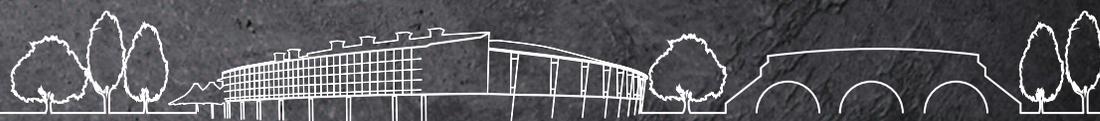


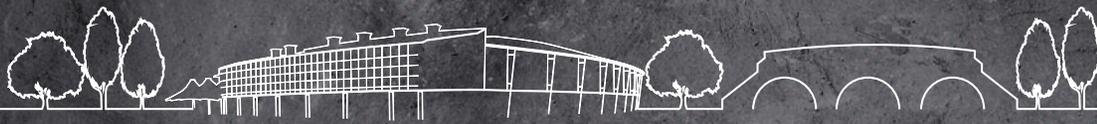
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SPECIALIST TEACHERS AND A CURRICULUM DESIGNED FOR YOU

We are delighted that you are considering becoming a part of our expanding, active and successful Sixth Form. We work very hard to maintain and build upon our high standards and we are committed to providing a relevant and comprehensive curriculum across two levels of study; Intermediate (level 2) and Advanced (level 3).

Our dedicated Sixth Form team will support you as an individual in choosing appropriate courses which allow you to follow your areas of strength and interest, whilst also being open to discovering completely new subjects too. We help you enjoy, flourish and succeed on your chosen programme.

Committed and experienced Post - 16 teachers employ a range of teaching styles and approaches which make the most of outstanding, extensive and state of the art facilities and ensure learning in this superb environment is personalised and fun!

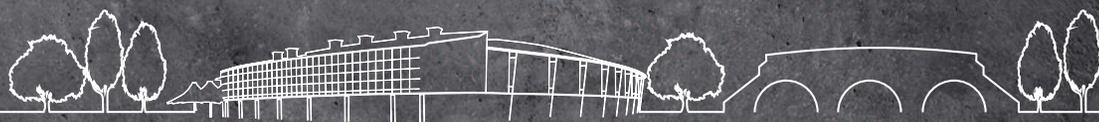
"I've had a great time and I'm so glad I didn't go to Sixth Form anywhere else."

"I've benefited from outstanding teaching in all my subjects. This meant I achieved my desired grades and went to my first choice University."

"As a Sixth Form student I have greatly benefited from the regular help that my teachers are willing to give me whenever I need, which was especially useful when applying to Universities. I truly believe that I would have struggled more when applying if I hadn't received as much support as I did."







OUR SIXTH FORM COMMUNITY

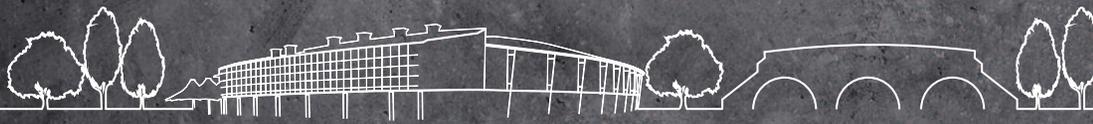
As a Sixth Form we aim to offer a fresh start in a happy, supportive and secure environment, within which students can take on increased personal responsibility and achieve their academic, vocational and personal goals. Excellent working relationships exist here - both amongst students themselves and together with our team of highly qualified tutors and teachers.

Despite our increasing size, we manage to retain an extremely inclusive, friendly and productive working atmosphere and promote the well-being of each one of our learners. We value the excellent links which we maintain with past students. The tutorial programme is carefully planned and constantly redeveloped to offer timely and relevant advice and guidance, which responds to the needs of students.

Strong emphasis is placed upon all round development and a well-supported enrichment and volunteering programme is available. The opportunities are endless and if it does not already exist - we'll happily help you to organise it.

"The best teachers I've ever had. Easy to get along with and always enthusiastic about teaching students and helping out. They strive for the best for their students and put them first."

"The teachers are always extremely helpful when you need guidance and help in subjects and revision for exams. The sixth form area is a great place to study and socialise."



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PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE INDEPENDENCE AT BLANDFORD

All students who join our Sixth Form are making a positive choice in terms of their future career. Our focus is very much on raising students' aspirations, and adding value and breadth to their experience to ensure that they achieve their potential.

Whether you aspire to a vocational training programme or to an Oxbridge University place we will support you along your chosen path and equip you with the right skills to support your decision and application.

