




Kingsmeadow
Inspiring minds

JOIN US ON THE NEXT STAGE
OF OUR EXCITING
SIXTH FORM JOURNEY

INSPIRING MINDS
OPENING HEARTS
TRANSFORMING LIVES



The decisions you make in Year 11 will shape the next few years of your life and influence your preparations for success in Higher Education, future employment and, more widely, your adult life. We strongly advise you to take the necessary time to explore your range of post Year 11 progression options properly and to think well ahead. If you decide to apply to Kingsmeadow sixth form, your application will be for a programme of full-time general education focused on academic study that has been well considered and fits in with your talents, interests and future aims.

There is, of course, a jump in the academic level required to be successful for study at Post 16 from Year 11 and it is important that prospective students are aware of the need for academic interest and consistent focus and engagement.

In addition to information provided in this Prospectus, our website and the Open Evenings will provide valuable information and perspective. All applicants will be helped in their decision making, offered a one to one interview and advisory meeting. We look forward to helping you find out more about the exciting and flexible range of opportunities at Kingsmeadow sixth form.

Domenic Volpe - Headteacher

Welcome to Kingsmeadow sixth form. I would like to thank you for considering us in your plans for post-16. At Kingsmeadow we strive for excellence and are proud of the one-to-one provision that we offer our students: We have a dedicated sixth form pastoral team, small class sizes to allow for the most effective learning environment and the personalised extra-curricular opportunities to support their next steps. We encourage our sixth form students to take on the responsibility of their own learning whilst working closely with their teachers and form tutor to ensure they are on the correct path to achieve their goals.

This is an exciting time for the Kingsmeadow sixth form team. In September 2020 we opened our very own sixth form after having spent almost a decade offering sixth form provision in partnership with other providers. We now are in a position to grow and develop a new offer, one that meets the needs of our community. Plans have also been approved for a new-build sixth form Centre with state of the art technology, study suite and Cafe.

We look forward to working with you in the next part of your journey.

Leanne Rafferty - Head of Sixth Form



Join us on the next stage of our exciting journey!

The Kingsmeadow Learning Journey is at the heart of our focus as a school – and our exciting investment in our new sixth form Centre means we can now offer more opportunities, more support, and better facilities.

The sixth form at Kingsmeadow currently offers our students the chance to continue their studies in a supportive yet challenging environment.

The new sixth form facilities is set to bring this to a new level with new facilities including:

- Increased study space
- More computers
- ICT facilities
- New catering facilities
- Dedicated sixth form teaching rooms
- More space for pastoral support, talks and visits
- And more places to relax and talk to other students!

Read on and find out more about our workplace links and how we listen to and support all our students.

Ambition for All Students

In October 2021, Ofsted said, 'leaders of the sixth form are passionate and determined to ensure its success. Teaching is well pitched and challenges students.'

We are determined that all our students achieve their ambitions in and beyond the sixth form. To help with this our pastoral team develop a personal action plan with every student through a programme of one-to-one meetings. These plans help students see how their current studies feed into their future career planning and help raise their expectations.

We also offer a host of personal development activities that cut across the whole student body – for example study skills and developing employability skills.

We work with our students to explore all pathway and progression routes. We have strong links with all the local universities for higher education and also organisations to support apprenticeship recruitment. We understand the different entry schemes so we can help all students especially those who have no family experience of higher education.

Since expanding the sixth form, students have gone on to attend some of the most competitive Universities including Medicine at Newcastle University and Neuroscience at Leeds University.

Skye, year 13

Successfully gained 11 grade 7-9s in her GCSEs and is now studying A Level biology, chemistry and maths. She is planning to study Dentistry at University.

"I've been supported by Kingsmeadow sixth form in my ambition to study Dentistry. They've helped me research potential universities, understand what work experience is most useful, and arranged for some really interesting and useful talks in school. They helped me gain work experience in a local dental clinic and have a meeting with a dentistry admissions tutor at a local University. I now feel confident that I will be able to produce a strong application onto the course."



Amy, year 13

Achieved 10 grade 6-9s in her GCSEs. She is now studying A level psychology, maths and business and is hoping to study Psychology at University.

"It's important that we have goals and aspirations to become the best version of ourselves - at Kingsmeadow sixth form I am supported in these ambitions."

Aaron, year 13

Successfully gained 11 grade 7-9s in his GCSEs and is now studying A Level physics, chemistry and maths.

He is planning to study Physics at York University.



Personal Pastoral Support

"Pastoral support works as a partnership between the school, students and parent - we have a different approach to colleges"
Diane Goddard, sixth form pastoral support lead.

The sixth form is a natural extension to the school. Teachers and our pastoral team already know our students who are continuing their studies and how best to support them. That said, we extend a warm welcome to new students joining our sixth form and support them as they settle in.

Our PSME (Personal, Social and Moral Education) programme also benefits from building on areas studied lower in the school – in the sixth form we focus in particular on the areas of Health and Wellbeing, Relationships, and Living in the Wider World to support the greater freedom students experience as they transition to life beyond school.

We offer bursaries for eligible students to help with transport costs, study materials and other expenses.

The following groups of students are eligible to apply for bursaries:

- Vulnerable students
- Students who were eligible for free school meals at any point in the previous 6 years, or become eligible during the academic year 2021/22
- Students facing financial hardship

Finally, we also encourage parents to remain in contact and involved in the sixth form – we want to ensure that they understand the challenges of higher-level study as well as the progress that students are making.



Teaching and Learning Inside and Outside the Classroom

Sixth form teaching is different to that lower down the school, with students expected to take on more independent study and responsibility for their own learning.

We extend this further by giving opportunities to learn beyond the classroom – the so-called 'super curriculum' that many universities and employers are looking for.

This includes:

- University opens day visits
- Level 3 extended project qualification
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Visits to university labs
- Nuffield research placements
- Further Maths teaching with Newcastle University
- Support to access work experience both face to face and virtually

Liam, year 13

Outside of school, Liam has a senior ranking in the RAF cadets. He takes an active role in fundraising for the RAF and has been awarded a full scholarship to earn his pilot licence.

After sixth form, Liam plans to join the RAF full time.



Bontu, year 12

Studying Biology, Chemistry and Psychology and hopes to further extend her studies in the medical field. Outside of the classroom she has attended Lab experience days at University, and has become a member of the St John's ambulance team.

"Staff have given me lots of advice about how to boost my application to University. The subjects alone are not enough, you need experience outside of the classroom!"



Your Next Steps

We offer the following courses, but please see our website for the most up to date information.

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Child development
- Computer science
- Engineering
- English Literature and English Language
- Extended Project Qualification
- Geography
- History
- IT
- Maths
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sport Studies



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