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A New School, Same Ethos and Values

It is a delight to be able to welcome prospective Sixth Form students to our wonderful new facility at Beaumont Avenue. Although the transition from our old site was not without challenges, it is fantastic to now have the wonderful learning environment that our students richly deserve. We have been sure to retain the strong values and ethos that have served us so well for many years, though we can now do so in a school designed and built for the future, equipped with cutting edge technology and state-of-the-art teaching spaces, that will give our students an even better quality of experience than we have been able to in the past.

The sixth form centre really is the jewel in the crown, with its impressive combination of comfortable social space and efficient, business-like study areas, which means the students are easily able to strike the right balance during the day and reflects how important we think it is for them to have a positive two-year experience. The school is blessed with a magnificent main hall, which also serves as a brilliant performance venue. All classrooms have the latest touchscreen displays; we have two very well-equipped drama studios; numerous music practice rooms; eleven science labs; a sixth form café; a strength & conditioning gym; a huge 6-court sports hall and excellent outdoor sports facilities including our new all-weather pitch.

This is a very exciting time to be joining our sixth form, as we look to combine all the wonderful innovations in technology with our traditional ethos. I want sixth form students to be happy and enjoy school life, though we expect them to work hard and engage positively, and they really benefit as a result. I hope you too will want to join our Year 12 next year and feel very much a part of the *Black & Gold* Community.

Mr D. Reeve,
Headteacher



Welcome to our Sixth Form

Joining TBSHS Sixth Form means becoming part of a supportive, empowering, dynamic, and stimulating environment. We encourage you to be a role model – driven, innovative, inventive, adaptable, hardworking, versatile, and compassionate. We want you to embody the Black and Gold spirit.

Being Black and Gold means fully engaging with the incredible opportunities available to our Year 12, from our outdoor adventure trip to a wide range of weekly enrichment activities in sports, performing arts, music, debate and more. Our students consistently reach the finals of national tournaments in football, debating, and public speaking. Sixth Formers also experience international trips to destinations such as Switzerland, France, Germany, Austria, South Africa and Sri Lanka, with some performing in esteemed venues, debating at the prestigious Oxford and Cambridge unions, or hearing from high-profile speakers like double Olympic medallist from Paris 2024, Sam Reardon.

Being Black and Gold means honouring our rich traditions while embracing a forward-thinking, creative, and energetic approach. Our Sixth Form students lead by example for the younger pupils, taking on key leadership roles both within the school and in the broader community.

“Sixth formers are excellent role models, running extra-curricular clubs and organising school events.” – Ofsted 2023

Your post-16 education is a thrilling period of exploration, dedication, and forging friendships. It's a time to chart your future path, and in our Sixth Form, you will cultivate the independence, adaptability, and perseverance, along with the mental flexibility and strength of character essential to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

Being Black and Gold means being encouraged and pushed every day by enthusiastic, knowledgeable staff who are committed to your success. It also

requires embracing a strong work ethic to achieve the highest academic results.

“Sixth form students regularly secure the top grades at A level.” – Ofsted 2023

We offer exceptional, personalised post-18 support and guidance. In 2025, 64% of our students progressed to higher education, with 38% of them securing places at Russell Group universities, including two in medicine and four at Oxbridge. An increasing number of students are pursuing highly sought-after apprenticeships, and I am immensely proud that this year 12% of students secured positions with organisations including the Police, BBC Broadcasting and Media Systems Engineering, Pell Frischmann, BlackRock Investment, GSK, British Airways, and St. James's Place Wealth Management, among others.

Our new school building and Sixth Form Centre are stunning; cutting edge facilities for the present and the future. But it is our values that are lived out daily in our classrooms, sports fields, debating halls, music rooms and the wider community that make us Black and Gold. I hope to see many of you here at our Open Evening and Sixth Form Induction in the summer to see it for yourselves.

