



FEARNHILL
SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION BOOKLET



Introduction

Welcome to the Fearnhill Sixth Form prospectus. We hope it gives you the information you need as you plan your next steps after Year 11. The Sixth Form is a source of great pride here at Fearnhill; it represents the very best of our ethos and approach and we are proud of the high quality teaching and the excellent results our students achieve. The Sixth Form experience is, of course, a time of personal growth, exploration and enrichment as well as hard work. Students at Fearnhill consistently achieve well and secure places at Russell Group universities, colleges, apprenticeships or in the workplace. What they all have in common is that they are well-rounded, confident and articulate young adults who are ready to make their contribution to society. I know you are excited and nervous about what comes next. At Fearnhill we will support and guide you to be ambitious and achieve your very best.



Whatever your plans for the future, at Fearnhill you will be known, valued and supported for who you are and what you bring. We look forward to working with you!

Liz Ellis

Headteacher

Welcome to Fearnhill Sixth Form

Sixth Form is a fantastic stepping stone for any student's future. Serious study combined with opportunities for personal development, within the stability of a school structure can really build confidence, resilience and aspirations within young people. Fearnhill students are enthusiastic, determined and happy and they leave our Sixth Form as versatile young adults eager to take their place in, and contribute to, society.



Obtaining excellent qualifications is fundamental to Sixth Form life, but at Fearnhill this is balanced with the aim of developing essential personal qualities. Our students are involved in sport, performing arts as well as giving back to our school and local community, which equips our students with leadership skills needed for the future.

This experience takes place in our nurturing and supportive environment where we guide you to help and better yourselves as learners and individuals. You will be encouraged to develop intellectual curiosity, to read around your studies and to challenge theoretical ideas. These essential study skills, alongside time management and organisation, are the qualities that lead to the success of our Fearnhill Sixth Form.

Alongside The Highfield School, we offer an exceptionally wide range of stimulating and dynamic subjects which allows you to pursue your passions, and facilitates entry to the highest quality universities and apprenticeship schemes. We offer the Extended Project Qualification which stretches and challenges students and is a wonderful preparation for future independent study and Core Maths, an additional Level 3 qualification which supports the practical use of Mathematics within business and finance.

Students in the Sixth Form have fun, work hard and make lifelong friendships. In joining us, you will become part of our Fearnhill Family, in which everyone settles quickly and where there is a shared desire to succeed, and to help and support others. I look forward to receiving your applications to our Sixth Form.

Mr Marlow



Subjects offered within the Fearnhill & Highfield

Sixth Form Consortium *



**subjects listed are not guaranteed to run as they are dependent on the numbers of students choosing to take the course.*

Offered Only At	Subject	Qualification
Fearnhill	3D Design	A Level
	Biology	A Level
	Business Studies	A Level
	Chemistry	A Level
	Computer Science	A Level
Fearnhill	Core Mathematics	BTEC - Level 3
	Criminology	BTEC - Level 3
Highfield	Dance	BTEC - Level 3
	Drama and Theatre Studies	A Level
Highfield	Economics	A Level
	English Literature	A Level
Highfield	English Language	A Level
Highfield	Film Studies	A Level
	Fine Art	A Level
Highfield	French	A Level
Highfield	Food & Catering	BTEC - L3
Highfield	Further Maths (must have Maths as an option)	A Level
	Geography	A Level
Highfield	Government and Politics	A Level
	Health and Social Care	BTEC - L3
	History	A Level
Highfield	Law	A-Level
	Mathematics	A Level
Fearnhill	Media Studies	A-Level
	Music	A Level
Fearnhill	Performing Arts	BTEC – L3
Highfield	Philosophy and Ethics	A Level
Highfield	Photography	A Level
	Physical Education	A Level
	Physics	A Level
	Psychology	A Level
	Sociology	A Level
Fearnhill	Spanish	A Level
Highfield	Sport Science	BTEC – L3
Highfield	Textiles	A Level

Curriculum vision

The Fearnhill Post-16 vision reflects the values of the whole school:

To offer a rigorous and transformational education, that delivers excellence and challenge through a curriculum determined by the students themselves. Ultimately, leading their own journey and being regularly held accountable for their progress.

Our vision is for all students to flourish in their learning and develop the knowledge and skills needed to progress with confidence.

