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# WELCOME



Box Hill Sixth Form is the final part of a student's journey through the school. It is a privilege to support and enable the young people in our Sixth Form to move on from us, and achieve their ambitions. Our Sixth Form has an international flavour to it, meaning that students who come here will experience a wide variety of cultures and nationalities, therefore preparing them for life in a globalised world. The introduction of double BTEC Sport in 2024 broadens the curriculum opportunities available to those interested in our Sixth Form.

During their two years with us, we expect students to work hard to explore the subjects that they have chosen. This requires them to work hard independently during their study periods, and with our guidance to undertake activities that will make them stand out when applying to university, apprenticeships or work. Sixth Form learning is a dialogue, not a monologue, so a student's success at this level requires their focus, passion and determination.

Beyond the academic elements of our Sixth Form, we have an excellent tutor team and pastoral lead who continually support our students during what can be challenging changes in their academic, and personal lives. Furthermore, we provide enrichment opportunities that we hope will broaden the experiences, and interests of the students in our care. The Sixth Form parties that Mrs Osborne organises are fantastic, and allow the young people to enjoy the social aspects of being in to Sixth Form too.

At this level nothing is easy, there are no short cuts, and no student can rely on just their academic prowess to be successful. Hard work and motivation are key elements of what it takes to make your Sixth Form studies empowering in a competitive market. At Box Hill School Sixth Form our aim is to inspire, support, and push them towards their own bright future, whatever that might look like for each individual.

Anthony Bainbridge  
Head of Sixth Form





The Sixth Form at Box Hill School enables students to make excellent academic progress and achieve outstanding results. We want our students to become inquisitive and independent learners.

A Levels offer students the opportunity to specialise in their academic studies. Whether they have in mind specific courses they want to pursue at university, a career path they want to explore, or just the subjects they enjoy most, we aim to offer a range of options to cater to each student. Our curriculum is constantly evolving, and we are pleased to be offering new options such as Media Studies A Level.

Chris Bond  
A Level Coordinator



I am the IB Coordinator, and I teach English to our international students and Theory of Knowledge on the IB Diploma. The Diploma Programme is a well embedded and robust curriculum that offers students breadth and depth as they prepare for the world of university and beyond.

I always feel honoured and proud to witness the growth and transformation of our students throughout their IB journey as they become independent and life-long learners.

Julian Baker  
IB Coordinator



Excellent pastoral care is intrinsic to everything we do and our commitment to the wellbeing of students is of paramount importance.

I am Mrs Osborne, the Pastoral Lead. I am accessible and contactable during the school day in the Winthrop Young building.

Every student will be allocated to a small tutor group with personal attention from a tutor, whose role is to steward and support them through the 2 years of their academic programme. We want to ensure you that all students feel valued, have equal access to school facilities and resources and feel understood. All Year 12 and 13 students can enjoy the facilities in the Winthrop Young building.

Our strong tradition for excellent pastoral care reflects the responsibility we take at this important stage in our young peoples' lives. The emphasis in the Sixth Form is on helping them to find their own direction and to understand who they want to be.

Hayley Osborne  
Sixth Form Pastoral Lead



We are proud to be a founding member of Round Square, a global network of schools that share a passion for learning through experience and character education. Formed in 1966, it bases its educational philosophy on the teachings of educationalist Kurt Hahn.

The Round Square approach doesn't just focus on what is taught but rather how learning takes place. We follow this philosophy and live by its IDEALS of Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service.

Our ethos of holistic education develops life-long skills as well as academic success. We see this in our students as they grow into confident, well-balanced young men and women, ready to take on the next steps in life, whatever they may be.

**I** INTERNATIONALISM

**D** EMOCRACY

**E** NVIRONMENTALISM

**A** DVENTURE

**L** EADERSHIP

**S** ERVICE





## THE SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Our Sixth Form Centre with its study, careers and social spaces offers an excellent environment for our Sixth Formers, and has been designed to give students a degree of independence away from the younger year groups.