Mr G. Munro,
**Assistant Headteacher,
Head of Sixth Form**



Starting Sixth Form Life at TBSHS

We are a mixed Sixth Form with around 200 students joining Year 12 each year. From day one, you will notice that we are a friendly and inclusive community, and we take care to make sure your move to our School is a positive one. On your very first day of Year 12, the timetable is set aside for team building and developing new friendships. Within the first month at TBSHS, all Year 12 students take part in an outdoor residential where you will have the chance to try activities such as climbing, archery, paddle-boarding and kayaking. We place real emphasis on students taking part, and our staff join in too – it's not unusual to find yourself rafting alongside your tutor! These shared experiences will help you to feel settled quickly and to become a valued member of your tutor group. We know that students who feel comfortable and confident enjoy school life most, both in and beyond the classroom.

To help you rise to the challenge of A-Level and BTEC study, you will have access to Sixth Form-only study spaces, designed to support focused and independent learning. Our Summer Bridging Units and Tutorial Programme are also there to ease your move from Year 11 and to help you meet

our ambitious academic expectations. Your tutor will hold regular one-to-one sessions with you, offering constructive feedback and providing space for you to reflect on your progress. Both the Sixth Form Management Team and the Year 12 Tutors are on hand to give academic guidance for those adjusting to the demands of post-16 courses, as well as pastoral care for anyone who may find the transition more difficult.

We believe our most engaged students are often the ones who achieve the most. That's why we encourage everyone to play an active role in Sixth Form life – whether that's through the Curriculum Enhancement programme, in lessons, as part of a society, or during our compulsory Wednesday Enrichment programme. There are also countless opportunities to build your skills and interests further through student-led clubs and activities.

During our Induction period in the summer, you will sample much of what is on offer here and get the chance to be Black and Gold for a couple of days!





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Amy
A-Level Economics, Maths, Further Maths

"I chose the subjects that interested me the most. I have always enjoyed maths and found the subject very intriguing so choosing to continue to study maths and further maths was a simple choice for me. I chose economics because it is so relevant to today's society and global challenges. Studying it at TBSHS has made me realise that it's a path which I hope to pursue post-18."



Amro
A-Level Maths, Economics, Chemistry

"I enjoyed both STEM and essay related subjects during GCSE and plan to pursue something related to finance or science post-18. I find the content of my subjects very interesting at A-level and feel the teachers are very supportive."

What Should I Study in The Sixth Form?

We offer a wide range of subjects in Sixth Form. Our top advice is to choose the subjects that you enjoy the most and to play to your strengths, whilst also bearing in mind any career aspirations that you may already have. For example, if you wish to become a doctor you would need to study Chemistry and at least one other science, often Biology. If you wish to become an engineer, studying subjects like Maths and Physics will be essential. If you are not sure what career path you wish to follow, then select subjects that you enjoy or find interesting. We know that our happiest students are our best performing and most motivated. Our own students are always happy to share their reasons for selecting their subject combinations, so feel free to speak to them during our Open Evening or Induction days.

When we come to create our timetable, we do our utmost to ensure that as many subject combinations as possible can be accommodated. To further enhance your curriculum, you will choose an Enhancement Option that is designed to prepare you for undergraduate study, leadership or employment. You can find more information about all our courses and the GCSE grades that they require in our *Options and Subjects* booklet.

Our most recent Ofsted report praised our exceptionally high-quality guidance. If you would like more specific advice on which subjects to choose, then please get in touch. We would be very happy to talk through your options.



Leah
A-Level French, Chemistry, Biology, Maths

"I tried to pick those subjects which I enjoyed most, but also which would allow me to study medicine at university. I always enjoyed STEM subjects and felt challenged by them, which is why I chose Biology, Chemistry and Maths. As for French, I've always found the ability to speak another language very useful and appreciated the opportunities which it provides you to meet new people and better understand different cultures."



Brandon
A-Level Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry, Physics

"Maths, physics, and chemistry seemed like a simple choice, as I chose the subjects that I was hooked by whilst at TBSHS since year 7. They are really fascinating to me, and it made sense to study subjects I'd want to do as a career in the future, pursuing engineering. Choosing further maths was quite daunting but I wanted to challenge myself in a way I didn't experience at GCSE."

Teaching and Learning

You will be joining the Sixth Form in order to maximise your academic potential and we are passionate about helping you make this happen. The Sixth Form has two dedicated study areas as well as a well equipped library. Independent Study is a skill that we will help you to develop, as it will enable you to find success at Sixth Form and Higher Education.