For many that will mean obtaining fantastic academic qualifications to access some of the best universities and careers in the world, for others it will mean developing a broader range of skills, preparing for adult life, so that they can lead full and productive lives as members of their own community.

We achieve this by providing our students with:

- A stimulating learning environment.
- An ethos in which everyone is valued, respected, motivated, supported and encouraged to strive for success.
- A high quality of teaching and learning, through a skilled, trained and dedicated staff team.
- A student-led, broad but balanced curriculum.
- Care, support and guidance through a caring and nurturing community, resulting in excellent high-quality personal development and behaviour.
- Preparation for adult life by enabling work-based opportunities.
- Where appropriate, the facility to gain the skills necessary for paid employment through work-related experiences, activities and Project Search.
- Enrichment opportunities through a comprehensive PSHCE program, delivering spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils.
- Working in partnership with students, their families, professionals and local authorities, to prepare leavers for life after Fearnhill.

University Destinations

Many of our students continue their studies at prestigious universities studying a wide range of courses. Below are some destinations from our 2022 cohort:

Medicine at Southampton

Dentistry at King's College London

Physics with Astrophysics at Manchester

Mathematics at Birmingham

Finance at Bristol

German and Linguistics at York

Medical Genetics at Queen Mary University of London

Psychology at Sussex

English Literature at Portsmouth

Computer Science at Lincoln

Biomedical Science at Kingston University

Sports Therapy at Essex

and more!

We also champion Degree Apprenticeships at Fearnhill. For more information on Apprenticeships, please visit [the UCAS website](https://wwwucas.com).



What are the Entry Requirements for Sixth Form?

If you have achieved a GCSE Grade 4 in five subjects or more you can apply to study A Level and BTEC subjects. Below are the entry requirements for subjects offered at Fearnhill:

Subject	Qualification	Entry Criteria
3D Design	A Level	5 in 3D Design GCSE or 5 in Art. (If neither subject have been studied at GCSE, please communicate with Mr Tim Rayner)
Art	A Level	5 in Art. (If subject has not been studied at GCSE, please communicate with Ms Ilona Clifton)
Biology	A Level	6 in Biology, or 66 in Double Science and 6 in Maths.
Business Studies	A Level	5 in Business Studies. If Business Studies has not been studied at GCSE, a 5 in English, 5 in Maths and a 5 in a Humanities subject is required.
Core Maths	Level 3	4 in Maths
Chemistry	A Level	6 in Chemistry, or 66 in Double Science and 6 in Maths.
Computer Science	A Level	5 in Computer Science and a 5 in Maths. If Computer Science has not been studied at GCSE, please arrange communication with Mr Andrew Hipperson.
Criminology	BTEC - Level 3	5 in English and 4 in a Humanities subject
Drama and Theatre Studies	A Level	5 in Drama GCSE
English Literature	A Level	6 in English Literature
Extended Project Qualification	Level 3	Six 6-9s at GCSE
Geography	A Level	6 in Geography GCSE and 5 in English. If you have not studied Geography at GCSE, you must have a 6 in another Humanities subject.
Health and Social Care	BTEC - L3	4 in English and 44 in Double Science
History	A Level	6 in History GCSE and 5 in English. If you have not studied History at GCSE, you must have a 6 in another Humanities subject.

Mathematics	A Level	6 in Maths GCSE
Media Studies	A-Level	5 in Media Studies. If Media Studies has not been studied at GCSE, you must have a 5 in English.
Music	A Level	5 in GCSE Music. If not studied, students must be of at least Grade 6 performance standard.
Performing Arts	BTEC – L3	4 in Music, Drama or Dance and 4 in English. If none of these subjects have been studied, communication with Mrs Hannah Landsman and Mr Mark Sheridan is required.
Physical Education	A Level	5 in PE GCSE, or Merit in Sports Studies, and 44 in Double Science.
Physics	A Level	6 in Physics, or 66 in Double Science and 6 in Maths.
Psychology	A Level	6 in Psychology GCSE and 5 in English. If you have not studied Psychology at GCSE, you must have a 6 in another Humanities subject.
Sociology	A Level	6 in Sociology at GCSE and 5 in English. If you have not studied Sociology at GCSE, you must have a 6 in another Humanities subject.
Spanish	A Level	6 in Spanish.

Please note that all applications for the Sixth Form are assessed on an individual basis, by your subject teachers and the Heads of Sixth so that we can offer you personalised support. If you miss out on the entry criteria, please still contact us.

