



FEARNHILL
SCHOOL

Year 11
Sixth Form Information
Booklet

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Subjects offered within the Fearnhill & Highfield Sixth Form Consortium



Subject	Qualification
Biology	A Level
Business Studies	A Level
Business	BTEC - L3
Chemistry	A Level
Computer Science	A Level
Dance	A Level
Drama and Theatre	A Level
English Literature	A Level
English Language	A Level
Events Operations	BTEC L2
Film Studies	A Level
Fine Art	A Level
French	A Level
Further Maths (must have Maths as an option)	A Level
Geography	A Level
Government & Politics	A Level
Health and Social Care	BTEC - L3
History	A Level
Economics	A Level
Event Operations	L2
Mathematics	A Level
Media Studies	A-Level
Music	A Level
Performing Arts	BTEC – L3
Philosophy and Ethics	A Level
Photography	A Level
Physical Education	A Level
Physics	A Level
Psychology	A Level
Sociology	A Level
Spanish	A Level
Sport	BTEC – L3
Textiles	A Level
Travel and Tourism	BTEC - L2

Curriculum vision

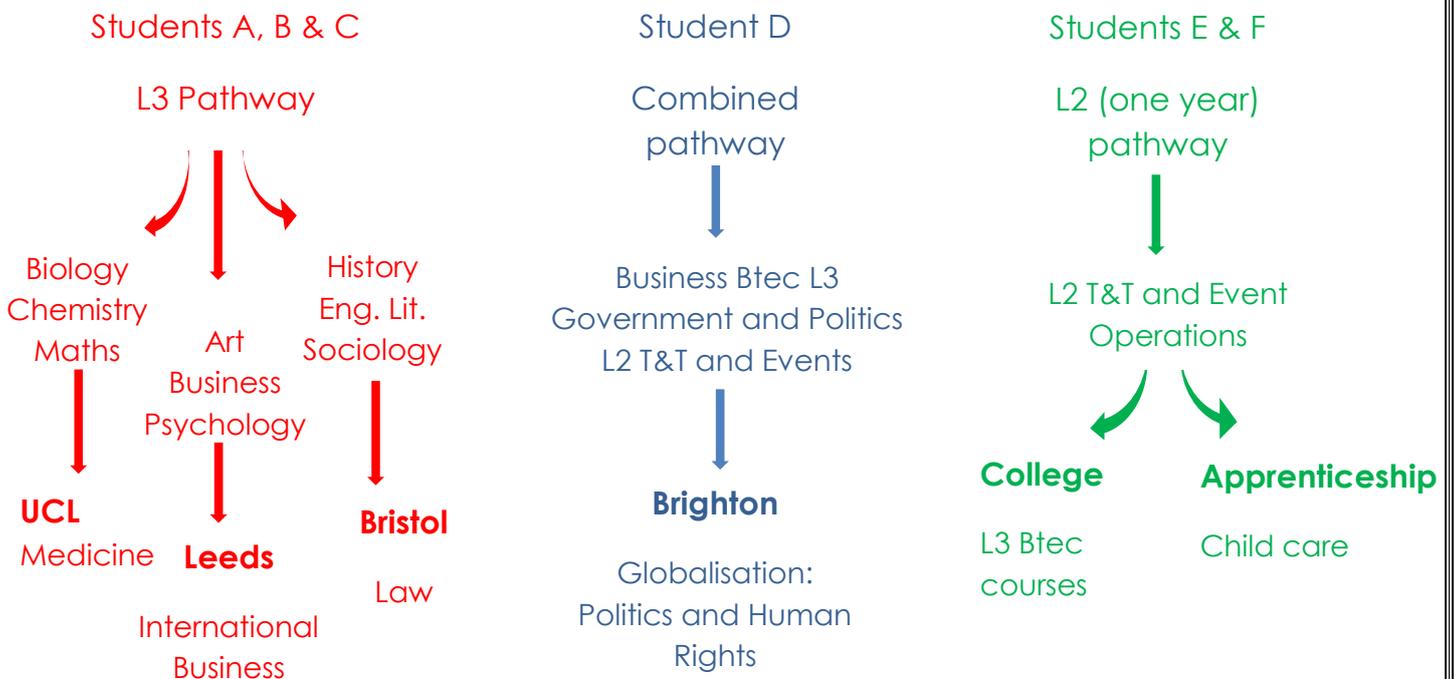
The Fearnhill post 16 vision reflects the values of the whole school:

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.

Some examples of actual pathways and destinations 2018-19 are illustrated below:



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 behavior.
- 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.

What are the Entry Requirements for Sixth Form?

Fearnhill Sixth Form is proud to be an inclusive sixth form. This means that we welcome every Year 11 and offer courses to students with a wide range of abilities and talents.

Level 3 entry

If you have achieved a GCSE Grade 4 in five subjects or more you can apply to study A Level and BTEC subjects.

For the following subjects the entry requirement is slightly higher:

- If you wish to study **A Level Maths**, you must have at least a 6 or above at GCSE in Maths
- If you wish to study **Physics, Biology or Chemistry**, you must have at least a 6 or above at GCSE in Maths and your chosen science
- If you wish to study A Level **English Literature**, you must have a grade 5 or above at GCSE in English
- If you wish to study A Level **History, Geography or Sociology**, you must have a grade 5 or above at GCSE in History, Geography or English Language
- If you wish to study A Level **Economics** you must have a grade 5 or above at GCSE in Maths and English Language

Level 2 Entry

If you do not achieve grade 4 in five GCSEs, we offer a programme of study where you will work towards BTECs in Travel & Tourism and Events Operations. You will also follow a work experience programme with local employers and continue with your study of English and Maths.

The Level 2 course provides an opportunity for students to remain at Fearnhill and to be a full member of our progressive sixth form whilst continuing with support from the teachers that know them.

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.

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 you 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?

- An electronic survey of the subjects we offer at both Fearnhill and Highfield will be emailed out to you to complete. The survey will ask for your preferred choices of three subjects and a reserve subject
- Based on the results of this survey, we will work alongside Highfield to put together the subject blocks
- We will aim to support your choices as much as possible between the two schools
- An Application Form with the confirmed subject blocks will be sent home in January.
 - You will be asked to choose **3** subjects, one from each block
 - Deadline for sixth form applications is **Friday 5th February 2021**
- Interviews will be held shortly after, in the second half of the Spring Term
 - Your offer letter will be sent out shortly after all the interviews have taken place

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 can you apply for a 'higher' apprenticeship 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, 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 would be BTEC Health & Social Care, Psychology, Sociology, English Literature or Biology.
- If you wish to become an Engineer, you should look at Physics, Maths, Product Design or Graphic 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 Dixon
- Take a look at the UCAS website, for detailed advice use the website below:

www.ucas.com/further-education/find-career-ideas

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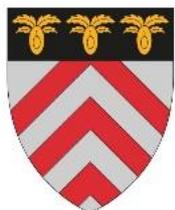
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS...

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 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 still 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 and will remain in your original 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 Year** 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.