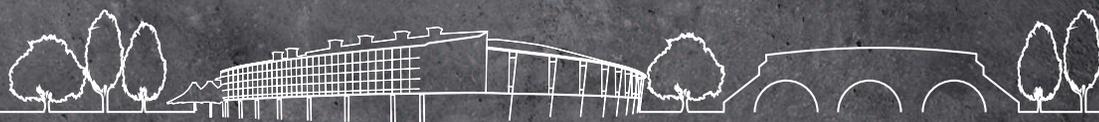
We have highly qualified staff with a proven track record in providing up to date and quality guidance to every individual and excellent links with a range of specialist external organisations, Higher Education Institutions and local employers.

"My time at the school gave me so many exciting opportunities that helped me to focus and narrow down on my career path and to make sure that I had the best start. Without them I wouldn't be the person I am today."

"I moved to The Blandford School at the beginning of my AS Level studies. Being a new student I was relatively nervous. However, everyone was extremely welcoming and friendly towards me, I immediately felt that I was part of the school."







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A DAY IN YOUR SIXTH FORM LIFE

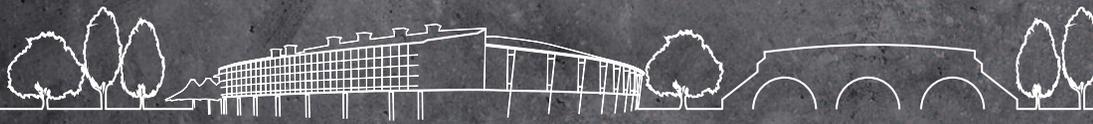
The Sixth Form offers an opportunity for increased independence and students are now enjoying our specially designed facilities. Our Sixth Form area, largely designed by students themselves, provides a modern, light and welcoming environment with dedicated study and computer facilities and a comfy seating area which also proves popular during recreational periods. The nearby 'Index' offers additional easy access to ICT whilst supplying a wide range of literature and resources selected to support advanced level programmes.

Some students also choose to study in the 'Hub' or on the terrace where they can participate in learning groups or plan charity or council initiatives over a cup of coffee 'refectory-style', meet teachers to review an assignment or equally find a quiet corner to work on an individual task. We also have weekly Sixth Form assemblies which include external speakers who regularly support our varied tutorial provision. Facilities also offer a range of state of the art facilities centred on the Post-16 curriculum, we will be pleased to introduce you to these during our Open Evening or by appointment.

"The study area is a great place to work. There is a quiet and purposeful atmosphere with good access to IT facilities."

"The guidance for Sixth Form students is very good, they help and support us to achieve our big dreams."

"Sixth form is fun, challenging and enjoyable at the same time. It made me a more well-rounded individual."



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A HEALTHY BALANCE

Whilst we highly value achievements and qualifications, we are also aware of the need to encourage healthy and balanced lifestyles which will help our students succeed and prosper long term.

'A wide ranging programme of personal education is in place.' (Ofsted 2012). This encompasses the promotion of healthy lifestyles and practices, personal safety on leaving home, safer driving and living independently.

Students benefit from supportive mentoring, weekly drop-in services from health professionals, the services of our Student Support Worker and access to a range of external agencies. Many choose to belong to the adjacent Leisure Centre or participate in the various Sixth Form Sports Teams. Enrichment and tutorial activities take account of student wellbeing, whether through our kick-boxing, badminton or trampolining clubs or our stress management or personal health sessions, led by experts.

Students also have the opportunity to be involved in other valuable activities such as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Silver) or Young Enterprise.

"Sixth Form was fun and educational."

"Sixth Formers are achieving well here. Curriculum breadth is commended as it ensures the aspirations and career possibilities of all students are met."

Ofsted Report 2012

"The Sixth Form team provide an excellent support system which has proved extremely useful when it comes to applying to university or making career choices."





“You can be sure that our highly qualified and caring staff will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf to ensure that you achieve your full potential.”

Mrs Sally Wilson - Headteacher

The greater freedom and independence experienced by a Sixth Form student is balanced at The Blandford School by very clear expectations and support. Together we achieve our mutual goals - fulfilment and success.

If you want to achieve your full academic potential whilst having the time and support ‘to grow’ as an individual within a friendly and enthusiastic team, our Sixth Form is the place for you. Whether you are already studying with us or thinking about joining us from elsewhere, we hope that you will take the opportunity to find out more about our Sixth Form.

Please come along and meet staff and current students by arranging an appointment or attending our Sixth Form Open Evening. We very much look forward to welcoming you!

Mrs Victoria Moore
Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form

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