What if I don't achieve a Grade 4 in Maths or English at GCSE?

Employers, Colleges and Apprenticeships require a **grade 4 in GCSE Maths and English Language**.

If you do not achieve a **grade 4** at GCSE in **Maths or English Language**, you will be expected to attend **compulsory** timetabled lessons in the relevant subject and to retake these exams.

How do I apply for Sixth Form?

- For Internal students, an electronic survey of the subjects we offer at both Fearnhill and Highfield has been emailed out to you to complete. The survey asked you for your interest in specific subjects for Post-16.
- The [Fearnhill Sixth Form Application Form](#) will open on 10th November at 9am. The deadline for applications will be 2nd December 4pm.
- Based on the Applications, we will work alongside Highfield to put together the subject blocks
- All applicants will be interviewed to discuss choices in January. We will aim to support your choices as much as possible between the two schools.
- Your offer letter will be sent out shortly after all the interviews have taken place
- Internal applicants will have meetings with the Senior Leadership Team in the Spring term post mock exams.
- On results day, all applicants will need to meet with the Senior Leadership Team to finalise their subject choices within option blocks.

The Right People, on the Right Course, for the Right Future

If you know what you would like to do as a career in the future, make sure you do your research and ask yourself some of the following questions:

- What qualifications will help you in your choice of career?
- Do you know if you need specific qualifications?
- Do you need to go to University or is there an Apprenticeship route after Sixth Form?
- Is this career choice your only option or are you undecided? If so, should you broaden your selection of subjects?

Examples:

- If you wish to become a lawyer, some universities and employers recommend that you study History rather than a Law degree.

You could look at choosing History, English Literature and Sociology as your options, which will also work well in many other career paths if you should change your mind.

- If you wish to become a Midwife or Nurse, you will have to study for a degree at university. Subjects to choose could be Biology, BTEC Health & Social Care and Psychology.
- If you wish to become an Engineer, you could look at Physics, Maths and 3D Design.

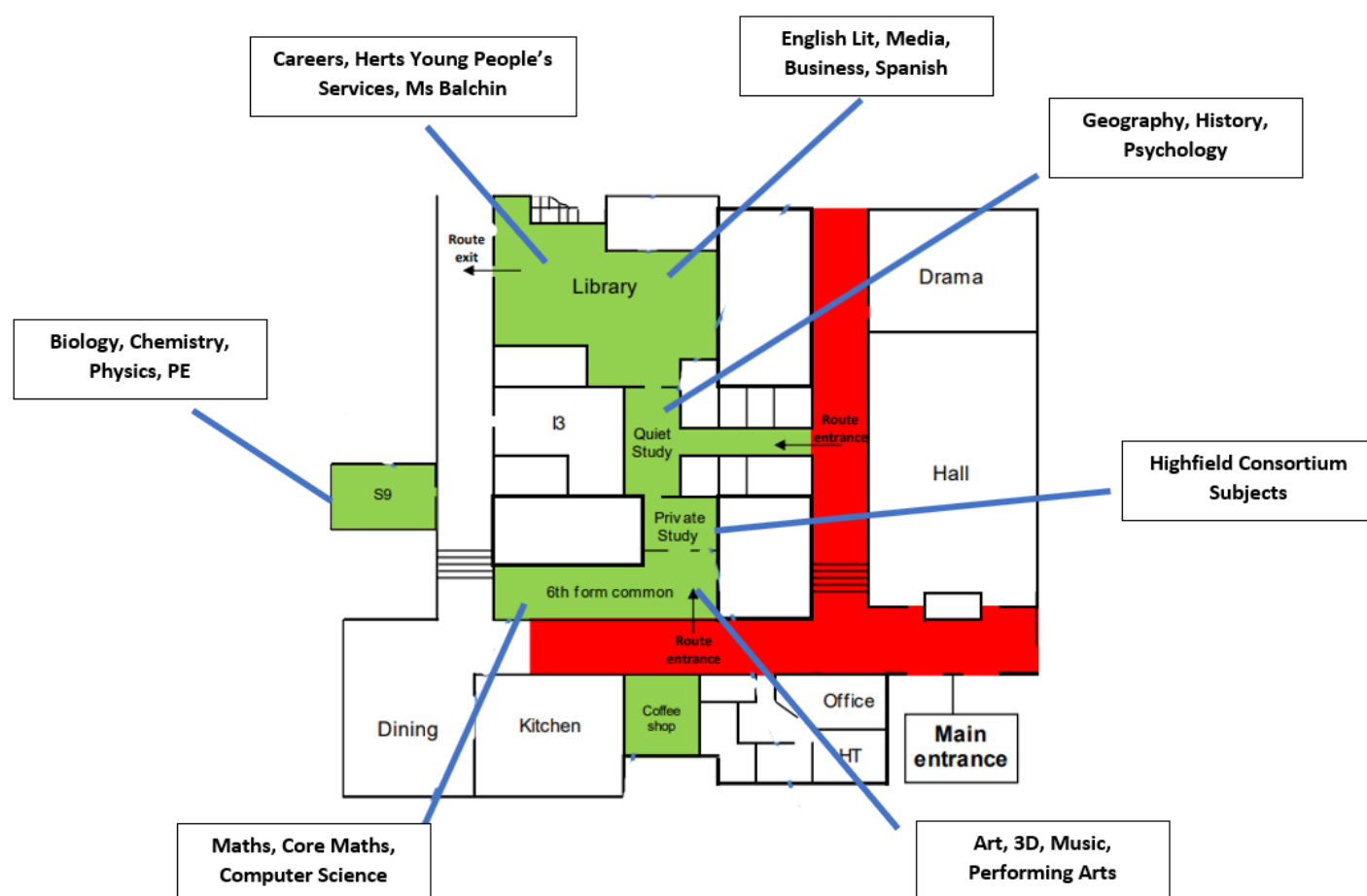
When choosing your options, consider the following questions:

- Are these my strongest subjects?
- Will I enjoy these subjects?

Remember, you need to be researching all the different career paths and subject options you can.

- Talk to your teachers, your tutors, Ms Balchin and Mr Marlow
- Take a look at the UCAS website, for detailed advice use the website below:
www.ucas.com/ucas/16-18-choices/find-career-ide

Map for Sixth Form Open Evening 2022



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do I have to come to school every day in the Sixth Form?

You will be expected to be in school all day, every day.

Will I have “free periods”?

No, your timetable will include supervised **self-study or private study periods** where you will be expected to work independently, researching your subjects to develop further understanding of your topics and preparing yourselves for your next lessons.

Is there a dress code in the Fearnhill Sixth Form?

Yes, we have a sixth form dress code that should be adhered to. We require our students to wear smart office wear.

Is there homework?

Yes. You will be given homework for all three of your subjects and we cannot stress how important it is that you meet your deadlines.

If you are struggling, please talk to your teachers and they will support you. We cannot help you if you arrive to class without homework done and we expect that as young adults, you ensure you speak to staff about it first.

Are we part of the House system?

Absolutely! You will be encouraged to get involved in the House system, the sixth form and the whole school community. Internal students will remain in your original House and externals will be allocated a house.

It is important to understand that you will act as role models for the rest of school.

SIXTH FORM TEAM – YOUR SUPPORT

*“Knowing someone is there for you,
no matter how big or small your problem is”*

- **YOUR SIXTH FORM TUTOR**

Your tutor is your first and main contact during your time in the sixth form and will provide you with support and guidance.

The relationship with your tutor will be the foundation of your time in the sixth form; therefore it is important that you discuss everything in the first instance with them. Attendance, Attainment and Monitoring will all be the whole sixth form team's focus and this will be led by your tutor.

- **YOUR HEAD OF YEAR**

Your **Head of Sixth Form** will ensure that you have a clear direction in your future, whether that is at university, employment or an apprenticeship, and will ensure that you are working to your highest potential and have the correct resources, information and support to achieve this outcome.

You will be expected to play a key role in your own success during sixth form and will be given independence and responsibility to help you grow and develop as a young adult.

Course Information

3D Design - [click here](#)

Art - [click here](#)

Biology - [click here](#)

Business Studies - [click here](#)

Core Maths - [click here](#)

Computer Science - [click here](#)

English Literature - [click here](#)

Extended Project Qualification - [click here](#)

Geography - [click here](#)

History - [click here](#)

Mathematics - [click here](#)

Media Studies - [click here](#)

Music - [click here](#)

Performing Arts BTEC - [click here](#)

Physical Education - [click here](#)

Physics - [click here](#)

Psychology - [click here](#)

Spanish - [click here](#)

For information on subjects not listed, please talk to Mr Marlow

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