

THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING SIXTH FORM?

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PROSPECTUS

*“Outstanding
in all areas!”*

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A Package of Education

At Wickersley Sixth Form we offer students a package of education.

You will choose 3 subjects (in exceptional circumstances, you may be allowed to choose 4) from a range of 40 different choices. Enrichment is a vital part of your education to ensure that you have the best chance of securing a university place, job or apprenticeship at the end of your 2 years of study with us so we offer our students a package of education.

For example, if you want to be a doctor you can sign up to:

- 3 subjects – Chemistry, Biology and Physics
- An Extended Project in a medical issue
- First Aid Course
- Work experience and taster days in hospitals
- SOAMs project

Or if you want to be a teacher you can sign up to:

- 3 subjects of your choice
- An Extended Project in education
- First Aid Course
- Primary School Placements
- Support in year 7 and 8 lessons

If you love sport you can sign up to:

- Applied Sport - single or double
- Sports leaders course
- Support in lower school lessons coaching and leading teams
- Play in one of our many sport teams



Making your Post-16 Subject Choices

The three main reasons why you may want to continue to study a subject at a higher level are:

- You have been good at and have enjoyed the subject in the past.
- You need this subject to enter a particular course or career.
- You have not studied the subject before but you think it will suit your strengths.

Three further considerations are:

- Some subjects are more difficult at an advanced level.
- Do some course research – there are many misconceptions about the subjects required for courses and careers.
- Don't take an uninformed risk, what is the new subject actually about?

The Five Point Plan

1. Know what you want to study? Check out the entry requirements using the UCAS course search.
2. Not sure yet? Keep your options open! Select 'facilitating' subjects to study at an advanced level.
3. Remember – GCSE and equivalent qualifications matter.
4. Think balance – do you have the balance of subjects that reflect your abilities, strengths and interests?
5. Make sure you know why you have chosen a subject that you have not studied before.

Tutorial

The aim of the Sixth Form tutorial is to develop skills in order to prepare you for the next step whether that is University or employment.

This tutorial will provide the vehicle for:

- Supporting and guiding individual development and fostering a sense of belonging and being known.
- Providing peer group activities in a non-academic environment, which gives opportunities for the delivery of life skills needed in Higher Education and beyond.
- Developing and raising awareness of study skills.
- Developing organisational and time management issues.
- Responding to the needs of individuals eg. coping strategies for managing stress.
- Gathering information required to write a balanced and accurate UCAS reference.
- Supporting the delivery of the UCAS programme.
- Academic and pastoral monitoring.
- Routine administration.

Enrichment

Enrichment is part of the programme of study at Sixth Form and it covers everything not covered in the timetabled subjects. Some of the options available for you to choose from are:

- Student Ambassadors
- Sporting Activities
- Drama Productions
- Young Enterprise
- Paired Reading
- Primary School Volunteering
- Charity Fundraising

Sport Opportunities

Football

The school runs games at 1st XI and 2nd XI every Saturday morning, has some midweek games and a practice session (open to all) each week through out the season. Our biggest highlight is winning the national U18 cup in 2003 and we are current Rotherham Champions and still in the South Yorkshire Cup.

Cricket

The school has an extensive and enviable fixture list. There are games at both 1st XI and 2nd XI on Wednesday afternoons. We play a range of Public Schools, the MCC and overseas touring sides.

Rugby

We run a 1st XV Rugby Squad with matches played Saturdays and midweek throughout the season. The team will play in the Daily Mail Cup and Vase. This links into South Yorkshire and Yorkshire School representative sides and culminates in an end of season tour to the National School Service.

Netball

There are regular fixtures and practices. Teams enter the Rotherham Championships, win it regularly and progress to County rounds of the National Schools Competition. As well as our competitive team sports, we also have non-competitive elements.

Dance Festival

An innovative and creative event involving all facets of the school where students and staff work together to create an annual dancing spectacle. Step aerobics have also been made available and we run a Gym club and Trampolining club.