The three-storey building provides a diverse range of teaching facilities, innovative study areas and individual computer workstations. It also houses a large common room, allowing for a healthy blend of private study and social time when not in lessons, as well as a specialist UCAS and careers advice department.

The Head of Sixth Form, A Level and IB programme leaders and Head of Pastoral Care are also located in this building, so there's always a member of staff close by.

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

At Box Hill School, we want to broaden the interests of every young person who comes to our Sixth Form Centre. The more rounded you become in the Sixth Form, the more interesting you become as an adult.

There are a number of initiatives and opportunities which will not only help enhance your CV, but will develop valuable personal skills. For example; membership of school committees, leadership roles, trips, recreational and social events to mention just a few.

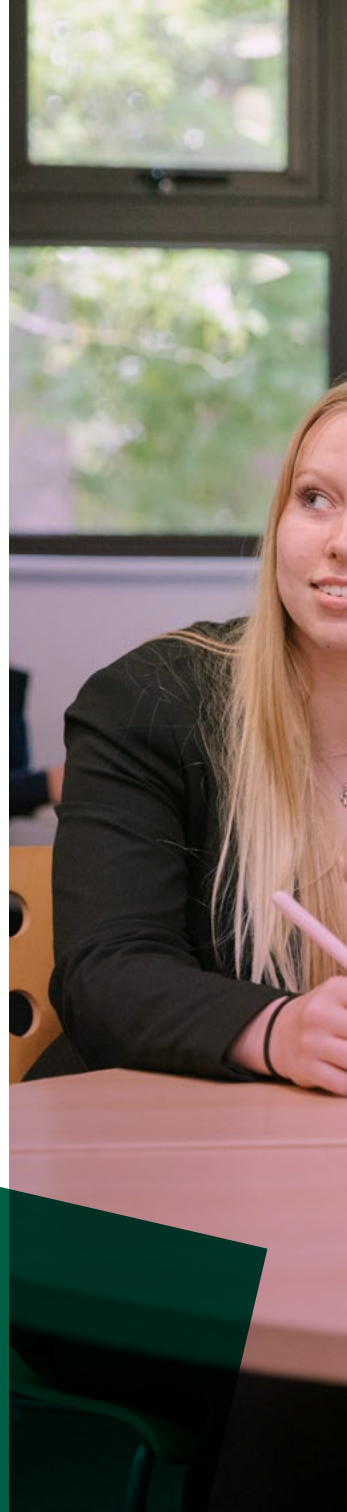


# ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

In the Sixth Form at Box Hill School, students are fortunate to have the choice of two academic programmes. They can study for **A Levels or the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP)**. We also offer double BTEC Sport as an option to study alongside A Levels.

We are proud to offer both programmes, which give our students the choice to follow either a specialised programme of study or a broader, less specific course for those who may be undecided about their future choices for university or employment. Both programmes are academically rigorous and highly regarded by universities in the UK and worldwide.

A comprehensive programme of subject specific academic trips is also organised to support both programmes.





# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA (IBDP)

The IB Diploma is a two-year course, culminating with exams in May at the end of the second year. Students are required to take 3 higher level subjects and 3 standard level subjects. Diploma candidates choose their programme from the six IB subject groups, ensuring that a breadth of experience in languages, humanities, experimental sciences, mathematics and the arts is acquired. All IB students have to submit an Extended Essay and must complete the Theory of Knowledge course as well as the CAS (Creativity, Action and Service).

The IB encourages both personal and academic achievement through opportunities to think critically and challenge assumptions, to become globally engaged, and to further develop languages.



# THE A LEVEL PROGRAMME

The programme is specially tailored to the needs of students who may favour certain combinations of subjects, such as maths and sciences, or creative arts. Students take three A Levels which will be assessed in the final exams at the end of the two-year linear course. Subject combinations are flexible within the constraints of our option timetable system and we aim to cater for as wide a range of choices as possible. We are pleased to offer a full range of popular A Level subjects, (please refer to the A Level Options booklet for full up to date subject information).