You will find that your teachers will all be dedicated experts in their respective fields, sharing their knowledge with you through innovative and inspiring lessons. You will be encouraged to discover things

for yourself and ask questions to deepen your learning. Subject teachers will stretch and challenge you and you are expected to work hard in return.

Our teaching staff will go that extra mile to support you outside of your lessons, meeting with you in study periods, at lunchtimes and after school to reinforce your learning.

On top of your A-Level and BTEC studies, you will be given a choice of a curriculum enhancement option to broaden your CV and your independent study skills. You will be able to choose from:

- **Core Maths** – is an AS Level equivalent award, which enables students to increase their confidence in using mathematics to be better equipped for the mathematical demands of other courses, higher education and employment.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Gold Award)** – is an internationally recognised award, which will give you skills, confidence and an edge over others when you apply for college, university or a job. You do not need to have done the Bronze Award to this option in Sixth Form.
- **Extended Project Qualification** – is an AS Level equivalent award, which will help you to develop a range of extra study skills. It is highly valued by higher education institutions as it demonstrates your dedication to independent learning and is often included in offers made by institutions to applicants.
- **Fundamentals of Finance Qualification** – allows students to develop essential knowledge of the financial services sector and commonly used financial products, such as shares, bonds and insurance and it will provide you with an understanding of financial terminology.
- **Sports Leaders Qualification** – which will enhance your leadership and coaching skills. In this qualification, you will be given the opportunity to coach younger students within the school and in surrounding primary schools. It is a great qualification to demonstrate that you have used your 'soft skills' to great effect.

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"Sixth-form students are well supported by teachers who know their subject well. Students enjoy exploring their teachers' theses from their doctorate degrees. Teachers do not shy away from giving students complex material that undergraduates would study." Ofsted 2023

**“Leaders and teachers continue to deliver high-quality education.”
Ofsted 2023**



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Sixth Form
Management Team



A TYPICAL TBSHS DAY FOR FIN

Time	Session	Fin's Comments
0830	Morning Registration	My form tutor starts with telling us all the important notices for the day, (including the most important-what's for lunch)! We are normally given some time to talk with others, preparing us for the day ahead.
0840 - Period 1	A-Level Media Studies	Media is always great because I never know what it will entail. We can be doing anything from analysing film, a music video, or even the news. Our teacher also likes to surprise us with the occasional quiz to keep us on our toes.
0940 - Period 2	A-Level Politics	Politics is always an interesting lesson. We are all encouraged to get as involved as we can, helping us learn more key facts and terminology. The support of my teachers has really helped improve my evaluative skills so even the occasional essay can be interesting to write and explore!
1040	Break	At breaktime, I like to catch up with my friends and grab some fresh air in the courtyard. Food is always available, which is super helpful to give that extra energy boost for the rest of the day!
1100 - Period 3	Study Period	Although I found it tough initially, I have now learnt how to manage my time effectively and efficiently. It is also helpful to revise in a quiet and calm space, without disruptions.
1200 - Period 4	A-Level Religious Studies	RS is always a highlight of my day. I genuinely look forward to finding out which ethical, philosophical or religious topic I will be learning about, and then debate and discuss, really improving my critical thinking.
1300	Lunch	Lunch is another opportunity to catch up with friends. There is often a rush for the hot meals, which go down well! It also provides an opportunity to get involved with extra-curricular clubs.
1400	Study Period or DofE	Often, I will have an extra study period; however I also occasionally have a DofE slot. DofE is a great way to develop skills; planning routes and deciding meals always prove exciting, and I can't wait for the expedition later this year!
1500	Afternoon Registration	The end of the day varies from assemblies, PSHE, citizenship, or even some time to study. No matter what it is, it is always something to embrace and learn, allowing us to truly be the best we can, and live up to the 'Black and Gold' standards.
	Extracurricular Activities	I love to get involved in the extra-curricular activities. I am part of Interact, the TBSHS charity group, debating and public speaking. I have started writing occasionally for the school paper and enjoy being part of the backstage crew for drama and music performances. All the clubs are great fun, and I always learn something new, helping to shape the person that I am today.

