

Meadowhead School and Sixth Form



Guide to Starting Sixth Form 2024/25

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WELCOME TO THE SIXTH FORM AT MEADOWHEAD SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to the Sixth Form at Meadowhead School.

The next two years are a really important time in your lives, and we intend that you will thrive during these final years at school.

During this period you will grow and develop both academically and socially, making the most of the unique environment and many opportunities available to you as a Sixth Form student at Meadowhead School. You will be involved in enrichment activities, work experience and much more and as the oldest in the school you will be ambassadors for our younger students.

We will enable you to prepare for future opportunities; the vast majority of our A Level students leave Meadowhead to go to university to study for a wide range of degrees and degree level apprenticeships.

The dedicated Sixth Form Centre provides you with excellent study and recreation facilities, as well as being the focal point of Sixth Form life.

During the transition days, you will be given some further work to complete over the summer in your chosen subjects. This will help ensure you are fully ready to start in September.

Joining the Sixth Form can be a time when some students feel uncertain. The transition from a GCSE to an A Level or Level 3 programme can be a little daunting. If at any time you do feel in need of some reassurance or advice then I hope that you will feel free to talk to the Sixth Form Team, our Pastoral Team or myself, as Head of the Sixth Form.

It is also a time when great opportunities are opening up to you; it is up to you to seize them.

I wish you all the very best for the coming terms.

R. Gardiner

Rob Gardiner

Head of Sixth Form

AUTUMN TERM

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd September until Thursday 24th October 2024

Half-term holiday: 28th October to 1st November 2024

Term starts: Monday 4th November until Friday 20th December 2024

Christmas holiday: 23rd December to 3rd January 2025

SPRING TERM

Term starts: Monday 6th January until Friday 14th February 2025

Half-term holiday: 17th February to 21st February 2025

Term starts: Monday 24th February until Friday 28th March 2025

Easter holiday: 31st March to 11th April 2025

SUMMER TERM

Term starts: Monday 14th April until Friday 23rd May 2025

Half-term holiday: 26th May to 30th May 2025

Term starts: Monday 2nd June until Friday 18th July 2025

Summer holiday: 23rd July to 29th August 2025

2024/25 Bank Holidays

25th and 26th December 2024

1st January 2025

18th April 2025 (Good Friday)

21st April 2025 (Easter Monday)

5th May 2025 (May Day)

26th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)

25 August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Staff Training Days

Mon 2nd Sept 2024 – school closed to students

Fri 25th Oct 2024 – school closed to students

Wed 4th Dec 2024 – school closed to students

Mon 21st, Tues 22nd, & Weds 23rd July 2025 - disaggregated training days - school closed to students

What Sixth Form Offers Students

- A full range of A level and BTEC subjects
- 5 hours of teaching per subject
- Small group sizes
- Teaching staff who are experienced A Level & BTEC subject experts
- Personalised support and guidance
- Subject specialist form tutors
- Excellent tutor time programme
- Personalised enrichment
- Numerous trips and visits
- Excellent preparation for university and non-university pathways

Sixth Form Home School Expectations

As a school we:

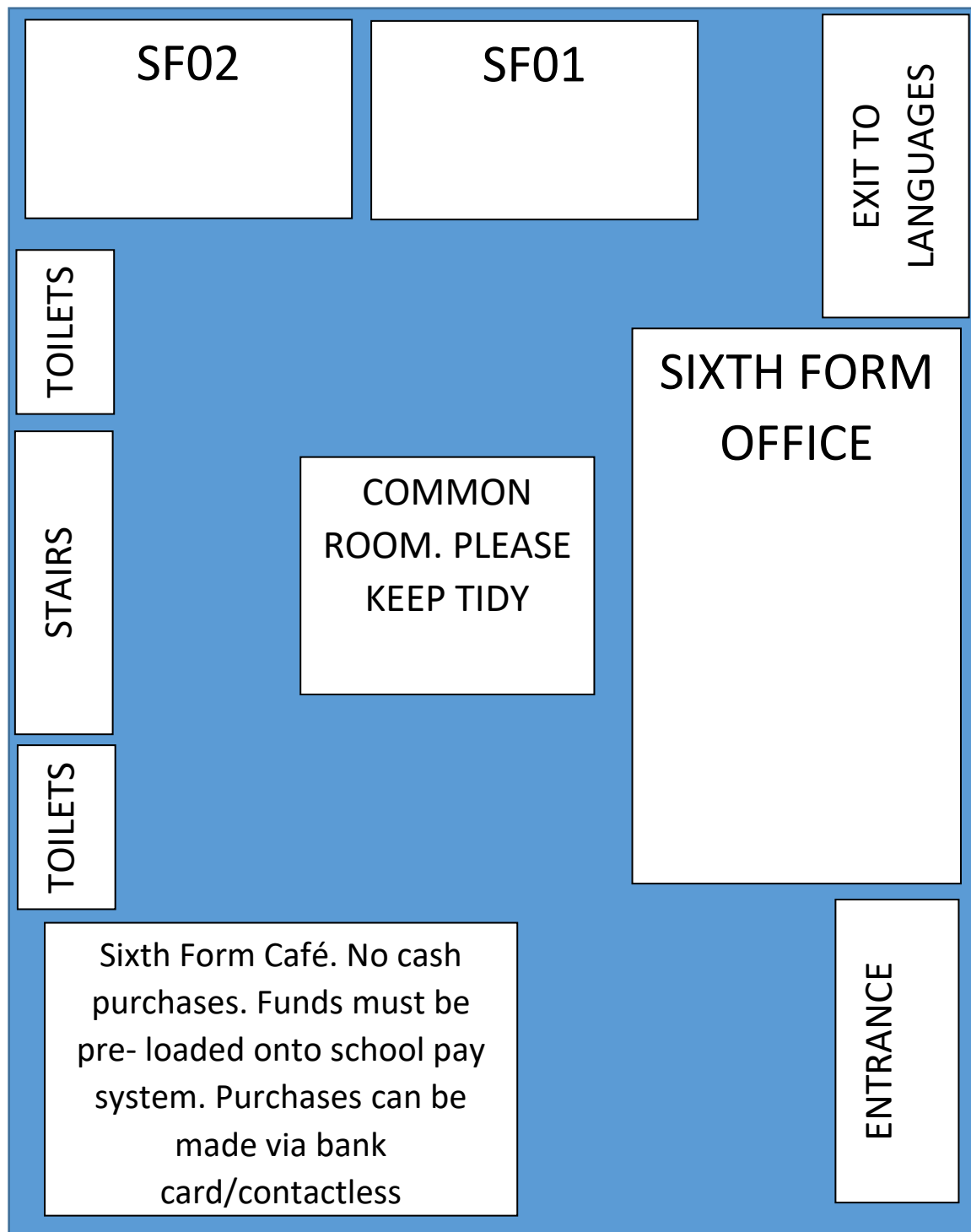
As a student I:

As a parent I:

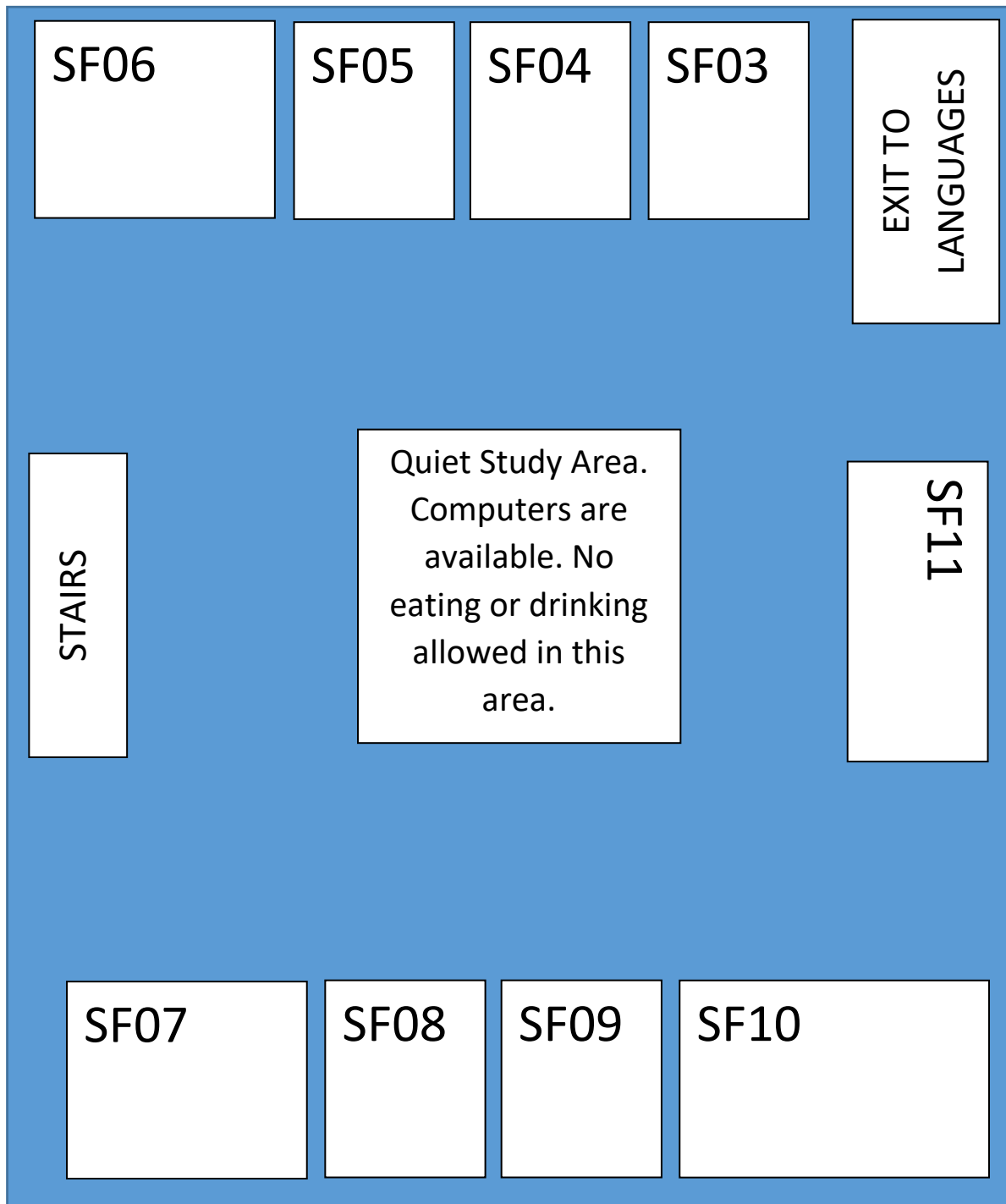
Care about the health, well-being and safety of our students	Care about my health, well-being and safety	Care about the health, well-being and safety of my child
Provide high quality teaching	Work to the best of my ability	Make sure that my child has good attendance and punctuality
Provide a safe and well-ordered learning environment	Bring all the books and equipment I need to school	Provide the correct equipment and books for school
Have high expectations of behaviour and effort	Dress appropriately for school	Take an interest in my child's learning and check homework completion
Inform parents of any concerns	Take responsibility for my learning in school and at home	Support my child during examination periods
Regularly set and mark homework	Show pride in my school and respect its environment	Keep the school informed about any issues which affect behaviour, learning or well-being
Provide a balanced and challenging curriculum	Have good attendance and punctuality	Attend parents evenings and key events
Listen to and respond to parents' concerns and queries	Take part in extra-curricular activities	Encourage my child to always do their best
Provide regular marking and feedback	Am a good role model	Read all correspondence from the school and respond when necessary
Keep parents informed about students' progress, key events and meetings	Show good behaviour towards others	Support the school in ensuring high standards of behaviour
Insist on good punctuality and attendance	Show respect	Encourage my child to take part in extra-curricular activities
Give students opportunities to achieve their aspirations and potential		Ensure that family holidays are taken out of term time
Respect and value all students		

The Sixth Form at Meadowhead School

Ground Floor:



Upper Floor:



Structure of the Day

The main Sixth Form school day runs from 8.35am to 2.45pm. We also offer a final teaching period in the Sixth Form which will last until 4pm. (See timetable for details)

8.35am-9.00am	Form/Study Time
9.00am-10.00am	Period 1
10.00am-11.00am	Period 2
11.00am-11.15am	Break Y12
11.15am-12.15pm	Period 3
12.15pm-1.15pm	Period 4
1.15pm-1.45pm	Lunch Y12
1.45pm-2.45pm	Period 5
2.45pm-3.00pm	End of School / Break (certain subjects only)
3.00pm-4.00pm	Period 6 (certain subjects only)

Please ensure you arrive no later than 8.35am to be ready for your study time and registration. Sixth Form students can go off site at lunch time but must be back in time for Period 5 to begin.

