

THE KING'S SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM



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OFSTED, 2025



Welcome to The King's School Sixth Form

We appreciate that choosing an appropriate sixth form experience is a very important decision. The right environment for post-16 education is vital in providing you with the skills and qualifications you need for a happy and successful future.

The sixth form experience at King's is a special one. We offer a wide range of A Levels taught in small classes by subject experts, centred around our vibrant Sixth Form Centre. The school's ethos of challenge and support is amplified in the Sixth Form, and forms an excellent bridge between school and university or the world of work. Ofsted in 2025 judged the overall sixth form provision to be Outstanding.

We take great care to prepare students for transition into post 16 study and beyond. We know our students well, and therefore the support they receive in the Sixth Form is very personalised. For those students that join us from other schools, there is a strong and successful transition programme which helps them settle into the Sixth Form community quickly.

With independence comes responsibility. We expect our sixth formers to take part in the wider life of the school, something that they enjoy immensely. There are a number of excellent opportunities to develop their skills as leaders including mentoring and teaching alongside our experienced staff. Students at this stage in their school career are excellent role models for younger students, sharing their knowledge and experience with the rest of the school.

Our leavers move on to good universities, apprenticeships and employment and are successful within these settings and beyond.

We welcome visits from prospective students. It is always a pleasure to show visitors around the school and seeing us at work is the ideal way to decide upon King's suitability for you.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our Sixth Form.

Richard Gerry - Head of Sixth Form
Rob Gammon - Head Teacher

Studying at King's

Our Sixth Form students reap the benefits of being taught by experienced subject specialists. These teachers are passionate about both their own subject and also inspiring students to delve deeper into the subjects that they are keen to pursue beyond GCSE.

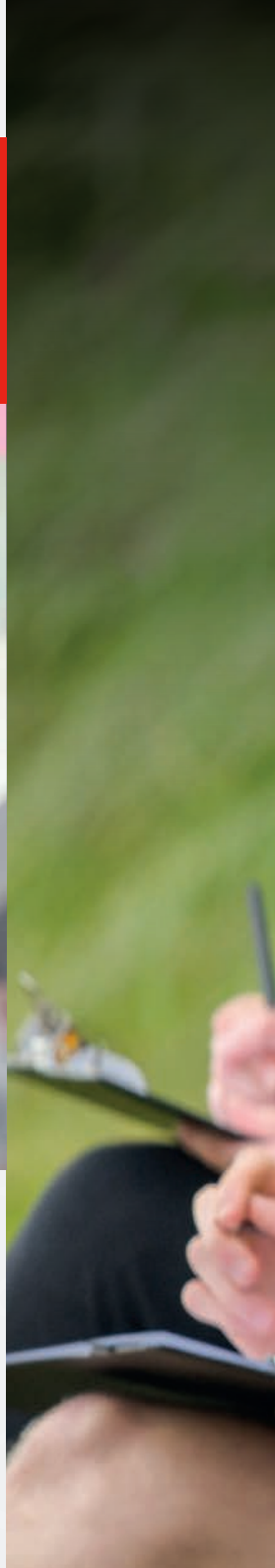
Our climate of high expectations complements the respectful ethos and freedoms of sixth form life. We place our emphasis in the classroom on challenge, creativity and independent learning in order to prepare young people for the world beyond the Sixth Form. As a result of this highly encouraging and aspirational environment, students flourish and make great progress.

Strong relationships between students and staff are valued features of King's and our post-16 students demonstrate genuine respect for themselves, staff and others in the Sixth Form. These relationships are very important to the success of students as they rely on the support of staff when grappling with some of the more challenging aspects of A Level study and life as a young adult.

Our academic outcomes have consistently placed the school amongst the highest performing school based sixth forms in the South West. We are experts at ensuring that students achieve well and are able to move on to higher education or employment with confidence.

At The King's School we are passionate about learning.







“The academic support system here at King’s is second to none.”