A Levels offer early specialisation for students who have a firm understanding of what subjects they wish to study at university, or which career path they would like to follow.





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Pupils of all abilities are well-supported by a balanced curriculum that is increasingly personalised to nurture the strengths of each individual.

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I really loved day one in year 12 when we tackled a military assault course through to my first Christmas Ball and before I knew it the summer Valedictory Ball.







## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Whilst academic achievement is evidently extremely important, so too is the personal development that comes from participation in the extensive co-curricular programme available. There are many opportunities to be involved in creative arts, sport, drama and music as well as a myriad of other activities on offer.

We see students grow in self-discipline, enjoy collaborative and team working and value integrity, tolerance and respect.

Sixth Formers play a key role in the School's fundraising for charity through the Charities Committee as well as leading and participating in charitable initiatives. Each year we travel to the township of Philippolis in South Africa, where our long-established service project delivers much needed and highly valued help with building work, repairs and refurbishment.

Numerous sporting, cultural, recreational and university-related trips are organised as well as for co-curricular and charitable purposes, for example Model United Nations (MUN).

As one of the founding centres for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, not surprisingly the scheme has a high level of participation in the school. Sixth Formers working for their Gold Awards are very well supported throughout, with a comprehensive programme of training and practise.





## SOCIAL EVENTS

At Box Hill School we understand the importance of striking the right balance between academic and social life. New Sixth Form students will soon discover in addition to the numerous co-curricular activities on offer, we also have an array of social occasions, making it easy to meet lots of new people and make new friends.

These include a range of social events organised by the Sixth Form Social Committee.



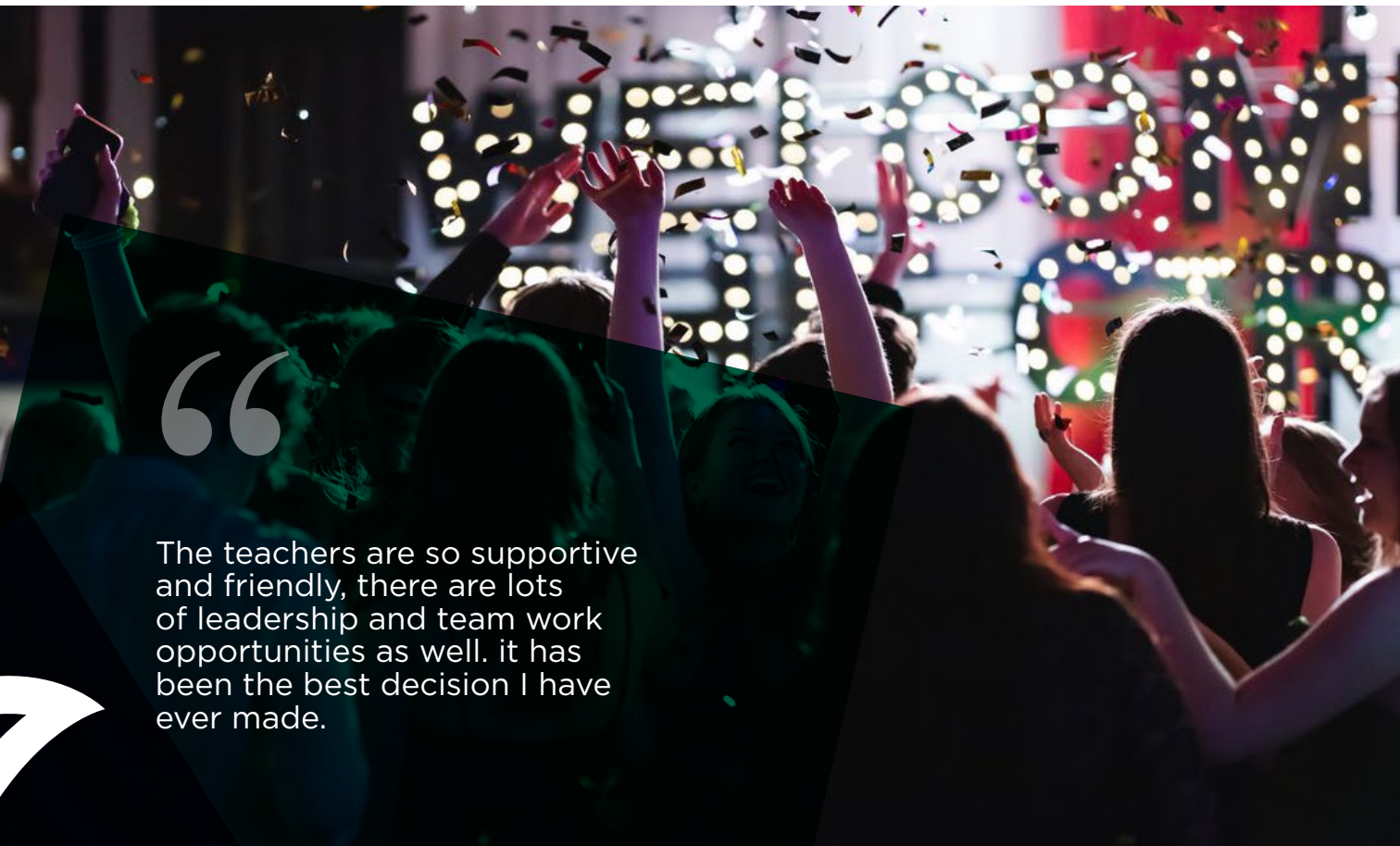
## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are various leadership roles, both formal and informal which are open to Sixth Formers. Opportunities abound which we encourage even the most reticent to step forward and take on.

