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Welcome to our Sixth Form Information and Choices Evening



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Aims of the evening

- ▶ To explain the choices available at the end of this school year.
- ▶ To highlight the key features of Sixth Form life at Harrogate High School, including the enrichment program.
- ▶ To inform you about the different courses available at Harrogate High School.



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Raising of the participation age (RPA)

- ▶ The Government is increasing the age to which all young people in England must continue in education or training, requiring them to continue until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18 from 2015.
- ▶ Raising the participation age (RPA) does not mean young people must stay in school; they will be able to choose one of the three options post-16.



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Raising of the participation age (RPA)

- ▶ full-time education, such as school or college
- ▶ an apprenticeship
- ▶ part-time education or training (280hrs)
Combined with part time work (20+hrs week)
or volunteering full-time



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The benefits of Post-16 qualifications

- ▶ Young people with 2 or more A-Levels **earn around 14% more** than those without.
- ▶ Individuals with post-16 qualifications are **more likely to be employed** and more likely to be **re-employment** following unemployment.
- ▶ Greater options for work, apprenticeships or University. **Some careers require A-Levels** and a degree.
- ▶ Graduates on average **earn £150,000 more** in a lifetime than non-graduates with A-Levels.



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Sixth Form Vision

Equip our young adults with the essential skills and aspirations to succeed in the world of employment and/or further education.

Develop a work ethos that models excellent standards and learning.



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Our Principles

- ✓ We are a fully inclusive Sixth Form
- ✓ We put collaboration before competition
- ✓ We believe all students, irrespective of their starting point, can succeed and achieve.
- ✓ In order to do this, we will provide a high quality educational experience as an entitlement.





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Ofsted 2013

"The sixth form is good because achievement is rising quickly as a result of outstanding teaching"

"The high quality curriculum in the sixth form is matched very well to students' needs and gives them a wide choice"

"Teaching in the sixth form is outstanding"



2014 A2 Results

2014 A2 Results		
% of A2 grades that were A*-A	49%	23% higher than national average
% of A2 grades that were A*-B	57%	5% higher than national average
% of A2 grades that are A*-E	98%	Equal to the national average
BTEC ALPS Rating	Grade 1	Outstanding Top 1%



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University Destinations 2014

- ▶ Biomedical sciences
- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ Sport and Exercise Science
- ▶ Primary Education
- ▶ Interior Design
- ▶ Fashion
- ▶ Architecture
- ▶ Sociology
- ▶ Modern Foreign Languages and Linguistics
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ Business Studies
- ▶ Digital Media and Marketing
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations
- ▶ Nursing
- ▶ Philosophy and Criminology





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Positive Ethos

- ▶ Your own study room and common room
- ▶ Business dress code and sports tracksuit
- ▶ Small class sizes
- ▶ Flexi and study periods
- ▶ Praise, rewards and celebration events
- ▶ Leadership, volunteering and work experience opportunities





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Sixth Form Courses

- ▶ Level 3 – A-Levels, Applied A-Levels, BTEC Nationals
- ▶ Level 2 – GCSE English and Maths
- ▶ Other – Young Enterprise, Lifeguard, First Aid and TEFL





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Future changes to A-Levels

- ▶ There are national changes to A-Levels
- ▶ These changes are in two phases (Sept 2015 and Sept 2016)
- ▶ New specifications will be introduced in all subjects
- ▶ These new specifications will have terminal examination at the end of Year 13.
- ▶ It is important you consider your subject choices as a two year commitment.





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Proposed Courses for September 2015

Art and Design GCE A-Level
Biology GCE A-Level
Business Studies Applied GCE A-Level
Chemistry GCE A-Level
D&T Product Design
D&T Product Design – Textiles GCE A-Level
Drama and Theatre Studies Applied GCE A-Level
Economics
English Language GCE A-Level
English Literature GCE A-Level
French GCE A-Level
Geography GCE A-Level
History GCE A-Level
ICT Applied GCE A-Level
Mathematics GCE A-Level
Media Studies GCE A-Level
Music GCE A-Level
Performing Arts
Philosophy & Ethics Religious Studies GCE A-Level
Physics GCE A-Level
Psychology GCE A-Level
Spanish GCE A-Level
Sociology A-Level

Art and Design (BTEC L3 Sub Diploma)
Business Studies (BTEC L3 Sub Diploma)
Health and Social Care (BTEC L3 Sub Diploma)
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Hospitality (BTEC L3 Sub Diploma)
Music (Performance) (BTEC L3 Sub Diploma)
Science (BTEC L3 Sub Diploma)
Sport (BTEC L3 Sub Diploma)
Sport (BTEC L3 Diploma)
Sport (BTEC L3 Ext Diploma)

English GCSE
Mathematics GCSE

ASDAN COPE Award
Critical Thinking GCE AS-Level
Extended Project GCE AS-Level

Lesson	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	French	History	Guidance	Maths	PE
2	French	History	Study Period	Maths	PE
3	Study Period	Study Period	Study Period	Flexi Period	Flexi Period
4	Maths	PE	History	French	Flexi Period
5	Maths	PE	History	French	Flexi Period



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Guidance lessons

- ▶ One period per week
- ▶ Information advice and guidance
- ▶ Planning for the future
- ▶ Aspirations and goals
- ▶ Work experience planning
- ▶ UCAS support
- ▶ CV and personal statement
- ▶ Educational visits