School Dress

In Sixth Form, we expect that students will be smart enough for study. This means that we expect that all students:

- Wear their lanyards at all times
- Cover up midriffs
- Ensure underwear is not on show
- Wear clothes free from explicit or offensive images or slogans
- Observe health and safety. For example students should not wear flip-flops or large dangling earrings

We also expect that students recognise that they interact with students in the lower school on a daily basis, and are seen by those students as role models and ambassadors of the Sixth Form. This means that we expect that all students:

- Take off hats, hoods (not applicable to headscarves) and earbuds inside the lower school building
- Keep phones away inside the lower school building

Mobile Devices

Mobile phones should not be used or be visible outside of the Sixth Form-only areas and should not be used in any lessons unless students are invited to do so by a member of staff. Students using mobile phones inappropriately may have them confiscated until the end of the school day. As mobile phones are expensive and very desirable, the school cannot accept liability if they are lost or stolen when brought on site.

Medication

Any student who is required to take prescription or non-prescription medication during the school day will be required to hand in medication to the Sixth Form office for this to be stored safely. Prescription medication will need to remain in its original box with the student's name clearly labelled. Non-prescription medication will need to remain in its original box. Please speak to Miss Cookson if you need to bring medication in to school with you.

Attendance

Students will have 17 hours of lessons each week if they have chosen to study three subjects, and 22 hours of lessons if they are doing four. This can be broken down into five hours per subject, plus one hour of tutor time and one hour of Ethics each week.

Due to the demanding nature of A Level & BTEC courses, students are expected to attend, and be punctual to morning registration, 100% of lessons and their tutor time. **Please do not book holidays during term time.** In the event of a genuine absence, students need to inform a member of the Sixth Form Team before the start of their lesson. This can be done by telephoning the school on 01142 372723 and using extension 713, or by texting their name and the reason for their absence to **07860095432**. **Any planned absence must be authorised by the Sixth Form Team by completing an absence request form (located in the Sixth Form office).**

A prolonged period of absence without explanation may result in the student's withdrawal from the course. Ongoing medical issues need to be reported to the Sixth Form Team and medical evidence will be required in order to support UCAS applications and may be used for possible exam dispensation.

Students must ensure that they speak to their teachers on their return to school and catch up with any work missed.

For the full Sixth Form attendance policy, please refer to our website – Sixth Form section

Initial Course Review

The first six weeks of Y12 are used as a time for students and teachers to ensure that each individual is on the most suitable combination of courses for them. In week 7, the Sixth Form Team will hold meetings with individual students to discuss the outcome of these first weeks and to make any necessary changes. This is known as the Initial Course Review period.

Tutor Time

Each Sixth Form student is assigned a personal tutor and will have one hour of tutor time each week. Attendance at these sessions is compulsory as important information is disseminated to students during this time. This session is also a great opportunity for students to start thinking about, and researching, their options after Sixth Form. It is very important that each student builds up a good relationship with their personal tutor throughout their time in Sixth Form. The personal tutor will be the author of any references for University, further education or employment that a student may require during their time at Meadowhead School.

Academic Support

Academic support will be provided every Thursday between 3pm – 4pm. This will be an ideal opportunity to spend quite time on specific studying. At times, we will ask you to join us at academic support to support the development of your learning. You are also welcome to join any weekly session to support you with your own development programme. **Students who do not hand in work on time, miss lessons or have unauthorised absences/lateness will be invited to attend a compulsory academic support session.**

Student Voice

We believe that the best form of education emerges from a partnership between teachers, students and their families. To support this, students become members of a students' union once they enrol at Meadowhead Sixth Form. The students' union represents the views of its members to the school. In October, students elect the student president and vice-presidents who meet with the Sixth Form Team on a regular basis.

Each tutor group will choose two parliament reps who will bring the views of their tutor group to a half termly student parliament meeting.

