



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

There is no better time to be joining our Sixth Form, with Summer 2019 results placing us in the **TOP 1%** of the country. Sixth Form students at Theale Green School not only leave us with some of the very best A Level and BTEC results in West Berkshire, but with that sense that they have been part of a family and have made a real contribution to our community. We are proud of our Values of Respect, Hard Work and Progress, and as young adults, our Sixth Form students embody these values in all that they do.

We are also very proud to now be part of the ALET (Activate Learning Education Trust) group of schools and colleges, and on our journey to achieve the ALET Mission of 'transforming lives through education'. I am passionate about the power of education to open doors for young people, and in this age of results-driven outcomes often being seen as the primary measure of success for schools, Theale Green School maintains a rich and impressive heritage of the Creative Arts and Sport, which continues to grow in our curriculum. Our Sixth Form enrichment programme also ranges from Sports to the Arts, through Cookery to the Extended Project Qualification.

Talent comes in all shapes and sizes, and we firmly believe that while high grades are an important aspiration for all of our students, each individual student has so much more to offer Theale Green School.

In addition, every student in our Sixth Form must feel valued for who they are, and building confidence and resilience is an important part of the ethos surrounding participation in life at school. Student leadership, membership of clubs, involvement in the community, participation in sports teams and performance events and the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme all provide important opportunities for the personal development of our students.

Equally, we have recently invested in refurbishing many of our buildings, and our Sixth Form students value their modern and accessible facilities. Students know that our values of Respect, Hard Work and Progress are the drivers for daily life at school. We believe that if students' emotions are balanced, they are willing to put in effort, and they are motivated to go further, then they will be successful and happy growing up in our community. We look forward to working with you.

Jo Halliday

Headteacher



AN OUTSTANDING CURRICULUM

At Theale Green School Sixth Form we pride ourselves on providing a truly inclusive and all-round education, combining the importance of academic rigour with extensive opportunities outside the classroom, all delivered by a dedicated team of highly experienced professionals.

The quality of our curriculum is best characterised through the excellent outcomes our students achieve, making us one of the top schools for results in the country. We offer a rich and broad curriculum that enables our students to go on to be successful young adults. Many of our students continue their studies at one of the elite Russell Group of universities, and every year we have students accepted at Oxbridge. Our students have also been particularly successful in securing apprenticeship or other vocational routes.

Our Sixth Form students study three A Levels or a combination of A Levels and BTEC courses. Our curriculum consists of two-year courses with assessments at the end of the two-year period. In addition to a broad and diverse range of subjects, students can supplement their core programme of study in various ways. We offer the Extended Project Qualification which helps develop the study skills required by the best universities in the country. Equally we have a dedicated careers programme including the opportunity to undertake work experience, and a focus on having the right mind set for success including key tips to achieve this.

Our core curriculum is supported by the provision of MOOCs, Massive Open Online Course, meeting the desire of employers and universities to have students who can work independently.



WHY STUDY AT THEALE GREEN SIXTH FORM?

We have a strong reputation for academic achievement, commitment to our students, and for our promotion of core values. Here are some additional reasons:

1. Class size

- » The majority of our Sixth Form classes are no larger than 10 students

2. Care and dedication

- » Ranked in the top 1% providers for A Levels in the country

3. Academic excellence

- » 48% of grades in 2019 were at A*-B, and 73% A*-C

4. Choice

- » We offer a multitude of A Level subjects and BTEC options

5. Opportunity

- » We offer established careers and extra-curricular programmes

6. Facilities

- » We have a dedicated Sixth Form common room

7. Mission

- » Our mission is to “transform lives through learning” and our students are at the heart of what we do

Support and guidance

At Theale Green, we place a great emphasis on the importance of monitoring student progress, well-being and personal development. The Head of Sixth Form and the Sixth Form Pastoral Mentor will be the key people in the lives of the students during their time in the Sixth Form.

As well as supporting achievement, participation and attendance, the Sixth Form office is always open for students to drop in for a chat or a query and for parents to discuss any concerns. When joining the Sixth Form, students are assigned a form tutor, who follows their progress closely. She/he oversees students' personal development, monitors their academic and social progress, and helps overcome any problems or difficulties on the way.

Form groups meet every morning, which provides a focal point and structure for each day. The tutorial programme focuses on helping students cope with the transition to Advanced Level study and on preparation for Higher Education and employment.

Whichever direction you decide to take, we are sure that your time at Theale Green Sixth Form will provide you with excellent opportunities, resources and insight into your chosen career, whilst also equipping you with the life skills and experiences to go on and succeed in everything you do. Students have access to specialist careers advice and receive extensive support when applying to Higher education which includes university visits, guest speakers, online resources and practice interviews.



A structured programme is provided for Oxbridge candidates and for those applying for specialist courses such as medicine.

We place great emphasis on the importance of pupil voice and students at Theale Green Sixth Form are regularly given opportunities to express their views on the teaching and learning they receive. A thriving School Council led by sixth formers allows students to become more involved in the decision-making process and strengthens the sense of community that is central to the school's ethos.

Opportunities beyond the curriculum

A large part of success at Theale Green Sixth Form is becoming a balanced individual who can manage their own time to meet their academic demands whilst maintaining other interests. Extra-curricular activities can also help to develop teamwork and leadership skills that are transferable and widely sought by both universities and employers.

