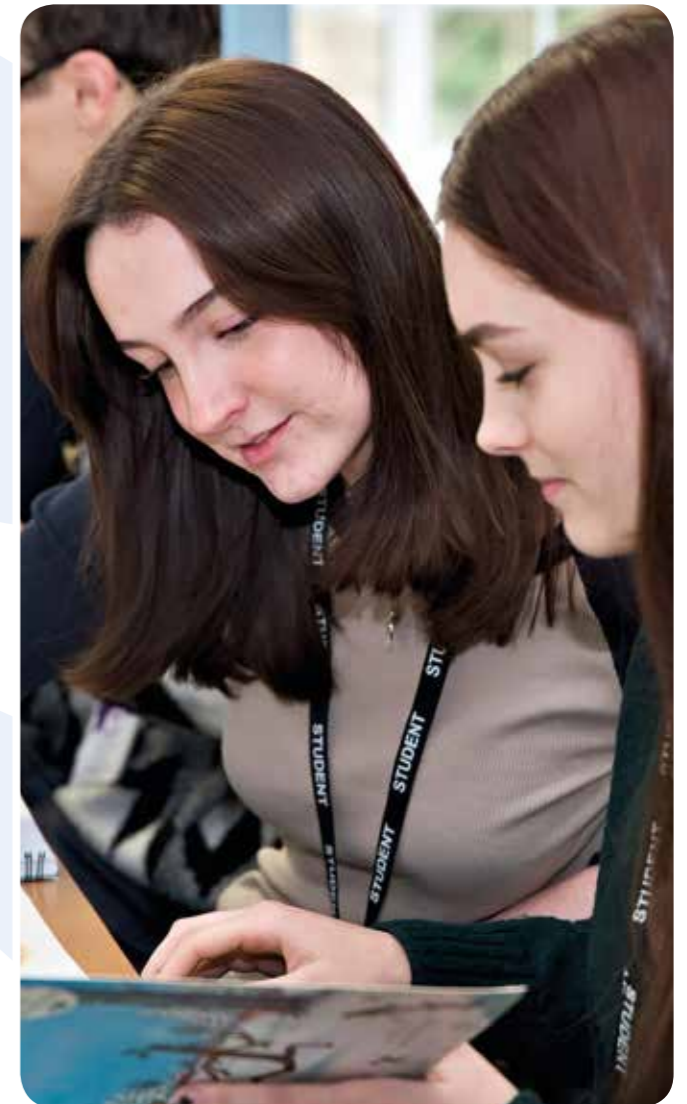
You need to consider what you would like to do in the future to ensure you have the qualifications needed for your chosen path. Universities will have entry subject requirements on their course pages, and for those who already have future destinations in mind we would recommend you consult these pages prior to making your choices.

Enjoyment and Strengths

Choosing a subject that you enjoy will mean you are likely to be more motivated to succeed and work hard. Your choices should however be realistic and suit your particular strengths, some subjects feature lots of extended writing and are assessed purely by written examinations and others are more coursework based. It will be important to keep in mind your current academic achievements in the subjects you are interested in taking and consulting the entry requirement table in the subject information guide prior to making your application.

Independent Learning

To succeed in your chosen subject both independent learning and self discipline are vital. All subjects will set 5 hours of independent learning a week to be completed outside of lessons, this will include revisiting classwork in addition to exploring new concepts. Subjects with a large amount of coursework or portfolios will require additional preparation, independent study and organisation to meet deadlines. Using your timetabled supervised study lessons effectively is critical to your success as a Sixth Form student.



Entry Requirements

Students must achieve a grade 4 or above in either GCSE English or GCSE Mathematics to be considered for Sixth Form entry. Students will be supported in resitting one of these options if suitable when they progress into Year 12. Students must then meet the individual entrance criteria for each subject they are applying for. Details of these subject specific entry requirements can be found on our website along with detailed information about what each course has to offer.