Resource Requirements

SUBJECT	RESOURCES	SUBJECT	RESOURCES
Biology Chemistry	A4 Lever Arch Folder Dividers A4 Lined Paper Scientific Calculator * Pens Highlighters Hole Punch Text Book ** CGP Revision Guides ***	BTEC Business BTEC Level 3 Sport BTEC Level 3 IT BTEC Level 3 F & C BTEC Performing Arts English Language English Literature	A4 Lever Arch Folder Dividers A4 Lined Paper Pens Highlighters The Great Gatsby Paperback (English Lit Only)
Maths Further Maths	A4 Lever Arch Folder Dividers A4 Lined or Squared Paper A Level Scientific Calculator * Pens Highlighters Hole Punch	Health & Social Care Computer Science French Music German Spanish	A4 Lever Arch Folder Dividers A4 Lined Paper Pens Highlighters Text Books ** A4 Manuscript Paper (Music Only)
Science Physics Science BTEC Level 3 Applied Science	A4 Folder x 2 Dividers A4 Lined Paper Scientific Calculator * Pens – Green & Black Highlighters - Green Hole Punch Text Book ** CGP Revision Guides ***	Philosophy Sociology Psychology Product Design	A4 Lever Arch Files x 2 Dividers A4 Lined Paper Pens / Pencil Highlighters Ruler Psychology Basic Calculator Product Design Basic Calculator Coloured Pencils
History	A4 Lever Arched Files x 2 Dividers x 2 A4 Lined Paper Pens Red & Green Highlighters 4 Colours Text Books ** Revision Guides ***	Art Textiles	Pens Pencils HB/2B/4B Pencil Sharpener Rubber Fine liner pens Glue Stick A5 Sketchbook Colour Pencils
Geography	Essential A4 Lever Arch Folder x 2 Dividers A4 Lined Paper Pens – Black, Green, Blue Highlighters – 4 Colours Pencil, Eraser and Ruler Basic Calculator Glue Stick	Useful Scissors Compass Stapler Coloured Pencils Hole Punch Scientific Calculator *	

* A Casio 911EX Calculator **or** a Casio CG50 Graphical Calculator. The 991EX can be purchased on the school payment system for We strongly recommend the CG50 for anyone studying Further Mathematics.

** Text books can be loaned from school with a £5 deposit. These can be ordered in September via the school payment system.

*** Revision Guides can be ordered from the school payment system in September.

NUS Totum Card

As part of our NUS membership, Sixth Form Students at Meadowhead School are eligible to apply for discounts available with NUS card. This gives students a wide range of discounts such as 25% off the student priced cinema tickets at Odeon, 5% at Amazon and 10% at Superdrug as well as lots of special offers to look out for.

To learn more about the Totem card go to: <https://www.totum.com/campaigns/wearetotum>

Summer Work

For each of your chosen subjects, all students are expected to complete summer work to demonstrate their commitment to the subjects they have chosen. **Work should be brought along to your first lesson.**

Both the work and the guides can be viewed via the Meadowhead School webpage, under the Sixth Form page –Student Experience- Transition – Transition Work

Support Services

Mental health and emotional wellbeing:

Throughout your time in Sixth Form you will receive pastoral support from your Form Tutors and the Sixth Form Team. The pastoral support offered to our Sixth Form students is a key element of our Sixth Form programme. You are able to access 1:1 sessions with your tutor and Pastoral Manager giving you the opportunity to discuss any worries or concerns you may have regarding your mental health, emotional wellbeing as well as your academic progress. Group sessions are also available giving you the opportunity to discuss various issues alongside your peers.

We value our students' mental health and emotional wellbeing and it is very important to us that our students maintain positive mental health as well as physical health. The Sixth Form Team offer a warming, safe and supportive space for you to receive guidance and advice to ensure you remain motivated and focused and uphold a positive mind set. Our door is always open if a student is in need of support. Our alumni are the best advocates and they had the following things to say about the pastoral support they received.

'The support you have given me is beyond appreciated. Thank you for listening to me and being so encouraging, you have truly helped shape me into a better person and have helped change my perspective on life. '

'Thank you for working so hard to help me, you have helped me become much happier than I thought I could be.'

We work closely with several external organisations who offer support to students around mental health and emotional wellbeing both in school and outside of school and further information about external services is available from your Pastoral Manager who can make referrals on your behalf.