Holiday Programmes

Primarily this is for younger students. It provides an opportunity for our students to be involved in practical sport delivery.



Your Questions Answered

How many subjects do I choose?

Students usually choose 3 subjects, one from any of the 4 option blocks. Some students may be allowed to choose 4 subjects. You will be advised to choose a package of learning to suit your ability and future plans in order to enhance your post-18 options choosing enrichment opportunities and work experience alongside your subjects.

How do I pick which subjects I want to study?

This will largely be personal preference, but it is a good idea to choose subjects that you enjoy and are likely to do well in. For certain Higher Education courses you will need to choose particular subjects e.g. various medical related degrees, teaching, engineering. So if you know what career you hope to follow in the future it's a good idea to check out what subjects you must study. We will help you to do this when we interview you. Check the entry requirements on our website for each subject.

How do I find out more?

By talking to your subject teachers and contacting the Sixth Form Team directly at sixthform@wickersley.net.

How and when do I need to apply?

Apply at <http://www.ucasprogress.com> by February 2019 at the latest. Interviews will take place from November 2018 onwards.

What do I do now?

Talk to your teachers, careers advisor and parents to help you make your decisions. You can also contact us here if you have any other questions. Return your completed online application by February 2019.

Attend your interview at Sixth Form.

Come to our Induction Course where you will attend lessons in all of your chosen subjects. This will help you to finalise your decisions.

Register your final choices on the last day of the Induction Course.

16-19 Bursary

The fund exists to help students to continue in education where they would otherwise be prohibited from doing so on financial grounds. Applications to the Bursary Fund are subject to meeting eligibility criteria set by the school.

To be eligible to receive a bursary a young person must be aged under 19 on 31 August in the academic year in which they start their programme of study (where a young person turns 19 during their programme of study, they can continue to be supported to the end of the academic year in which they turn 19, or to the end of the programme of study, whichever is sooner). In general, bursaries will be paid only to young people who have reached the statutory school leaving age.

Both elements of the bursary (Vulnerable Groups Bursary and Discretionary Bursary) will be targeted towards learners facing financial barriers to participation in post-16 studies with priority given to those learners from the families with the lowest household income.

The eligibility criteria are listed on the page to the right.

As a limited amount of funding is available, funding must be allocated to applicants from Category A initially, followed by Category B.

Students wishing to apply for a bursary must complete the application form, which will be available from the sixth form office, the finance office, and on the school website.

Category A Learner (Vulnerable Groups Bursary)

£1200 guaranteed bursary to Vulnerable Learners in the following groups:

- In Care.
- Care Leavers.
- In receipt of Income Support.
- Disabled students in receipt of Disability Living Allowance AND Employment Support Allowance.

This may be given in two forms – “in kind” or a financial payment made at the start of each term.

Category B Learner (Discretionary Bursary)

Distribution of this element of the funding is at the discretion of Wickersley School & Sports College. It will be awarded following a financial assessment and is subject to available funds.

Initially the fund will be targeted at young people whose family income is less than £16190. However all students are encouraged to apply if they feel they are facing financial difficulties regardless of income. If you would like to discuss your eligibility please contact the Finance Manager.

Suggested Use of Bursary Funds:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), where required and not supplied by the provider.
- Travel to and from school.
- Meals – limited to the cost of a free school meal.
- Materials including stationary and educational resources.
- Text books.
- Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks, for young people on care courses.
- Fee/travel to University open day visits.
- School field visits where these relate directly to the course.
- Professional membership fees where these relate directly to the course.
- Sport Activities where these relate directly to the course.