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Collaborative Partnerships

- ▶ Harrogate High School and Outwood Academy Ripon have aligned their Key Stage 5 timetables to allow students to access courses at both schools, without having to miss other lessons.
- ▶ This collaboration is helping to ensure more students can access the best possible courses for their future career aspirations.
- ▶ Gemma Trattles

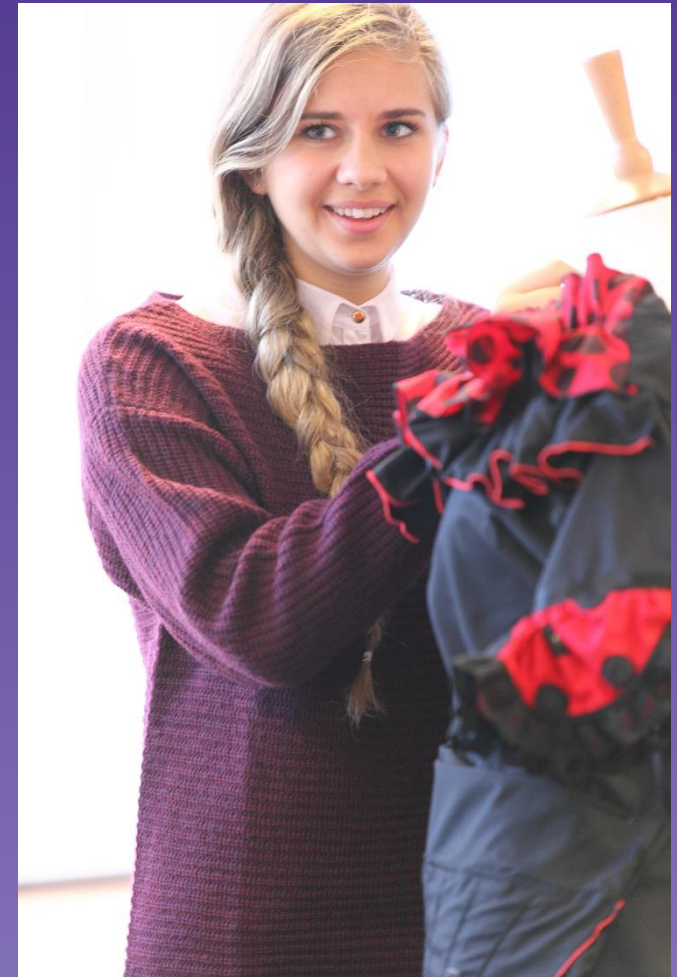




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Sixth Form Enrichment

- Assistant Mentors
- Sixth Form Committee
- Student Voice
- Leadership and volunteering
- Assisting in departments
- Mentoring
- Sports teams and gym
- Music, dance and drama
- School newspaper
- Lifeguarding and first aid
- Charity fund-raising activities
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award





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Ofsted 2013

“Sixth-form students act as very positive role models for their younger peers by acting as mentors or assisting in classes”





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"I find it easier to concentrate in smaller class sizes"

"I enjoy the independence of sixth form"

"Teachers treat you like adults"

"We have a dedicated floor to ourselves!"

"You get loads of responsibility"

"I believe the 6th Form experience is fantastic. I like the free lessons because it helps me get my work done"

"The early finish means I can finish my homework and still get to work on time".

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The Students' Perspective



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Sixth Form Agreement and Learning Expectations

- ▶ Learner Entitlement – what you can expect from us
- ▶ Learning Expectations – what we expect from you

Sanctions

- ▶ Stage 1 - Meet Subject teacher
- ▶ Stage 2 - Formal Verbal Warning
- ▶ Stage 3 - Formal Written Warning
- ▶ Stage 4 - Permanent Exclusion

MR S. WILSON HEAD OF SIXTH FORM
MR S. WILLIAMS LEAD LEARNING MANAGER



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**SIXTH FORM AGREEMENT AND
LEARNING EXPECTATIONS**
2013 - 14

NAME: _____

VMG: _____

Welcome to the Harrogate High School Sixth Form.

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Support Available

- Head of Sixth Form
- Lead Learning Manager
- Careers Co-ordinator
- Attendance team
- Inclusion Department
- Subject staff
- Departmental enrichment clubs
- Consultation evenings
- Links to outside agencies
- Sixth Form Bursary





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Sixth Form Team

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Lead Learning Manager



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Careers Information Advice and Guidance

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Application Process

- ▶ Applicants will be considered on an individual basis.
- ▶ Students are expected to study four subjects, this may be a combination of Level 2 or 3 courses.
- ▶ Return your choices form to the Learning Managers' office by **Thursday 23rd October**
- ▶ Individual meetings will start in November.



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Sixth Form Choices Evening

Upper School Hall

Textiles
Resistant Materials
Hospitality

Art

ICT
Economics
Business Studies

French
Spanish

ASDAN

STAGE

Students, parents and carers

Careers Co-ordinator
Sixth Form Lead Learning Manager
Gemma Trattles – Outwood Ripon

English
Lang & Lit

Media

EPQ
Critical Thinking

Maths

Sciences

PE

Philosophy
and Ethics

History

Geography

Health and
Social Care
Psychology
Sociology

Drama
Perf Arts
Dance

Music



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Small class sizes

Enrichment opportunities

Outstanding teaching! ALPS

Positive ethos

Outstanding!

Careers support and guidance

Dedicated Learning Manager

Wide subject choice

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