Academic Support:

As part of the support and guidance you will receive in Sixth Form, we offer weekly Academic Support sessions on Thursdays at 3.00pm. If you would like support and guidance about ways in which you can enhance your academic performance you can ask to meet with our Academic Support Manager who can offer guidance around revision skills, time management, organisation, and being best prepared for Level 3 study.

Peer Mentoring Programme:

In Sixth Form we offer a Peer Mentoring Programme for Sixth Form students to sign up to. Becoming a Peer Mentor enables you to support younger students in the school with their mental health, emotional wellbeing and academic progress on a weekly basis in 1:1 sessions. You will be trained on how to become a Peer Mentor and this opportunity is open to everyone. This is a great programme to be involved in as the experience can be included on your personal statement and CV and is looked upon favourably.

Testimony from a Sixth Form Peer Mentor

'The Peer Mentor Programme was an amazing programme that I participated in, it made me proud that I could make a difference in someone's life and keep them safe just by listening to their queries and solving them'.

For more information and to sign up please see your Pastoral Manager.

Ethics lessons

At Meadowhead Sixth Form, PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education is delivered through our bespoke Ethics curriculum, which is created and delivered by subject specialists according to national guidelines, the latest research, and in response to our Student Voice. All Y12 and Y13 students will have 1 compulsory hour of Ethics each week on their timetable. Following this model of delivery also allows students to spend morning registration working with their subject specialist tutor.

In addition to the Ethics curriculum, PSHE education is delivered through other ways which include study skills training and visiting speakers or study groups, dealing with issues as diverse as driving safety, mental wellbeing, criminal law or cooking for students.

Reporting

Throughout your time in the Sixth Form you will receive regular feedback and guidance about your progress from your subject teachers and from your tutors. This is to enable you to stay on track and to have a clear view of how far you have progressed.

Regular review sessions will take place as well as a parents evening in April. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school to discuss your progress in one-to-one meetings with your subject teachers and form tutors. You are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Careers Guidance

The school provides guidance and support with formulating students' future plans. This includes guest speakers, university and apprenticeship events, as well as a programme of one-to-one meetings between students and our Careers Lead, Leighton Collins. Careers guidance and information forms a very important part of the overall enrichment programme. Students can arrange career guidance appointments with Leighton Collins at the Sixth Form office or the Careers Office.

Learning In the Sixth Form

A Level Courses & BTEC

You will undertake on average 3 A Level / BTEC subject courses. Some students may, under certain circumstances take 4 subjects, or 3 A levels / BTEC plus an Extended Project Qualification (Further details will be provided later in the Y12 year).

The type of studying and learning that you will encounter in the Sixth Form is different to studying and learning at GCSE. You will be expected to take much more responsibility for your own learning; teachers will expect different things from you.

You will be given advice on how to become an independent learner. It is important that you develop the skills of independence because doing so will have a direct impact on your success, both at A Level / BTEC and in the future.

We will expect you to meet the following criteria:

- Be on time for all lessons
- Attend all timetabled lessons
- Be prepared with the relevant equipment and materials
- Meet deadlines for the completion and submission of assignments
- Work to your best ability
- Use your study periods effectively
- Ask for support or guidance if you need it

Study Periods

- The school day is constructed of 5 one hour lesson periods. As a general rule, each subject you take will have five one hour lessons per week. Ethics will have one hour per week, and tutor time will have one hour per week. The number of study periods on your timetable depends on the number of A Levels / BTEC you are studying.
- In order to achieve your potential, you will be required to put in a minimum of three to four study hours per subject, outside of lessons, per week. This is one of the reasons why it is so important that you acquire the skills of an independent learner.
- Most of our past students find that using the study periods to get homework done earlier in the day is a lot more effective than leaving it until you are at home when you are tired and most likely want to relax. It's a much better way of getting work done on time and to a higher quality.

What should you do in your study periods?

- Write up and re-read lesson notes
- Prepare essays
- Complete homework
- Research background information, read around the subject and make further notes
- Practice essential exam skills

You need to make the most of the learning opportunities that are offered to you, and using your study periods wisely will be beneficial when you come to look at university, college or employment opportunities. Your teachers will be more than happy to support you in your learning. If you have an issue or need help with your A Levels / BTECs, your first port of call should be your subject teacher.