Pastoral support

Lessons in the Sixth Form are purposeful and students enjoy positive relationships with their subject teachers and the Sixth Form Team. Although our Sixth Formers demonstrate increasing maturity and independence in their studies, we continue to provide the strong pastoral care that, we believe, underpins their success.

All students are fully supported throughout their time at Waseley Sixth by a wide ranging specialist Sixth Form Team including:

- Head of Sixth Form
- Sixth Form Achievement Leader providing student services including mentoring, careers education, information, advice and guidance to sixth formers

- Sixth Form designated safeguarding lead
- Dedicated Sixth Form first aider and welfare assistant
- Specialist Sixth Form tutors

Students meet daily with their personal tutor and subject teachers keep all tutors up to date with concerns or praise. We believe that each individual is equally important; we are committed to offering quality opportunities to all, enabling every individual to flourish during their time with us. This includes a comprehensive programme of support for entry to university, apprenticeship, or employment through regular academic mentoring that focuses on achieving personal best.



Enrichment and Student Leadership

Today's universities and employers seek well-rounded individuals who have explored a range of experiences to develop their skills and character. To this end, Waseley Hills offers an extensive range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities for students to add to their package in a way that suits them.

Students are encouraged to participate in a range of opportunities that build skills and provide valuable lessons for life. All students participate in our Bronze Enrichment Programme by choosing one enrichment option to complete within their independent study periods. Some students choose to participate in our Silver and Gold programme, if their workload allows. In addition, students are expected to complete relevant and valuable work experience in Year 12, typically for a week towards the end of the year, in order to prepare them for working life.

What Enrichment is Available?

Bronze Programme:

All students are expected to complete one of the options below alongside their 3 subjects:

- Extended Project Qualification
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- IDEA Award
- Citizenship Award
- Open Learn Courses
- Young Enterprise

Silver and Gold Programme:

Students can choose to enhance their enrichment package by completing our silver and gold programmes, where in addition to their bronze option they also join our student leadership team and lead on a whole school initiatives.

Other Enrichment Opportunities Available to Students:

- UK Mathematics Trust challenges
- Science Olympiad Challenges
- Subject trips including galleries, museums and field trips
- Team building trips and activities
- Trips to Universities and workplaces
- Workshops with visitors and guest speakers
- 5 days work experience in Year 12

Charity work



In the wider community, Waseley Sixth Formers are renowned for their generosity and civic pride. The annual 'Pensioners' Tea Party' is a popular Christmas event with students and local residents alike, and the charitable deeds of individual students and the Sixth Form as a whole speak volumes for the selfless, generous attitude on which we pride ourselves.

In 2023 our Sixth Form Charity Committee Leaders organised and led our Charity Week to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. These student leaders challenged and supported student councils and leadership teams from all 13 schools, ranging from Early Years to Sixth Form, within the trust across the West Midlands, to work together to plan imaginative activities to raise money for our chosen charity.

Students developed fantastic leadership behaviours as well as a great deal of maturity when considering the implications and limitations of their concepts and ideas and developed a fantastic sense of ownership in their chosen events.

Together, students from across our trust schools have now raised over £10,000 for Birmingham Children's Hospital. All schools hosted an array of events to raise this money including charity wristband and homemade bracelet sales, discos, whole school carnivals and fairs, cake sales, guess the number of sweets in a jar and even gunge the teacher!

The Sixth Form charity committee leaders were invited to present the donation cheque to the hospital and tour the areas that will benefit from the amazing donation. The monies raised will be used to fund a project to update the play and distraction offerings within the Surgical Day Unit.

Our Charity Committee leaders and members will continue to develop this work each year with different charities chosen by the students themselves.

Destinations

Students at Waseley Sixth receive a wealth of guidance in relation to their post 18 aspirations. This ranges from targeted sessions in our Culture programme to university trips, guest speakers, mock apprenticeship interviews and personal statement and CV writing support.