BETH YEAR 13



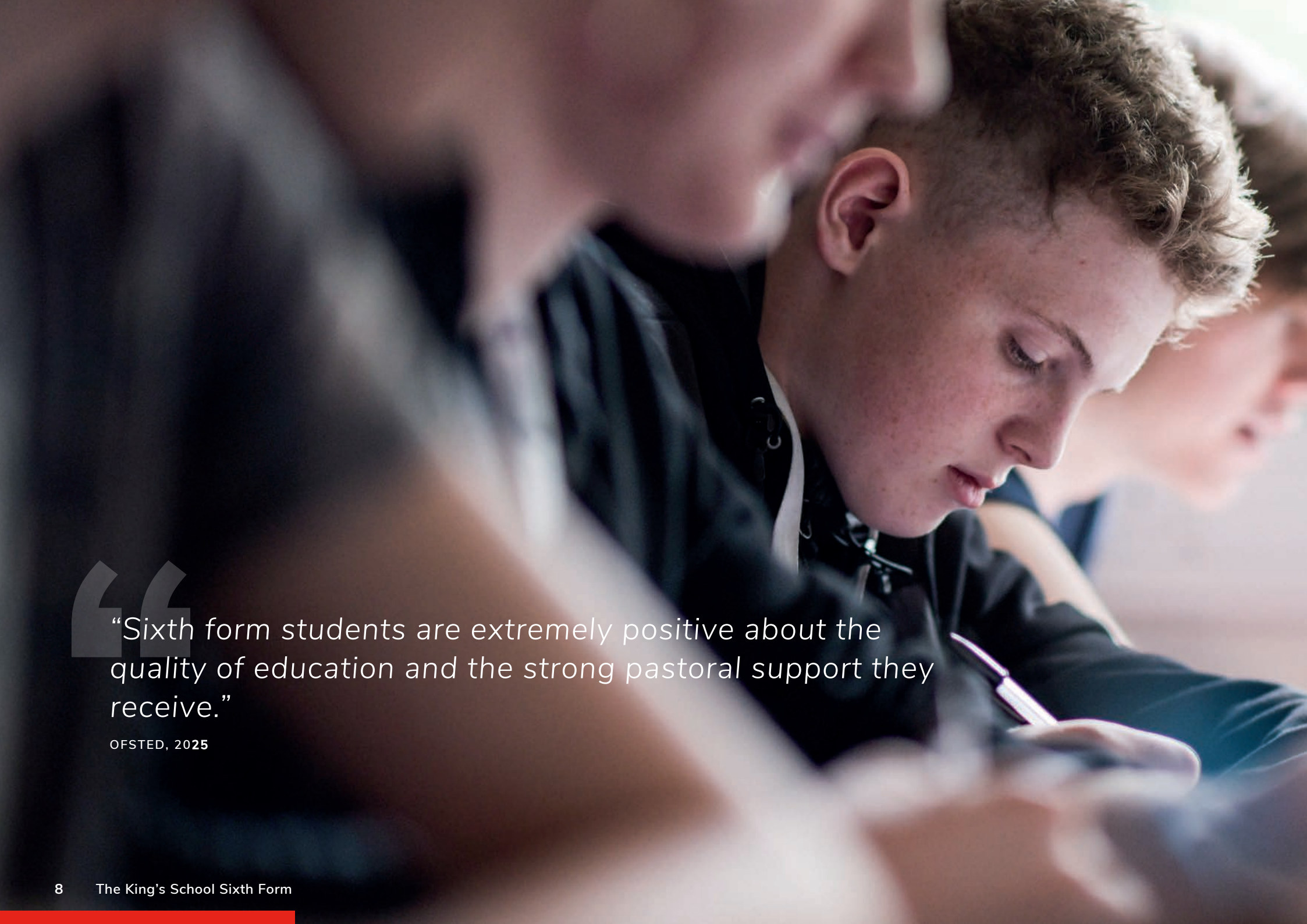


The Sixth Form Curriculum

As a successful and thriving sixth form provider we have the ability to offer a rich curriculum that provides the breadth necessary to meet the needs and aspirations of our students. We aim to provide a programme of study that develops subject specific knowledge and skills. This is a gateway to undergraduate study and requires the organisation and creative thinking that transfers successfully to employment. Our enrichment programme balances academic work with engagement in topics drawn from many different disciplines and allows students to pursue their interests.

