

ETONBURY ACADEMY SIXTH FORM



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Welcome to ETA Sixth Form

What makes Etonbury Sixth Form special?

Mrs C Dowden - Head of Sixth Form

Etonbury Academy Sixth Form is unique being a small, friendly Sixth Form where all staff know their students well, resulting in high aspirations for everyone.

Develop the learner, develop the person is the Etonbury vision and this is exemplified in all aspects of Sixth Form life. Whilst the whole school community works together to ensure our students leave with fantastic set of qualifications, in the Sixth Form we also focus on developing the transferable skills through our enrichment opportunities, that are so highly valued by universities and employers. A well-rounded Sixth Former is more than just a good set of academic results; they show leadership qualities, teamwork, effective communication and creativity.

Whilst we want our students to excel in the classroom, we also want them to thrive as young adults, taking an active role in both our school community by supporting younger students, but also in the wider community by leading fundraising initiatives and gaining more independence on trips both aboard and within the UK.

Our dedicated pastoral team is the first point of call for our students and will support them throughout their time with us, both academically and for their well-being, as we understand this transition brings about great opportunities but also new challenges.

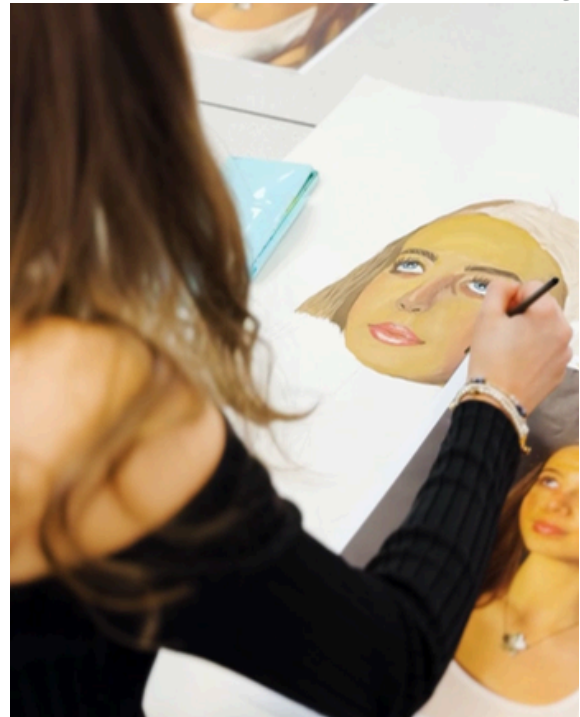
When supporting our students with their future plans, we have a tailored approach to helping students understand what options are available to them and supporting them through the application process with dedicated, timetabled lessons, whether that be university, apprenticeships or employment.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



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Vision & Mission



Vision

Etonbury is dedicated to delivering excellence in education. Our staff nurture well rounded, confident and responsible young people of whom we can all be proud. Individuals who have been inspired to achieve more than they ever believed possible.

In partnership with families and the community, our goal is to create relevant learning opportunities for pupils — both inside and outside the classroom — that help learners develop knowledge and skills that enable them to become critical thinkers, who are prepared to make meaningful contributions to their local, national and global communities.

We do this by providing a welcoming, happy, safe, and supportive environment in which everyone is equal and all achievements are celebrated.

All staff members at Etonbury are fully committed to this vision.

Mission

The ETA Way

Everyone is respectful

Together we care

Always aim higher

The mission statement/values – part of our everyday culture of the school.



Specialist Staff



Our staff are highly specialised in the subjects they teach at A Level / Level 3 and are experienced practitioners in teaching post 16 subjects.

Our dedicated staff are not only passionate about their subjects but also committed to nurturing your potential. They regularly participate in professional development to stay updated with the latest educational practices and innovations

Teachers have developed links to industry and careers to enable them to help you with careers advice and work experience contacts and applications to university.

'Teachers have high expectations and pupils rise to meet them'.

Our collaborative learning environment, encourages you to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are essential in today's world. Through their guidance and mentorship, you will be inspired to achieve your academic and personal goals.



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Relationships Established



You will develop excellent relationships with your teachers and thrive in the small class sizes we offer at Etonbury.

Form tutors dedicate pastoral time to supporting you in your transition into Sixth Form.

Whether you are transitioning from Year 11 or new to Etonbury Sixth Form you will receive a warm welcome. We look to foster an environment where you will feel supported and understood. With this in place you will thrive both academically and personally.

The familiarity with teaching styles, expectations, and feedback that staff have when teaching your course enables you to focus on deepening their understanding of complex subjects.

The collaborative atmosphere between you and your teachers leads to a very personalised learning experience, where your needs and aspirations are recognised and nurtured, ensuring you reach your full potential.



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Modern Facilities



The Sixth Form centre was designed by our students for our students. It offers a unique blend of undergraduate style working, with the pastoral team on hand to offer support and guidance. You can choose your preferred study space - tables to facilitate group work, office style tables or private booths for silent study - all of these are available to you throughout the day.

