



# Prospectus

## Holly Lodge Sixth Form

Ambition | Opportunity | Community

## Message from the Headteacher | Mr I Iqbal



At Holly Lodge we believe in ambition: for students' achievements, conduct and future pathways. We believe in opportunity, in noticing what we are lucky to have and in seizing the chances we have in life. And we believe in community: in serving each other through respect, kindness and responsibility.

Post 16 education is such an important stepping stone for a young person's future, it expands

and offers further life chances. As we work hard to achieve the very best GCSE grades for our students in Key Stage 4, we want them to continue their journey with us into Key Stage 5 in our successful sixth form. This transition is difficult for all students and it is one that is so important to us to get right. We will support you and encourage you to continue to thrive in your chosen courses. We offer high quality teaching, support and guidance, exciting and rewarding

## Message from Director of KS5 | Mrs K Dunn



We are delighted that you are considering our sixth form at Holly Lodge High School. We would love you to join us and we look forward to the energy and enthusiasm you will add to our already thriving community. Holly Lodge is highly successful in developing its students with a real focus on the individual.

The sixth form is a caring and supportive community in which each individual is valued and in which the provision we provide is constantly improving and developing.

Everyone is new to Year 12. Whether joining the sixth form from Holly Lodge or from another school, we aim for all of our students to be the best version of themselves and achieve excellence in their chosen areas.

As a Holly Lodge sixth former you will be encouraged to discover new talents and interests, as well as doing the things you already know you love. Sixth form students are excellent role models for the rest of our school. Many opportunities exist beyond the classroom and into the wider community and we hope that you

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experiences and opportunities to prepare students for life beyond our sixth form. We want you to be the best person you can be and to take every opportunity given to you to achieve this.

We look forwards to welcoming you into our sixth form community.

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will take on one of the many roles of responsibility and leadership on offer, from mentoring to organising charitable fund-raisers, alongside a wealth of other opportunities. When the time comes to look beyond sixth form, our highly experienced team is on hand to give advice about every stage of the university application process as well as other career opportunities.

We enable each and every student to write their own legacy and continue on their ambitious journey whilst always being a Holly Lodge Alumni student.



Miss R Khera  
**Deputy Leader  
of KS5**



Mr S Bailey  
**KS5 Student  
Support Manager**





## student comments

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The atmosphere is so friendly and relaxed that you can't really be in a bad mood, everyone is able to maintain this attitude whilst still getting work done. Sixth form definitely taught me about work ethic, the sheer amount of content means that you have to study far more than you did for GCSEs just to keep up. It's made more bearable, however, by the amount of support available from teachers and peers.

**Dhamanjot D - Class of 2022**

Through the wide range of opportunities that presented themselves to me, including the speech enrichment, Truth About Youth writing competitions, school tours and forums with the head teachers and Ofsted, I was able to enhance my confidence and present myself in a professional and accomplished manner. This helped me on a personal level, and it allowed me to step out of my comfort zones and push my potential to form my own legacy.

**Lovpreet D - Class of 2022**

**courses**

Virtual and in person work experience, webinars and MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) are some of the few examples of career-based opportunities which you can freely access with the support of the sixth form staff. Alongside this, personal development workshops and challenge days are organised to encourage the development of you as an individual and to build up soft skills such as communication and teamwork.

**Maymunah H - Class of 2023**

Holly Lodge Sixth Form offers an immense level of support in terms of education and also helps with growth as an individual; teachers are always ready to help in any areas that you may be worried about whether it be interventions in topics you are struggling with or help with more personal matters.

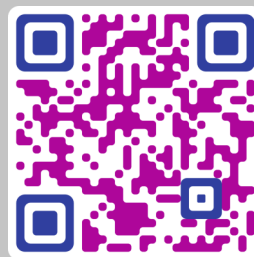
**Maariyah N - Class of 2023**

**Applied Tourism**  
**Art**  
**Biology**  
**Business (BTEC)**  
**Business Studies**  
**Chemistry**  
**Computer Science**  
**Criminology**  
**Education & Childcare (T Level)**  
**English Literature**  
**Geography**  
**Health & Social Care (BTEC)**

**History**  
**ICT (BTEC)**  
**Law (BTEC)**  
**Law**  
**Mathematics**  
**Music**  
**Physics**  
**Psychology**  
**Religious Studies**  
**Retail Business (L2)**  
**Sociology**  
**Sport (BTEC)**  
**Work Skills (BTEC)**

A Level unless stated

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All sixth formers will be timetabled for 6 hours per Level 3 subject studied, in addition to this students will also select an enrichment option to study as part of their programme. Holly Lodge Sixth Form also offers supervised study periods and personal development sessions for all students. This programme is designed so that students can become active and informed members of the Holly Lodge community, where ambition and opportunities are the focus. The philosophy of and emphasis on continual improvement and continuous learning leaves no room for complacency.

### **Community**

It is important that students have community spirit and see the significance of taking the opportunities on offer to them. We believe that creating the right culture for students to thrive and push themselves, to go for the gap in their learning, and to never be complacent, is crucial in today's competitive environment, for every student. Getting up every day and being the best you can be is our expectation of all of our students. We encourage everyone to learn and develop and constantly strive for improvement.

### **Our Offer**

Listed on the next pages are the broad and varied enrichment offer open to all students. As well as these great courses, students have the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award or become part of the ever growing CCF (Combined Cadet Force) programme, either as an Army or Air Force cadet. If Health is your interest then becoming part of our RCN Nursing Cadets is a must!