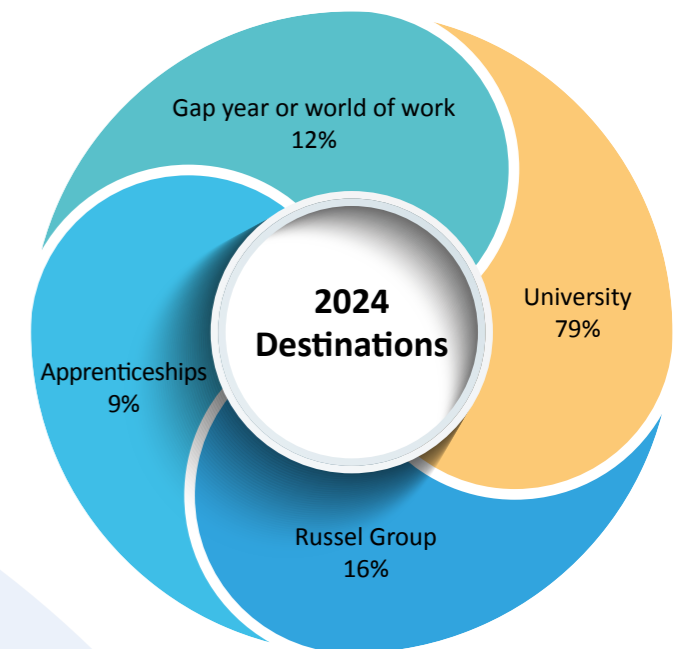
We cover all bases to ensure our students are fully prepared for the next stage in their lives. We are very proud of the aspirations our students have to enable them to lead successful and engaging lives after their studies.

Our students secure destinations in some of the country's most sought after universities, including students who apply to Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science.



Previous University Destinations for our students:

- Newcastle
- Birmingham
- Liverpool
- Worcester
- Warwick
- Lincoln
- Lancashire
- Keele
- Plymouth
- Manchester
- Leeds
- Northampton
- Bangor
- Sheffield



Over 80% of students were placed at their first choice university in 2024

Competitive Courses Programme

The programme is designed to provide students with tailored support and guidance in preparation for applications to the most competitive university courses and apprenticeships.

The programme aims to develop a variety of skills including research, presentation, critical thinking and problem solving. This includes support with university applications and access to a variety of link University programmes and initiatives. Students on the programme have regular mentoring by the Sixth Form team and access to a wide variety of sources and additional programmes.

Students are also supported through our linked outreach teams with the following university and colleges:

- University of Oxford - Keble and Oriel College
- Aston university
- University of Birmingham Routes to the Professions Programme
- University of Birmingham A2B Programme

Support Includes:

- Subject mentoring
- Medical Admissions (MCAT) support
- Veterinary Admissions (VCAT) support
- Oxbridge Admissions support
- Interview guidance
- University Masterclasses
- Open Learn modules
- The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)



State of the Art Facilities



Students who join us in 2025 will be amongst the first to make use of our new state of the art facilities. Our brand new Sixth Form facilities, including study room, break out seminar rooms and common room will be opening in September 2025, as part of our whole school new build project.

Here, students will have a place where they are able to socialise at break and lunchtimes and make use of their very own space. The common features:

- Sixth Form only computers
- Drinks Machine
- Snacks Machine
- Kitchenette including microwave and kettle
- Social seating

Those with consent are also able to make use of the local area at lunch time which features Greggs, Subway, pizza outlets, Tesco and Morrisons to name a few.



When in supervised study, students can make use of our dedicated study area: a silent study space with access to laptops and endless academic resources. In addition, students are welcome to use their own ICT equipment within these spaces and make use of the Sixth Form Wi-Fi.