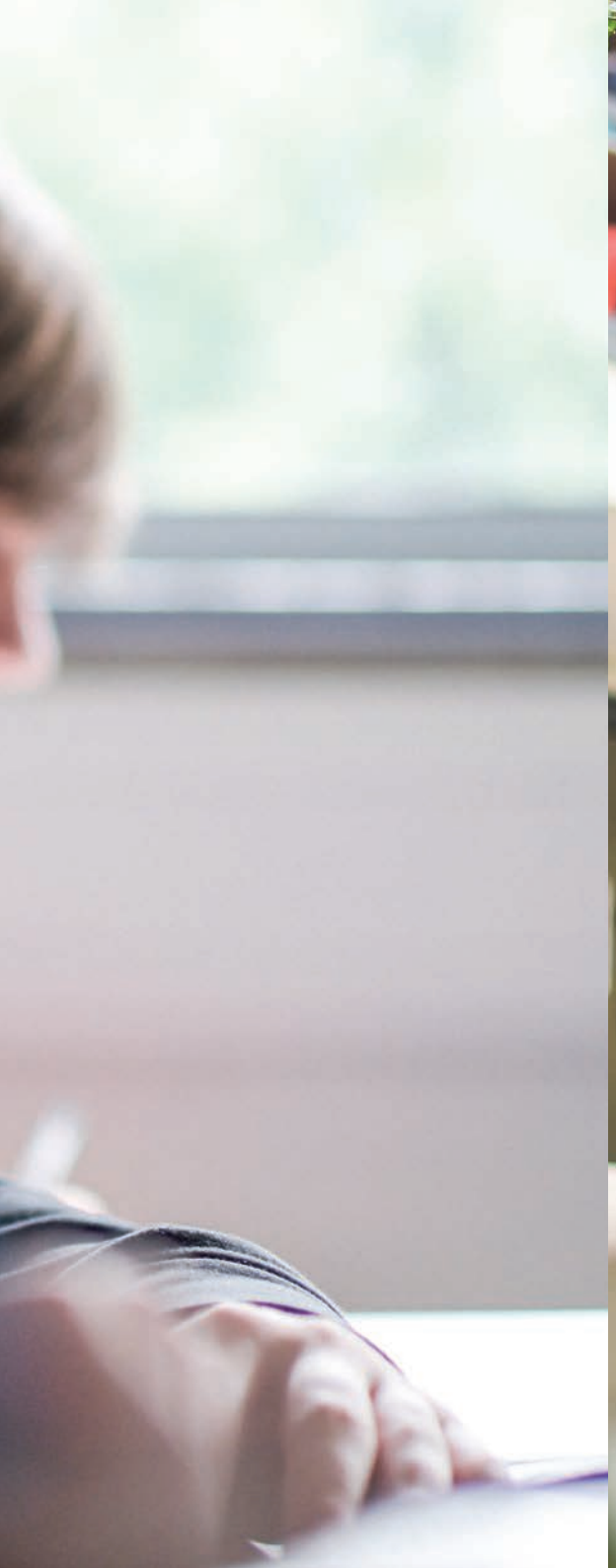
All students in our Sixth Form choose a minimum of 3 A Levels/Level 3 BTEC courses and there is the possibility of opting for a fourth subject for the most able students. This is complemented by PSHE lessons and enrichment activities such as the Extended Project Qualification, Sports Leadership and Core Maths. There is also the choice of taking part in physical education and competitive sixth form sport for those that would wish to do so.





“Sixth form students are extremely positive about the quality of education and the strong pastoral support they receive.”

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Academic Enrichment

Sixth Form students experience many memorable and profound moments within the classroom. However, we also encourage and celebrate learning that takes place outside the classroom and believe that every experience enriches the academic life of our students.