To help students make the most of their time with us, there are a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer and we

encourage students to participate in as many activities as they can. Wednesday afternoon is a dedicated Sixth Form extra-curricular time with large numbers of students using the time to join one of the many sports teams. Outdoor activities such as the Three Peaks Challenge are also arranged throughout the year and involve large numbers of Sixth Form students. Sixth Form students begin to acquire skills of leadership which are so important in later life; we see students very much as leaders exercising responsibility through the traditional formal leadership roles of Head Boy, Head Girl, Senior Prefects and House Captains. Some Sixth Form students also give valuable in-class support to young pupils experiencing difficulties in their studies, while others are pleased to be attached to tutor groups in the lower years helping both tutors and pupils. Some play a leading role in the musical life of the school while others become involved in coaching junior teams.



WHERE CAN THEALE GREEN SIXTH FORM TAKE YOU?

Our students leave our Sixth Form with the skills and attributes to make a success of the next stage of their careers. Our highest performing students progress to highly ranked universities. A number of students have undergone rigorous application processes to gain apprenticeships at prestigious companies.

Each year we keep in touch with our alumni, with many coming in to speak to current students or to support with events. We also welcome recent leavers to attend our annual presentation evening to celebrate their success and hear about the next stage of their journey.

What our Sixth Form students studied in 2019 and where they went next:

Sixth Form subjects	Destination	Study
Chemistry, Biology, Maths	Oxford University	Chemistry
Chemistry, Maths, Further Maths	Warwick University	Mathematics
Chemistry, Biology, PE	University of Surrey	Veterinary medicine
Chemistry, Biology, History	Plymouth University	Medicine
Business, Economics, English Literature	Cornerstone	Trainee sports journalist
Geography, Physics, Maths	National Grid	Degree Apprenticeship
Drama, Dance, English	London Studio Centre	Dance and Theatre
PE, Biology, Psychology	Bournemouth University	Physiotherapy





OUR MISSION, STATEMENT OF INTENT AND VALUES

Mission

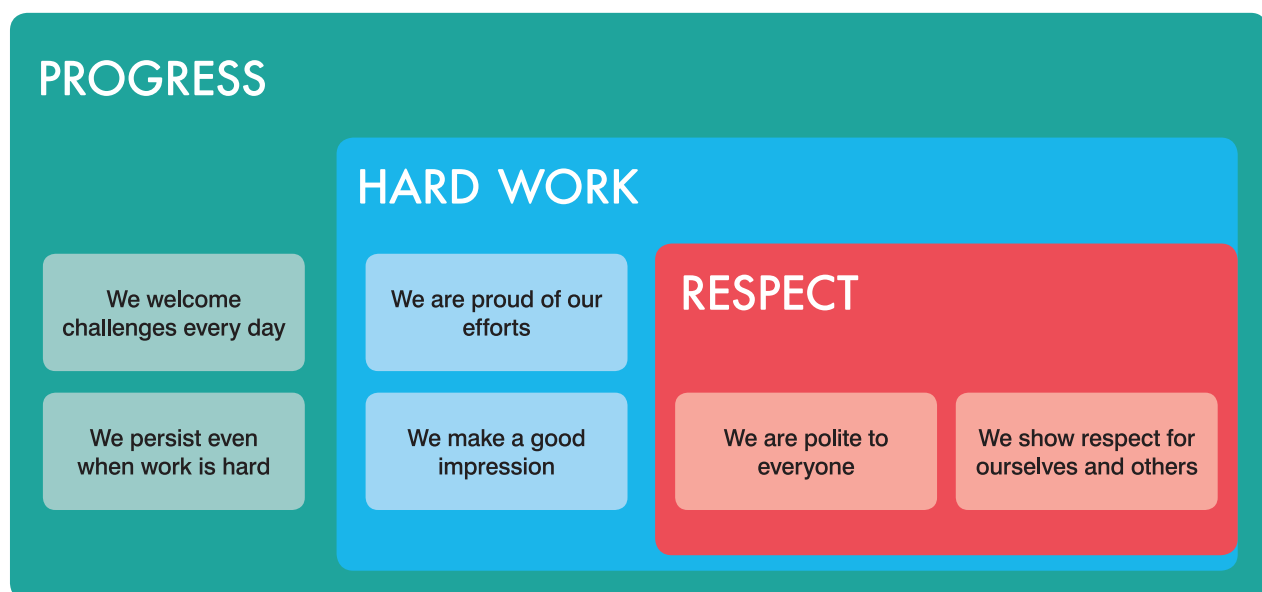
“ To transform lives through learning ”

Statement of Intent

At Theale Green School we are knowledgeable, curious and creative with the ability to analyse the world around us; with positivity and moral purpose, we fully engage with, contribute to and feel valued by, our local and school community. Everyone welcomes their responsibility to share, preserve and celebrate our local and wider culture through our curriculum. We all adhere to the principle that developing our talents, valuing our education and achievements, expanding our cultural horizons and respecting others, will prepare us for contributing well to our society.

We value

1. **Progress** – we welcome challenges and persist when work is hard
2. **Hard Work** – we make effort and a good impression in the workplace
3. **Respect** – we are polite and respectful to everyone



Through embracing these values, we will raise our aspirations and open doors to the future. These values are further supported by both the learning philosophy of ALET, rooted in the dynamics between the brain, motivation and our emotions.