The 'Book & Latte' café and Sixth Form garden are unique to Etonbury. They offer a space that is both welcoming and collaborative. The café menu is selected especially for the Sixth Form students and offers a wide variety of hot and cold snacks and meals through the day.

The centre boasts classrooms equipped with the latest technology to support a modern learning experience. We also offer a free Chromebook to all Sixth Formers to support their learning both in and outside of the classroom.

We are able to provide resources that are designed to provide the best environment for your learning. Art and Product Design have specialist workrooms for Sixth Formers, specialist science laboratories, 3G sports facilities, access to the Pendleton Sports Centre and fitness suite.

Our modern facilities are designed to support a focused and inspiring learning environment across all subjects.

Experienced staff are always available to provide guidance and support, helping to foster a culture of curiosity and innovation. With these resources, we aim to nurture your potential and prepare you for future success in their chosen fields.

"It's an easy place to settle in. I joined the school knowing only four people and since then have found friends who will be my friends for life. The calm nature of the Sixth Form allows me to feel I have always been here and I would not want to be anywhere else."

Smaller Class Sizes

'Classrooms are calm orderly and purposeful.'

You will benefit from small classes enabling your teachers to really get to know you. Feedback is more personalised and support is provided as and when required.

Teachers work closely with your Sixth Form pastoral team, to ensure there is always a trusted adult available for you to help navigate the transition into Sixth Form life.

You are encouraged and empowered to engage more actively in discussions, collaborate effectively with your peers, and receive tailored guidance that aligns with your individual learning style. We want to take you out of your learning comfort zone and watch you thrive.

In our Sixth Form tutor groups, we combine Year 12 and Year 13 students to foster additional support and camaraderie. Our dedicated team of tutors brings a wealth of experience in university applications, apprenticeships, and diverse career paths to assist our students effectively.



"The best thing is probably the class sizes, as you can always get help if you need to and you can easily make friends with people in your classes –It makes it a lot easier to get your feet on the ground"



Subject Options

Ambitious curriculum - Inspiring curiosity and critical thinking.

Explore Our Courses and Opportunities

With over 23 course choices available, you can choose from a variety of A-levels, Level 3 BTECs, and Applied Diplomas. Discover the possibilities and select the perfect path for your academic journey. Start exploring today!

We encourage all prospective students to take a look at our Sixth Form subject guide. If you require any assistance, we are here to support you.

Etonbury Sixth Form Course Guide



Wider Curriculum Options

These qualifications help develop transferable study skills for your Sixth Form journey and beyond.

Choose from:

- Extended Project Qualification
- Further maths
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver

We provide a diverse range of enrichment opportunities for Sixth Form students, to include:

- Sports Leadership
- Senior Student Leadership
- Subject Champions
- Peer Mentoring
- Charity Fundraising Events
- Events for Junior School Pupils
- ETA Ambassadors
- Healthcare Academy
- School Productions
- UCAS & Future Planning

Let your interests guide you.

This will help you work diligently and achieve success!



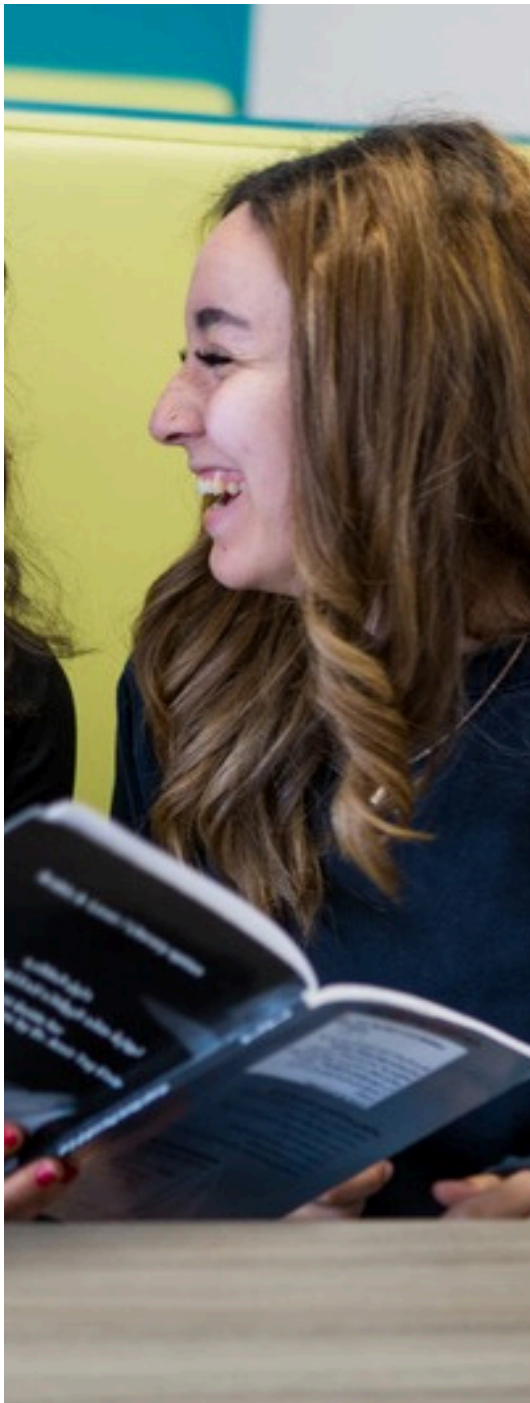
'Etonbury offers a good range of subjects which lots of other Sixth Forms don't, such as forensic science and criminology'.