Community and the 'Black and Gold' Ethos

Community is one of our core values and we are proud of the fact that our students are part of a warm, diverse and welcoming community. As Sixth Form students and leaders of the school, you will set the standard for younger pupils. You will lead by example, behaving and dressing professionally, readying you for your progression to Higher Education, apprenticeship or employment. You will run your own Senior Prefect Team, Sixth Form Council and Sixth Form Committee and provide valuable guidance to younger students through our paired reading, peer mentoring, literacy, sports coaching and other subject-specific initiatives.

We have very high standards and an expectation that all of our students want to challenge themselves to live up to the "Black and Gold" ethos. You will also act as representatives of TBSHS, forging close links with organisations such as the Mitre Fund, Grove Cottage and the Rotarians, to raise money and to do direct outreach work to help vulnerable people. You will represent the Sixth Form at TBSHS in all that you do.

Our Sixth Form will also broaden your understanding; you will have access to academic enrichment events and opportunities such as our Mock Bar Trial, language exchanges, and student run clubs like our MedSoc, Law, Maths and Physics Societies and History Discussion Group. We also invite internationally recognised speakers to share their experiences with you. In recent years we have welcomed Alastair Campbell, Emily Maitlis, Michael Heseltine, Shami Chakrabarti, Michael Holding, Jason Bell, Clare Balding, the Jacksonville Jaguars (NFL) and former TBSHS Deputy Head Boy Greg James, now of Radio 1 fame.

Furthermore, our Sixth Form will also broaden your horizons with a range of excellent trips. You can bring your subjects to life through visits to France, Germany and Switzerland. We have listed some of them overleaf:



**"Pupils are ambitious for their futures. They receive helpful careers information, education, advice and guidance. They participate in a wide range of employer engagement activities, including work experience."
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“Having exposure early on to a wide set of experiences, including trips and competitions, means that pupils bond quickly and join in with the school’s community spirit. ” Ofsted 2023

2025/2026 A SELECTION OF OUR TRIPS

Geography Trips (London & Dorset)	Geography	October
Outdoor Adventure Trip	All of year 12	October
Netball Tour of Guernsey	All of year 12	October
Wicked: The Musical	Music	October
IKEA, Lakeside, Year 12	Design Technology	October
Russia in Revolution Study Day	History	November
Trip to the Houses of Parliament	Politics	December
Harry Potter Studio Tour	Media Studies	December
German Exchange Year 12	German	December
French Exchange Year 12	French	January
Ski Trip to Austria	Year 12 and 13	February
CERN Trip to Switzerland	Physics	February
London Art Gallery, Year 12&13 Art	Art	February
Post 18 Convention	All of year 12	March
Environmental Studies & Biology Field Trip	Environmental Science	May
Hamilton the Musical	History	May
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition	Duke of Edinburgh	July
Lake District Cricket Tour to Sri Lanka	Senior Cricketers	July
Grandey’s Place Heritage Craft Centre	Year 12 Design Technology	July

Extra-curricular Life

At TBSHS, we pride ourselves in offering an active and vibrant extra-curricular programme as a crucial part of your holistic Sixth Form education. Our wide range of opportunities will further your personal development and increase your future options and wellbeing as well as making a valuable - and valued - contribution to the highly varied life of TBSHS. For many students, the highlight of their Sixth Form experience is the 'buzz' generated from the vast number of extra-curricular activities on offer. Research shows that the most fulfilled, happy, successful and interesting people balance a busy, challenging work life with a variety of other interests. Many of the activities on offer involve participation and achievement at a regional or national standard and all will enhance the very best of CVs.

You can choose from over 60 different clubs, societies and leadership opportunities to enrich your Sixth Form life beyond the classroom and we always welcome new ideas and suggestions to further develop the experiences available. There are numerous and various sporting opportunities

here at the Sixth Form. You could be playing high level Rugby, Football, Cricket or Netball as part of our prestigious and competitive fixture card. Alternatively, you could focus on achieving your own personal goals in our Running, Fitness or Weight-Training clubs. There are plenty of sporting avenues you can explore to boost your overall development. There are also fantastic extra-curricular opportunities in Art, Drama and Music where students can join a whole host of Art and Drama enrichment clubs, or take part in a dozen different music groups. Furthermore, there are plenty of leadership opportunities in activities such as Debating and our ever-popular fundraising and charities group, Interact. Many of our students enjoy fundraising in the pursuit of experiences abroad. You could experience different cultures on our sports tours and trips that have ventured to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Austria and Sri Lanka.