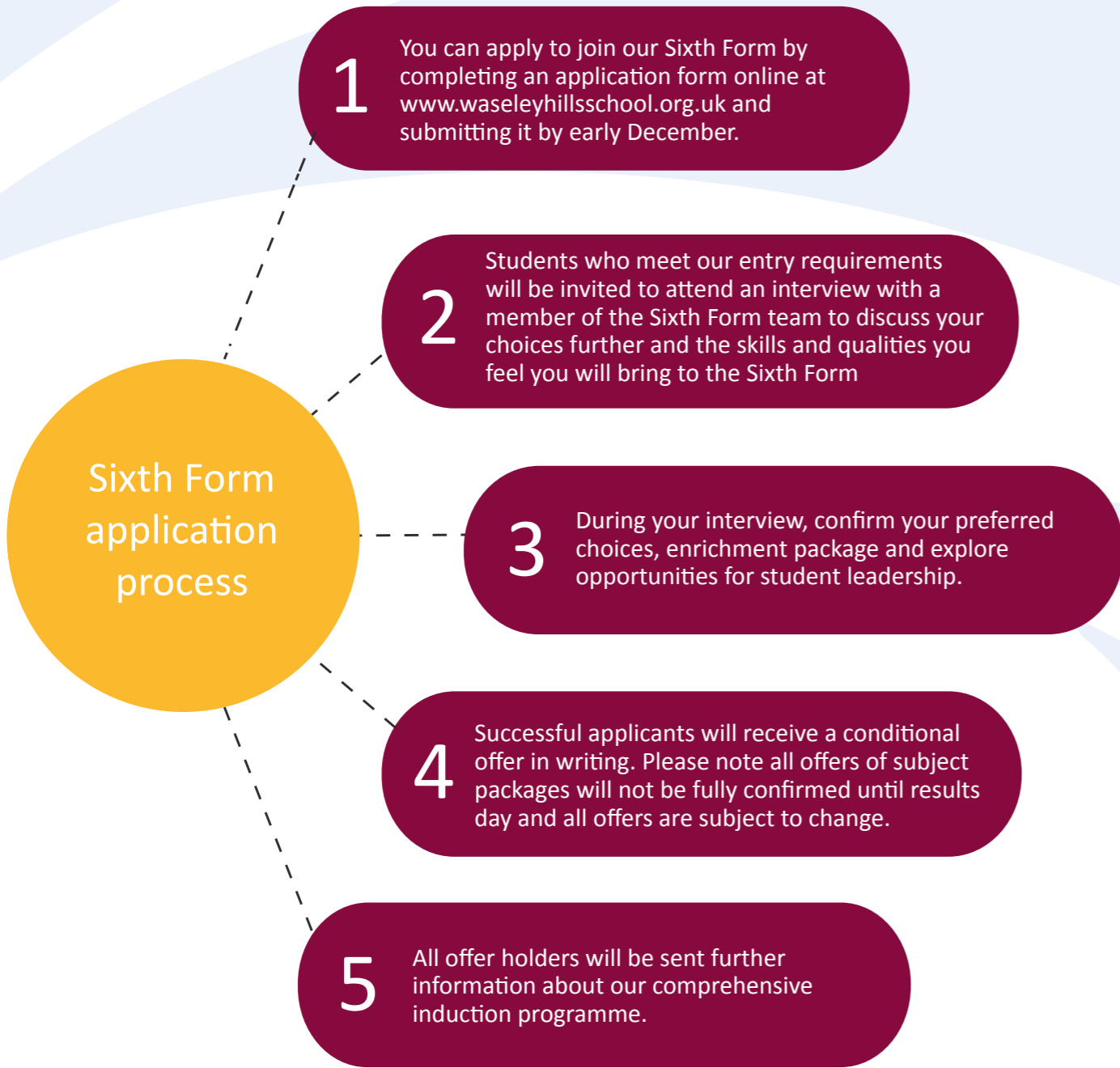
In addition students have access to a well stocked library and specialist librarian who can support them in accessing resources to help with study, revision and wider reading.

Students are expected to drive their own independent learning, seeking wider reading for all of their subjects and going 'above and beyond' the expectations to better their own outcomes.

Application Process

We encourage all prospective students to attend our annual Open Evening to participate in specialist subject seminars and speak to subject staff about the fantastic courses we have on offer.

If you would like to arrange a tour of our Sixth Form and do not currently study at Waseley Hills High School please contact the school reception and someone will get back to you.



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