We place enrichment opportunities at the heart of sixth form life. Students are involved in a rich variety of activities outside of normal lessons and gain memorable experiences that prepare them for life beyond King's. Academic courses are complemented by a range of fieldwork visits and overseas trips focused on bringing learning to life. The opportunity to apply theory to a real life setting deepens students' understanding and shapes them into well-rounded and successful learners.

Many of the enrichment opportunities we provide for students become the highlight of their time in the Sixth Form. Students value the cultural opportunities, time given for work experience placements and the way in which the school promotes personal development activities such as Reading Buddies, Academic Mentoring and the Ten Tors Challenge. It is these things that sets the Sixth Form at King's apart from many other post 16 providers in the area.



> *"Although the workload is high, the informality and respect amongst the students and teachers is lovely."*
>
> LAUREN **YEAR 13**





"We like the sixth form centre a lot with its comfy cafe, study room, IT suite and specialist classrooms - almost a school within a school."

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Sixth Form Life at King's

The Sixth Form students are an integral part of The King's School. We are proud of the contribution that they make to ensure that the school is a thriving and happy environment in which students are educated. However, we recognise that sixth form life needs to be different from the experience of students lower down the school.

We have prioritised investment in the Sixth Form facilities over recent years to ensure that the environment in which students study and relax reflects the high quality teaching and pastoral care that students receive. The Sixth Form have their own dedicated Sixth Form Centre which is a hub for those in post-16 education at the school. It provides a warm and welcoming space for students to relax and enjoy the company of friends.

The Sixth Form Centre incorporates a café which is solely for sixth form use, serving essentials to students during the school day. We have provided a large IT suite for sixth form students to use for independent research and study. There is also a quiet work room for those that wish to focus on written work and the school library provides a comprehensive range of academic periodicals and publications.

With the demands of A Level study, we recognise that our students also need to develop the resilience and strategies to be successful. We focus on strong pastoral care and students are placed in a mixed Year 12 and Year 13 tutor group, receiving regular tutorials from their personal tutor. A highly experienced sixth form adminstrator is also on hand in the Sixth Form Centre to answer any of those essential queries about sixth form study, life and the universe!





Beyond King's

Whilst academic excellence is at the heart of sixth form life we believe passionately that our post 16 education is vital in providing students with the skills and qualifications they need for a fulfilling and successful future. Our ambition is for students to leave us well prepared for a changing world and ready to take their place in society. We provide the guidance, support and climate necessary for them to be able to do this.

Our young people develop key employability skills across the curriculum, which they will rely on in later life, such as teamwork, communication and interpersonal skills, organisational skills, problem solving and creativity. All these transferable skills will support students as they develop as leaders of the future in their chosen fields.