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WHICH EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPTIONS WILL YOU CHOOSE?

Art	Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions	Leadership of the School Council	Quiz Teams	Strength and Conditioning
Badminton	Economics Society	Maths Society	Rock Bands	Student Welfare Groups
Basketball	Engineering Society	MedSoc	Rugby	Swimming (off-site)
Bio-Chemistry Society	Fitness	Mock Bar Trial	Running Club	Swing Band
Board Games	Football	Music	Senior Prefect Team	The Globe Student Newspaper
Chess	Green Team-Climate & Sustainability Committee	Netball	Showcase - Our Student Variety Show	Table Tennis
Competitive Public Speaking	History Discussion Group	Paired Mentoring	Sixth Form Council	TBSHS Music Festival
Computing Society	Interact	Paired Reading Scheme	Sixth Form Committee	Volunteering
Concert Band	Karting (off-site)	Pilates	Sixth Form Theatre Company	Whole School Production
Cricket	Languages Support	Primary School Debating	Ski Trips	
Debating	Law Society	Primary School Sports Competitions	Sports Tours	
Dodgeball				
Drama				





Naeema K, TBSHS 2023-2025
Brighton & Sussex University, Medicine

"The Post-18 support I received at TBSHS was incredibly comprehensive, facilitating and dependable. Navigating Post-18 options can be intimidating but TBSHS eases these challenges whilst building your confidence. Regardless of what path you take, the school ensures that you have ample guidance to create a compelling, impactful competitive application."



Tom K, TBSHS 2018-2025
Trinity University - USA, Business & Economics

"I am forever grateful for the Post-18 support I received from TBSHS. As someone who was very unsure on what my next steps would be, Mrs Price and Mr Munro were immensely helpful through every twist and turn I threw at them. From planning on studying biochemistry at a UK university, I ended up studying business and economics at Trinity University in Texas, USA. The school guided me through every step of the way and I simply would not be here without their help!"



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Life Beyond TBSHS

Whether you choose to continue your studies at university, secure an apprenticeship, enter the workforce, or develop during a gap year, our experienced and dedicated Sixth Form team will provide comprehensive support to help you make the best post-18 choices. Our broad programme of advice and guidance includes visits, independent advisers, and external speakers from all walks of life. This complements our strong academic and extra-curricular provision, enabling you to develop your skills, interests, and talents against a backdrop of study and career path knowledge. This means you can assess and review your potential and priorities throughout Sixth Form, maximising your chances of success upon leaving TBSHS.

The vast majority of our Sixth Formers continue to degree-level study each year, with a large proportion gaining places at prestigious Russell Group universities. We provide specialised support for candidates applying to elite universities and highly competitive subjects such as medicine, veterinary science, and dentistry. Some students choose to complete Foundation Arts courses or take proactive gap years prior to further study, while others secure apprenticeships directly with companies such as GSK, Ernst & Young, Deloitte, BAE, Dyson, Jaguar Land Rover, PwC, The BBC, Hertfordshire Police, and the Civil Service. Each of you will receive tailored support to help you reach your personal goals as you progress into adult life.



Rahul R, TBSHS 2018-2025
St John's College Cambridge, Medicine

"I am very grateful for the Post-18 support I received at TBSHS. Mrs Price and Mrs Jonas' guidance allowed me to decide what I wanted to do. The weekly newsletter, careers fairs, and guest speakers advice, enabled me to make informed decisions. TBSHS' extensive network of successful alumni and Q&A sessions with current Oxbridge and medical students further assisted my post-18 journey. Post-18 Support and advice were easily accessible, and teachers showed great interest in our journeys, eagerly asking to be updated."



Patrycja R, TBSHS 2023-2025
KPMG Apprenticeship

"Throughout my time at TBSHS, I felt consistently supported in preparing applications for both university and apprenticeships, for which I am very grateful. My subject teachers, form tutor, and in particular Mrs Price and Mrs Jonas, were always willing to answer my questions and provide valuable advice. Their guidance gave me a clearer understanding of the application process and enabled me to submit the strongest applications possible, which is essential in such competitive environments."



“Pupils achieve highly at this stunning school.”
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