The Syndicate, our prefect body, is expected to set the tone for the rest of the school and to take on many of the important and visible leadership responsibilities. The team provides an integral part of the organisational structure of the school, working with younger students and representing the school at public events. Appointments to the Syndicate along with Guardians (Head Boy and Girl) and Deputies are made by the Headmaster on the recommendations of teachers, the Sixth Form team and students.

Giving something back to the School and broader community is important. There are many other positions of responsibility; through sport and activities as well as the many committees across the school on which senior students sit, as well as being Reading Buddies, Content Creators and much more.

We are a collaborative and democratic community and one which is self-supporting. Both Upper and Lower Sixth Form students can be appointed to act as peer and academic mentors to other students. These mentoring roles enable our senior students to engage with students in Middle and Lower school, to offer support and advice. At the same time they benefit from a comprehensive training programme, so building their own skills and experience. Many find this a very rewarding aspect to life in the Sixth Form.



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The teachers are so supportive and friendly, there are lots of leadership and team work opportunities as well. it has been the best decision I have ever made.







# HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS

The vast majority of our Sixth Form students progress to university. In recent years they have accepted places at Exeter, Nottingham, Warwick and UCL to name but a few, as well as other Russell Group and international universities. Advice is also given on a range of other options including gap years and degree apprenticeships for example.

The Careers Department works closely with students throughout their time in the Sixth Form, helping them to gather the knowledge and skills to make informed careers and study choices. Most of our students choose to attend university, with the majority securing their preferred destination, including the top-ranking universities in the UK and overseas.

Sixth Form students begin their careers programme in the Autumn term of Year 12, with an in-depth careers interview. Students work with our Careers Advisor to explore the different options open to them and to develop a pathway that helps them achieve their goals and aspirations. Throughout Year 12 and Year 13 students can attend drop-in sessions with the Careers Department to receive advice and guidance. Students applying for Oxbridge and medicine will receive intensive support with their application preparations.