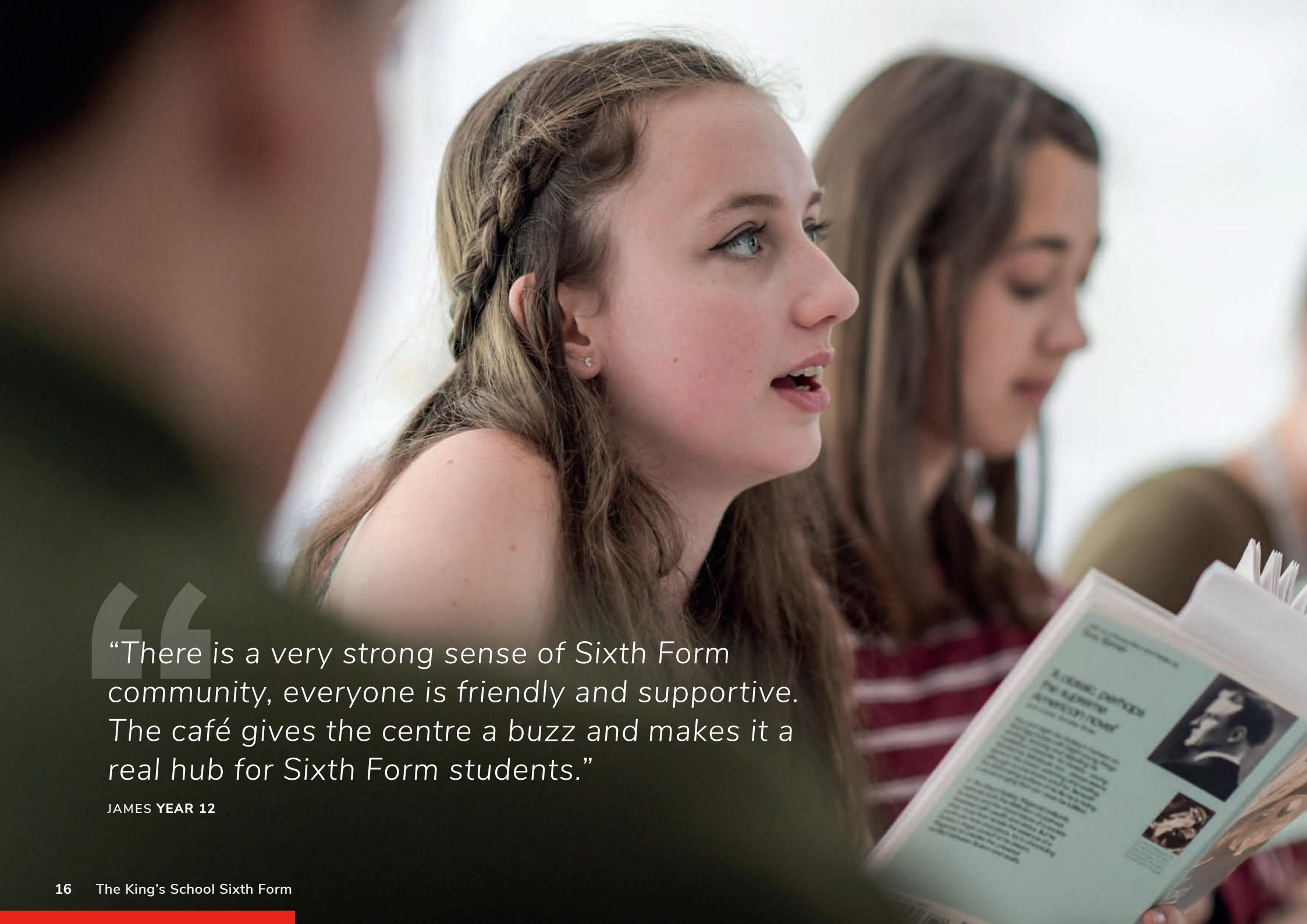
We have a highly experienced team of staff who give personalised support to students as they prepare applications to the university of their choice or to enter the local or national employment market. The majority of our Sixth Form students apply to university and we have a strong record of aiding students to be successful in their applications to some of the countries leading universities including Oxford and Cambridge. There are a growing number of students who are succcessfully securing degree level apprenticeships and we are committed to ensuring that these students are well placed to be successful if this is their chosen career path.





"The Sixth Form offers a vast range of opportunities to all students no matter what combination of subjects you have chosen... there is no beating the fact that the teachers are always willing to help and always make time to see you."

OLI **YEAR 13**



"There is a very strong sense of Sixth Form community, everyone is friendly and supportive. The café gives the centre a buzz and makes it a real hub for Sixth Form students."

JAMES **YEAR 12**









Applying for a place in the Sixth Form at The King's School

We are a comprehensive sixth form with a wide range of academic abilities. We welcome applications from our Year 11 students and those from other schools across the area. We would strongly recommend that external applicants take the time to visit the school and discuss the possibility of post-16 study at The King's School with the Head of Sixth Form as early as possible.

We acknowledge that the demands of A Level/Level 3 BTEC study are high and therefore we ask for a minimum general grade requirement at GCSE as well as each subject having its own specific entry requirement. The details of these entry requirements can be found in the entry requirement summary sheet accompanying this prospectus.

There is financial support available for students via a fixed and discretionary bursary fund. This can support the costs of transport and activities linked to studies for those facing financial challenges.

Application forms are available online from the school's website.



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