### **Opportunities**

We believe in giving our students a range of transferable skills and experiences that will support them in securing the best university course, apprenticeship or job. There are a wide range of trips organised across the year, including: careers and UCAS fairs, university visits, alternative curriculum trips, and many external speakers delivering sessions on a wide range of subjects, such as finance and saving, applying for universities, apprenticeships and much more. Holly Lodge Sixth Form has a large number of universities that we work with closely on a regular basis.

**why choose us?**

## Student Leadership

As part of their programme students can opt to be part of the Student Leadership scheme. Sixth form students are role models who should see their position as one of both privilege and responsibility; sixth form students should aspire to be involved in the whole school and wider community. We offer the opportunity and training to allow students to apply and share their expertise, whether this be in subjects they study to support those in the lower years, or something completely different like being a charity or diversity leader. This not only helps to develop our sixth formers' character, but also gives them the opportunity to include their work in their personal statements when applying for universities or employment.

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## Your Commitment

You will be encouraged to be the best version of yourself throughout your journey with us. As a member of our Sixth Form, you will be expected to value learning, to embrace the full range of opportunities made available to you, and to engage fully in the life of the school and its community. We want you to be confident, resilient, organised and happy during your time with us.

Our expectations of you:

- Be independent young adults who can manage themselves and their time effectively and maturely.
- Be motivated to be the best you can possibly be and to work hard to achieve excellence in all you do.
- Be proud to be a part of our sixth form community and act as excellent role models for our younger students, whilst building your own character and resilience.
- Engage fully in the life of the school and its community and embrace the full range of opportunities available to you.
- Achieve a great set of results that you are proud of, through great support, teaching and guidance.
- Be involved - everyone should aim to contribute positively to the lives of others.
- Be a good ancestor - plant trees you will never see. Add to the greatness of our community.
- This is your time - write your own legacy.

## Dress Code

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Our Dress code is formal clothing that would be suitable in a professional working environment. We believe that this sets the correct tone for students with great ambition working in a school with high expectations and standards of presentation. Sixth form students are expected to set a positive example and be a role model for younger students at school. All students are to wear a lanyard for identification and access purposes and any student studying a sports related course is expected to wear sixth form PE kit which can be purchased online.

## Pastoral Care

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Students have a dedicated tutor and tutor group who is their main point of contact. Each morning form time is planned to support students' pastoral needs and set them up for a successful day, as well as engage students in global issues and current affairs. Students take part in 'Webinar Wednesday' and 'Feel Good Friday', as well as study support, quizzes and assemblies. Any study or personal issues are picked up through the positive relationships we build with our students. Alongside form tutors, students can also speak to any member of the sixth form team. In addition to the team, we also have our own on-site counsellor as well as access to a wide range of external agencies who offer support to our students. We monitor attendance closely and make sure that work is completed to the best of a students' ability at all times, supervised study is attended, expectations are met and opportunities are offered. These aspects all ensure that students leave Holly Lodge being the best version of themselves at the end of their programme of study.

**life in the sixth form**



“We want our students to be aspirational for themselves, and our younger students to aspire to be them.”

In order to encourage our students to be as aspirational as possible we place a strong emphasis on leadership throughout their time in sixth form. Our sixth form students are expected to be leaders in terms of their behaviour, attendance, appearance and ambition. Becoming an independent young person who is able to manage themselves and their time and studies effectively and maturely does not happen overnight, so as a sixth form we support and encourage students to be the best they can possibly be.

There are also more formal opportunities for leadership through joining the Student Leadership Team. These are positions within the whole school that enable students to make meaningful contributions to their community and strengthen the interpersonal skills required for success after school.

Our sixth form students take their responsibilities very seriously and are valued as individuals, and as such play a wide role in the whole school and wider community. Our students feel proud to be part of our sixth form community and act as excellent role models for our younger students; engaging fully in the life of the school and its community, embracing the wonderful opportunities available to them.





## Enrichment Offer

- Arts Award
- Core Mathematics
- Extended Project Qualification L3
- Food & Hygiene Certificate L2
- Leadership and Management L3
- RCN Nursing Cadets
- Speech Award L2
- Speech Award L3
- Sports Leadership & Coaching Award

ambition and opportunity

## CEIAG (Careers Education, Advice and Guidance)

We want students to be able to make fully informed decisions about their next steps and have the academic and personal qualities to enable them to be happy and successful. We run a comprehensive university and careers programme throughout Year 12 and 13 that takes into account the broad and competitive array of opportunities that are now available to young people. The vast majority of our students make applications to Higher Education and gain offers to study subjects such as: Mathematics; Medicine; Pharmacy; Law; Psychology; Cyber Security; Education; Nursing and Business Management from top institutions including multiple Russell Group Universities.

At Holly Lodge we recognise that university is not for everyone and so we also support students in their applications to advanced and higher apprenticeships and employment. Ofsted remarked “The sixth form learners have a large choice of academic and vocational subjects. They enjoy their lessons. They get extensive and impartial careers advice.”

We have also fostered wonderful relationships with a wide variety of universities and other providers proving our commitment and experience in securing the best quality destinations for our students.

- Warwick University Realising Opportunities
- Aston University Pathways to Professions Programme
- Aston University Pathway to Healthcare
- A2B scheme- University of Birmingham
- Lit in Colour Pioneer School
- University of Gloucestershire Partnership School
- University of Birmingham Tutoring Scheme
- University of Gloucestershire Mentoring Scheme
- Newman University
- Springpod
- Alumni Tutoring Programme
- Oxbridge Mentoring Scheme
- Social Mobility Foundation
- Speakers for Schools
- Uptree
- Unifrog



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