## Spring Term

From the beginning of the Spring term students take part in activities aimed at widening their understanding of their choices. This includes attending UCAS fairs, apprenticeships shows and employers visits. We also hold an International University Fair at the school; attended by universities admission staff from Europe, USA, Canada and Asia.

Students will take part in workshops covering topics on; choosing universities and subjects, personal statements, applying for work experience, internships, apprenticeships, gap years and employment.

## Summer Term | Year 12

In the last week of the Summer term, Year 12 students take part in 'Futures Week'. The week is dedicated to helping students develop important employability and transferable skills that will help them keep ahead at university and in the world of work. The activities include interview techniques, independent study skills, project management, presentation, leadership and teamwork skills. During the week, we also have attendees from universities, employers and other organisations who are able to support students with preparing for a successful and smooth transition from Box Hill School.

## Autumn Term | Year 13

Final UCAS predicted grades are provided by Box Hill School, these reflect the students' attainment in Year 12, mock exam results and assumptions of future progress. The process of completing the UCAS application continues, submission of UCAS applications varies between courses and course providers.

In addition, all Sixth Form students have accounts with Unifrog, a cutting-edge software package which connects students to the most suitable university courses, degree apprenticeships and school leaver programmes. It is also easy for our teachers and careers advisor to track the progress of all-important decisions.

We encourage a collaborative approach with our students and parents, who may at any time make an appointment to discuss future plans with our careers advisor, tutors or programme leaders.

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I wanted to study in the Sixth Form  
at Box Hill School because I was really  
impressed with its range of academic  
and extra-curricular possibilities.







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Pupils throughout the school are unpretentious and display great confidence, self-esteem and resilience.

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Pupils accept responsibility readily and develop strong leadership skills through activities such as sports, drama and music productions as well as community service projects and expeditions.

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# JOINING US IN THE SIXTH FORM

We welcome boys and girls from any UK or international school, state or independent to apply to join our Sixth Form for either the A Level or International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Our staff are very happy to guide prospective students and parents in their decisions about the most appropriate course of Sixth Form study.

## UK STUDENTS

### Stage 1

Please register by completing our online application form.

### Stage 2

Applicants will be invited for interview at a mutually convenient time. A reference and GCSE predicted grades will be requested from the applicant's current school.

### Stage 3

Based on the applicant's interview, recent school report and GCSE predictions, a conditional offer will be made for a place on the selected A Level or IB Diploma programme.

### Stage 4

We require confirmation of acceptance of the place offered along with the acceptance deposit. Details of requirements will be included with the offer.

# JOINING US IN THE SIXTH FORM INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### Stage 1

Enquiries and applications from international students who are considering joining in either our mainstream school or within the International Study Centre are most welcome.

Please contact our Registrar for international students at [Registrar@boxhillschool.com](mailto:Registrar@boxhillschool.com) who will advise on how to take the application forward.

### Stage 2

All international students will be interviewed either in person or via Zoom and will usually be required to take Box Hill School tests in Maths and English (these can be taken remotely).

We ask that applicants register with us at the appropriate stage by: completing and returning our registration form, providing a copy of the student's latest school report and also a passport-sized photograph.

Please note that all CAS/Visa applications will be handled by our immigration specialists, Holmes & Partners, and initiated by our Registrar on receipt of the signed acceptance form and fees deposit.

### Scholarships

We offer scholarships at Sixth Form and these are: Academic, Art, Music, Drama and Sport. Please see the website for full details and Scholarship application forms, as well as submission dates.



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Older pupils are excellent role models, including those elected to the syndicate and guardian teams.

The day and boarding house structure for pastoral care allows pupils of different ages and backgrounds to integrate well.

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At Box Hill School, we understand all students are individuals and approach learning in different ways. Our holistic approach to education develops our childrens' intellectual, social, physical and artistic talents.

It encourages them to explore a path of self discovery thus stimulating the unique abilities within each child to achieve success.

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