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Welcome

Welcome to William Brookes School Sixth Form

We pride ourselves in offering outstanding A level teaching and as a new, purpose-built school, we have unrivalled facilities to support your academic studies and extracurricular activities. Our aim is to maximise your potential by providing a stimulating, exciting and challenging environment for learning, where every student is valued and listened to.

This is an exciting time in your life. We understand that the choices you make now are some of the most important you will ever make, and we have experienced staff on hand to offer advice and guidance on every aspect of life in the Sixth Form.

Our Sixth Form is a special and distinctive part of the school community. The atmosphere and style is different from the main school. Students have made a positive choice to continue their post-16 education at William Brookes School. They have chosen their subjects, rather than being told what to study, and they have a future in mind that usually involves university or higher education.

The staff-student relationship is a caring and supportive one, involving individual guidance. Great care is taken by staff and tutors to match students to appropriate courses. Since 2012 all but one student has been successful in attaining the place they wanted at university.

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At William Brookes Sixth Form we have over 20 subjects on offer each year. You may have already made up your mind about the subjects you wish to study or you may be looking for something new. Take care and time to make the right choices. All our courses are interesting, but they are also demanding and you need to have a real desire – as well as the ability - to study them at Advanced Level.

Do not *just* read this information, talk to people! Consult everyone who can advise you: friends, students, parents, teachers, careers staff, employers and universities. Find out all you can, and then make your own informed choices.

There are still a few places remaining for 2017-2018 Sixth Form intake, so there is still time to join us for September 2017. To make an initial enquiry over the summer holidays regarding 2017 entry, you can email admin@williamsbrookes.com and a member of our team will get back to you.

Mr Jonathan Crook
Head of Sixth Form

Geoff Renwick
Head of William Brookes School

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES



William Brookes is a Performing Arts School. We offer fantastic drama, dance and music facilities, as well as the chance to develop your technical skills using the latest digital technology. We have a 250-seat theatre where we stage musical and dramatic productions and the famous annual Sixth Form Pantomime. We have a fully equipped radio station, a dedicated dance rehearsal space, as well as a suite of music rooms.

Sport is also high on the agenda here. We have a brand new swimming pool, fitness suite, all-weather athletics track and sports pitches on site. Our status as a Coubertin School gives students the chance to develop a wide range of skills through the International Youth Forum and our Olympic links.

We have also run educational trips to CERN and Iceland and have recently offered a Sixth Form Ski Trip. As a school, we regularly take part in the Education Engineering Scheme, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and the Rotary Youth Leader Award.

Our Sixth Form students are encouraged to take on key roles within the school and to make a significant contribution to its day-to-day running. Mentors working in core subject areas provide valuable assistance to KS3 students and show increased confidence and understanding of their subject.

ACADEMIC CHOICES

A Levels

There have been significant changes to the structure of A-levels since 2015, and by the time you enter Sixth Form in September 2017, all subjects will have been reformed. All our subjects are now allocated 5 contact hours a week to allow for greater support and guidance across the curriculum. Students now choose just 3 subjects and study them over the 2 years without taking AS examinations.

Assessment for all courses

Assessment is through a combination of internal on-going 'working at grade' assessments, mocks and end of year examinations. The external assessment towards the end of year 13 will vary depending on the subject area and could include tests, assignments and projects. You will be graded on an A*- E scale.

How the final Option Blocks are constructed

The option blocks are devised on the basis of providing the best fit for the majority of students. It is inevitable that some students will find themselves unable to do some combination of subjects due to the fact that two or more subjects may appear in the same option block and therefore be taught at the same time. Please note that if there is insufficient interest in a particular course, then we reserve the right not to run it.