The jump from GCSE to A Levels / BTEC is a big one and subject teachers aim to make the transition as easy and gradual as is feasible, but you will help yourself the most if you try to keep up with the work you are given, review work you have already done, and speak to your subject teachers if you find something difficult.

Quotes from previous students:

“When you first join the sixth form it’s exciting. You have free study periods, your own common room and café, you don’t have to wear uniform, but most of all you have freedom. But do not be fooled, the workload is pretty intense. Don’t just sit around in your free periods, actually do the work!! There is no way that you won’t have work to do, there is always notes or reading to be done.”

“I do French, English and Psychology and there is never a day when I don’t have work to do. At the beginning the workload was okay and I thought I had all the time in the world, but this year flew by and I realised just how much work needs to be done. It creeps up on you, but it is okay if you’ve put the work in throughout the year, rather than just leaving it until the end.”

UCAS

Throughout Sixth Form, the term UCAS will be mentioned frequently. This is the central organisation through which applications are processed for entry into higher education (go to www.ucas.ac.uk for further details).

Each university course applied for will be managed and completed through UCAS. Every course at every university specifies the grades or UCAS points which a student must achieve in order to be accepted onto that course. These requirements vary depending on numerous factors. However, the grades or UCAS points are only the minimum requirement a student needs to achieve and may not guarantee a place on the course.

Please visit the UCAS website for more information about UCAS points.

16 -18 Travel Pass

You may now be eligible to apply for the 16-18 Travel Pass to save on travel in South Yorkshire. To apply you must live in South Yorkshire. With the pass you can travel anytime, anywhere in South Yorkshire for a single fare of £1 per journey on bus or tram.

Apply now and be ready to go in September. It’s quick and easy to apply online, for further information please visit: <https://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/en-gb/ticketsandpasses/zoom-16-18-pass>

Enrichment Programme

We are committed to the full development of our students, in and out of the classroom. Every student at our Sixth Form will complete the full enrichment programme, by taking part in activities and events which will allow them to achieve each of the modules in the full enrichment programme.

Work Experience (Spring Term)

All students will take place in a period of experience in the workplace. We will talk to you about how to arrange your work experience, and we will provide support if you need it. We would expect at least 5 days of work experience in a relevant field for your career aspirations. Where physical work experience isn't possible, we will make you aware of virtual alternatives.

NextGen Leaders

NextGen Leaders is a programme that empowers changemakers across Yorkshire to engage in social action and enterprise. It aims to empower socially responsible leaders by encouraging curiosity, creativity, and empathy by transforming environmental and social problems through community-based projects.

University / Training

At least 2 visits to HE/FE/Apprenticeship/ Foundation Year providers.

School & Community

At least 5 hours of voluntary commitment made to the school or wider community – classroom support, peer mentoring, after school group leaders, fundraising committee.

Super-Curricular

At least 5 hours developing an interest from within the curriculum.

Extra-Curricular

At least ten hours developing an interest beyond the curriculum.

These activities will also enable students to demonstrate the following ten key skills for employment.

Key Skills

Resilience	Recovers from setbacks. Copes with deadlines and other pressures
Confidence	Able to put forward own ideas. Approaches tasks with positivity and optimism
Communication	Listens thoughtfully and respectfully. Adapts approach depending on audience
Self-Management	Meets deadlines and attends all sessions. Takes responsibility for own actions
Literacy, Numeracy	Expresses ideas effectively. Applies numerical and technological principles
Critical Thinking	Asks perceptive questions. Offers creative solutions to problems
Creativity	Demonstrates imagination and originality. Adapts approach where necessary
Responsibility	Shows integrity and trustworthiness. Can be relied upon to complete tasks
Teamwork	Builds positive relationships. Gives and receives instructions positively
Empathy/Citizenship	Considers the needs of others. Makes ethical decisions

FAQs

What do I do if I want to change one of my A Level subjects?

Your form tutor, subject teachers and parents are the best people to talk to initially. After you have thought about this issue fully you will need to talk to your Head of Year.

What if I don't have a clue about what to do after A Levels/ BTEC?

You can chat with our Careers Leader, Leighton Collins. Leighton will guide you through your post-18 and career options and the application processes for university, college, apprenticeship or other work-related options. The tutor time programme will also help you to explore your options and develop career management skills for the future.

Who can I talk to about an issue I have?