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Pastoral Care



The Sixth Form Centre provides you with a hub for you to use. It also helps you to build new friendships across the Sixth Form.

A comprehensive PSHE curriculum is delivered to prepare you for life after Sixth Form and to be ready to enter the world of further education, apprenticeship or work equipped with the skills to be successful.

Our dedicated staff are always available to offer guidance and support, ensuring that student wellbeing and personal growth are a priority. Sixth Form mentoring sessions are designed to help you navigate the challenges of academic life while also focusing on your emotional and social development.



"I appreciate the personal development programme, such as PSHE lessons, careers education and 1:1 meetings with the careers advisor. I also enjoyed going to the UCAS convention to get support with choosing a university."





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Communication



We know how important it is to communicate with your parents and carers. The Sixth Form team sends out a bulletin each week to you and your parents/carers, providing weekly information about the Sixth Form.

Subject consultation evenings with your teachers provide you with a valuable opportunity for you and your parents/carers to engage in discussions with your about your academic journey and to collaborate on strategies that support you.

Regular communication ensures that your parents are always in the loop regarding their your education and well-being. Fostering strong partnerships between the school and home ensuring you reach your full potential.



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Student Wellbeing



Physical activity and planned breaks in your study time are important to support your wellbeing. The ETA PE team offer a relaxed and informal space for you to participate in recreational PE and sports fixtures with other Sixth Forms.

There are opportunities to engage in various sports and activities, from yoga and pilates to more traditional sports like basketball and football, the diverse offerings ensure that there's something for everyone.

The Pendleton gym offers reduced membership rates for you and we are happy for you to access this facility during the school day. We actively encourage you to make use of the gym as part of a healthy lifestyle, supporting both your physical wellbeing and mental health throughout your time in Sixth Form.



"I like that we still have optional PE lessons on our timetable so we can unwind. I also like being able to go to the gym during the day."





Life after Sixth Form

You will have weekly career sessions and access to Unifrog so you can explore your options after Year 13. You will be offered a one to one careers interview to help guide you with your destination plan.

We are part of the Bedfordshire Raising Aspirations group, which offers the very highest achieving students extra support if you wish to apply to Oxbridge or Medicine courses. You will follow a pathway that offers access to tutors and tutorials that help you to prepare your applications and for university interviews.

If you are considering a degree apprenticeship, we have a specialist support programme for you. as an alternative to university.

The Sixth Form careers team organise a trip to the UCAS convention in London to provide you with access to a large number of universities. We invite local universities into Etonbury Sixth Form to offer talks on applying to university and student finance.

In addition to these resources, we offer workshops on CV writing, interview skills, and personal statement crafting to ensure you are well-prepared for your next steps. Our alumni network is active and provides valuable insights and mentorship opportunities, helping you understand various career paths and the realities of different industries.



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Trips & Visits

We are delighted to offer a huge range of exciting trips and visits to our Sixth Form students. We seek to provide you with memorable experiences over the two years you are with us.

Transatlantic trips to New York and Washington DC, ski trip to Italy , visits to the Houses of Parliament, mock bar competitions are just a few of the trips and visits we have offered our students. We are proud of our award winning debate team at national and international level. Etonbury Sixth Form students visited Auschwitz with the Holocaust Foundation.

The science department organised trips to GlaxoSmithKline and the observatory in Bedford. All Year 12s go to the UCAS convention so they can talk to university and apprenticeship providers. Business and sociology departments have taken groups to London for a revision conference and our artists have been to various exhibitions locally and nationally.



Leadership Opportunities



You will be provided with numerous opportunities to develop your leadership skills through our senior student leadership team, diversity and equality officer and fundraising committee.

We see you as role models for the younger students, helping them with their work and around the school. We encourage you to give back to the community through fundraising activities and supporting staff in lessons, clubs.

Our collaborative approach ensures that you feel heard and valued, fostering your sense of ownership and responsibility within our school community. By prioritising open communication, we aim to create an environment where you can thrive both academically and personally.



"The Sixth Form is treated as a separate part of the school, but we have the opportunity to take on roles that help the whole school community, such as helping the younger students in Juniors. I have really enjoyed being able to support the Yr11s with their GCSEs."





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