Subject Choice

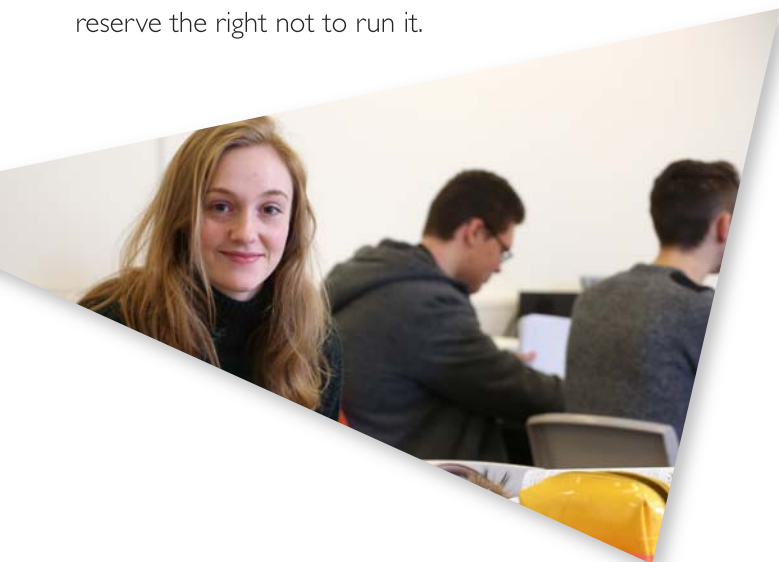
Whether or not you have studied a subject for GCSE, it is vital that you find out exactly what it involves, in terms of both content and assessment arrangements at A Level. Successful study of any subject at this level depends on your motivation and ability to work independently. Please talk to and take advice from your subject tutors. They will be able to tell you whether or not you are suited to a course and whether the subjects and combination you have chosen is right for you and your chosen career.

Extended Project Qualification

We now offer the EPQ to students in Year 12. This is a well-recognised qualification graded up to A* at AS level. Russell Group universities are particularly interested in students gaining this qualification, as it demonstrates the student's ability to develop a research project similar to the style of university learning. This course will be taught 1 hour per week to those students eligible and run over the two years. Eligibility will be based on GCSE results and final Average Point Score.

Engineering in Education Scheme

The EES has run at William Brookes School for over 15 years and gives students, who are interested in engineering, the opportunity to work with a leading company such as E.on. Students in small teams work with engineers from the company to solve a real-life engineering problem by designing a solution and then working in conjunction with the University of Birmingham and the company to produce a prototype. The project ends with a presentation to a group of highly qualified engineers from leading companies. This sets students up perfectly for going onto the Year in Engineering placement after A-levels and can result in sponsorship through university.



A LEVEL SUBJECT OPTIONS AND 2016 EXAM RESULTS

SUBJECT	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	TOTAL
ART	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	7
BIOLOGY	0	2	2	0	4	2	2	12
BUSINESS STUDIES	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	9
CHEMISTRY	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
DANCE	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
DRAMA	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	8
D&T	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	5
ENGLISH COMBINED	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	6
ENGLISH LITERATURE	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	4
FILM STUDIES	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
FRENCH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GEOGRAPHY	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	5
GENERAL STUDIES	0	0	3	2	2	2	0	9
GERMAN	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
GOV & POL	0	0	1	3	1	2	0	7
HISTORY	2	0	6	3	0	0	0	11
ICT	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	8
LAW	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	4
MATHS	3	2	7	1	3	0	1	17
FURTHER MATHS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MUSIC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
MUSIC TECH	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
PE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
PHYSICS	1	1	1	3	4	0	1	11
PSYCHOLOGY	0	0	2	3	3	1	0	9
RS	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	6

STUDENT SUPPORT

Personal Tutors

Every student is assigned a Personal Tutor, who will help manage their learning during their time in the Sixth Form. Tutors will help raise achievement by working with students on a one-to-one basis. Personal Tutors are there to provide academic and pastoral support.

Monitoring and Mentoring

Students in the Sixth Form receive Working At Grades (WAGS) and are all allocated a Predicted grade using Oxford Analytics software based on their GCSE average point score at the start of Year 12. Teachers will also give the students their own Target grades throughout the two years based on progress and assessments. WAGS will occur termly over the 2 years and will indicate whether a student is meeting targets. Students who are not meeting targets will receive academic support from both subject staff and their personal tutors. We have appointed a dedicated Sixth Form Mentor to help students settle into A Level study and work with them to improve performance.



LATE ENTRY FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

There are few places remaining for September 2017 entry to WBS Sixth Form.

Apply today by downloading an application form from

<http://www.williambrookes.com/sixth-form/applications.php>

or to make an initial enquiry over the summer holidays email admin@williambrookes.com

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