Start with your Form Tutor or another member of staff with whom you feel comfortable. We also have our Sixth Form Pastoral Team, Miss Cookson & Mr Garbett who will be available to chat with you.

I need to miss school for some reason. Is that okay?

If you have a medical appointment or you need to miss school, you must visit the Sixth Form office first and complete a Meadowhead Sixth Form Absence Request Form.

Can I drive to school?

If you are using your own car, please be aware that car parking is not allowed in the school. You must park at your own risk, outside of the school.

My school bag is pretty heavy with my books and folders....what can I do?

There are lockers available on loan to students for a deposit of £5. Please see the Finance department for details.

Do I need a PE kit for Sixth Form?

There is no compulsory PE in Sixth Form, so you will only need a kit if you know you will be continuing with a specific sport/sports.

What do I do if I want to use the computers?

All students are issued an ID and a password for the school system. Laptops are available from the Sixth Form office for students to use in study spaces.

Where can I study in my study periods?

The quiet room on the upper Sixth Form floor is available for you to study in your study period. This is a quiet room and no food or drink is allowed in this room. The Library is also open if reference materials are required and the common room is available for students to use.

Top Advice for New Sixth Formers – 8 Ways to Make the Most of Year 12

1. Managing the leap from GCSE to A Levels.

The start of Sixth Form is the ideal time to get into some good study habits, as these will help you get the best possible A-level/BTEC grades, as well as standing you in good stead for University. Get into a routine that incorporates plenty of study time, and use “To Do” lists to help maximise your productivity and prioritise homework tasks. One of the best things you can do when you start A-levels/BTEC is to revise as you go along, as this will reduce your revision workload nearer to exam time by ensuring that you learn it properly first time round. After a class, read up on what you learned to consolidate your new knowledge, and make flashcards with short snippets of useful information on each topic. These will be useful when you revise, both days and months down the line.

2. Make use of all available resources.

When it comes to A-level/BTEC study, you don't just have to rely on textbooks to get you through your course material. Try to utilise as many different resources as you can, as this will give you different ways of looking at the syllabus that will help you absorb information more easily. For example, YouTube is full of videos explaining A-level/BTEC concepts. Other kinds of resources you could use might include revision guides, webinars, the library and museums, to name but a few.

3. Make the most of study periods.

Study periods in your school timetable will probably be a novelty for you, but you shouldn't waste them. Use them productively to write up your notes from class and to get homework done, as this reduces the amount of homework you need to do when you get home, and frees up time to spend on reading more widely and developing new knowledge and skills.

4. Don't leave past papers to the last minute

Past papers are a really useful way of gauging what level you're working at, and they get you used to the style of questions you can expect in the real exam. They're going to be tougher than GCSE exam questions, so it's a good idea to start getting used to them now. They also give you practice at working out timings for questions. Try to start taking past papers early on, whenever you reach the end of each module. This forces you to revise what you've done for that module.

5. Build a good relationship with your teachers.

In a year's time, your teachers will be writing your university reference for you, and it's vital you give them a good impression, with an admirable attitude and making a real effort to produce outstanding work. Ask them for extra work, speak out in class with intelligent opinions, and hand homework in early.

6. Get a strong backpack and locker.

You're going to be carrying around a lot of books and folders, so you'll make life easier if you have a backpack rather than a bag that has a shoulder strap. Lockers are available in the Sixth Form which will provide you with a handy location to keep your essentials. Lockers can be loaned out for £5 from the Finance department in the main school building.

7. Try to make time for a part-time job.

A Saturday job while you're in Sixth Form doesn't just give you some extra pocket money, it allows you to develop non-academic skills that will be useful for your future career. This might include customer service and sales skills, as well as working within a team. Such skills are essential in business but make sure you don't take on too many hours! Please try to limit any part time work to a maximum of 8 hours per week.

8. Enjoy it.

Sixth Form is a time when you've finally left behind any subjects you disliked at GCSE and you're now able to concentrate on subjects that genuinely interest you. For some of you, this might be the start of a lifelong love of a subject. Although A-Levels are harder work than GCSEs you'll probably find that you really enjoy Sixth Form and the new challenges that it brings. It's also a time to make the most of home comforts and spending time with your parents and friends before you move on to new adventures. Enjoy it and do your best!



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**Cheaper travel if you're
18 or under on buses,
trams and trains.**