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Our Courses

Art, Creative Arts and Technology

Design & Technology
Drama and Theatre Studies
Film Studies
Fine Art
Graphics
Music Technology
Performing Arts
Photography
Textiles

English

English Language
English Literature

Humanities

Business Studies
Applied Business
Economics
Geography
Government and Politics
History
Religious Studies
Travel and Tourism

ICT

IT
Computer Science

Mathematics

Core Maths
Mathematics
Further Mathematics

Modern Foreign Languages

French
Spanish

Physical Education

Applied Sport (Single, Double)
Dance
Physical Education
Protective Services

Science

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Applied Science (Single, Double)

Social Sciences

Childcare and Education Level 2
Childcare and Education Level 3
Health and Social Care (Single, Double)
Psychology
Sociology

For more information on our courses

Please visit sixthform.wickersley.net

Options Block

Please choose 3 or 4 options, 1 from each block. You can choose a mixture of applied and academic subjects across the options blocks.
English and Maths GCSE (Resit) - Only for students who don't secure Level 5 in GCSE
Please note: Options blocks are subject to change.

		ACADEMIC										APPLIED									
A	Biology	B	Business Studies	C	Film Studies	D	Maths														
	Drama		Chemistry		Graphics		English Language														
	Economics		Computer Science		Law		Geography														
	English Literature		Dance		Photography		History														
	Further Maths		Design & Technology		Physical Education		Psychology														
	Geography		Fine Art		Physics																
	Religious Studies		Politics		Psychology		English GCSE (Resit)*														
	Sociology				Spanish		Maths GCSE (Resit)*														
					Sociology																
	Performing Arts				Protective Services																
Applied Science		Health & Social Care (Double)*																			
		Protective Services (Double)*																			
		Applied Sport (Double)*																			
		Applied Science (Double)*	Applied Sport																		
		Performing Arts (Double)*	Health & Social Care																		
			Applied IT																		
			Applied Business																		
			Childcare & Education																		
			Travel & Tourism																		
			CACHE Level 2																		
			CACHE Level 3																		

*Double applied subjects will only run if there are large enough numbers.

Entry Requirements

Students must be aged between 16 and 18 on 31 August 2019. Applications for students outside that age group will be considered according to the individual circumstances of the case; details should be supplied in writing to the Sixth Form office.

The minimum qualification for entry into the Sixth Form is 5 4 grades including Maths and English.

There are specific entry requirements for some of our option subjects.

A student's suitability for their chosen subjects will also be taken into account, even if they meet the 5 4 grades threshold.

Final sixth form numbers will vary depending on combination of courses, availability of spaces.

Applicants will need to have a proven record of good or excellent effort and attendance in Year 11 in order to qualify for a place, verified by a suitable reference.

- For all A-Level sciences, a 7 in the relevant science, or at least an 7 in Additional Science, is required. A further entry test will be set in the first week of the course in September, this will be taken into account in assessing a student's suitability for the course.
- For the Applied Science course a minimum of a 4 grade at GCSE science, core or triple, is required.
- For Mathematics, a minimum of a 7 at GCSE Mathematics is required. A further entry test will be set in the first week of the course in September, this will be taken into account in assessing a student's suitability for the course.
- For Further Mathematics, a minimum of a grade 8 at GCSE Mathematics is required, as well as evidence of success beyond GCSE. A further entry test will be set in the first week of the course in September, this will be taken into account in assessing a student's suitability for the course.
- For English literature and language, a minimum of a 6 in English is required.
- For Economics a minimum of a 6 in Maths is required.
- For Psychology a minimum of a 5 in Maths and English is required
- For Religious Studies, Law, Politics, History, Geography, Sociology, Business, Film a minimum of a 5 in English is required.
- For Music a grade 5 in an instrument is required
- For Computer science a minimum of a 5 in Maths is required.
- For A-Level PE you need to be competing regularly in a sport for your school as a minimum.
- For Languages you need to have secured a 7 in the relevant language.

A student who does not achieve a grade 4 in their Maths and/or their English GCSE will be required to resit these GCSEs as a condition of their offer. We recommend that students who achieve a grade 4 also consider resitting Maths or English to secure a grade 5 during their time at Sixth Form.

If your current school does not offer one of these courses, please contact us for further advice.



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