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**Blenheim**

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SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS  
2021-2022

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# — WELCOME —



We are delighted that you are considering Blenheim for the next stage of your education.

Choosing where to study after Year 11 is one of the most important decisions you will make; it will influence the path you travel in the future and allow you to develop lifelong skills and talent.

All Sixth Form students not only prioritise academic achievements but also personal and social development. This development comes in many forms such as being part of the Student Leadership Team, becoming a Prefect,

leading House events, organising events for Charity, undertaking work experience or participating in school productions or sports teams. All Sixth Form students complete a weekly enrichment opportunity across their two years and complete at least an hour a week of volunteering; either in school, during extra-curricular activities, or in the local community.

Blenheim Sixth Form offers you the opportunity to join an exciting and vibrant community where facilities are modern and the culture of opportunity and responsibility thrives. All students benefit from a newly rebranded and dedicated café and study area and where appropriate, make use of iPad technology to support their learning.

The Sixth Form received a strong Ofsted inspection report in May 2019 with several areas being identified as strengths. They included the curriculum, the extended day, student support and the personalised guidance that is offered to each student. We were also delighted that a significant proportion of all university applications

continue to result in Blenheim students gaining places at Russell Group universities including Oxbridge. These institutions are internationally recognised as providing the very best that Higher Education has to offer.

Blenheim leavers are embarking on an increasingly diverse range of pathways, including apprenticeships, employment and higher education. We are also delighted that Ofsted commented that, "The Sixth Form meets learners' needs well. Good quality provision ensures that these learners achieve good outcomes and are effectively equipped for the next stage of education or for employment."

Students who make the decision to join Blenheim Sixth Form can expect to leave us as well qualified independent learners, active members of the community and confident in the pursuit of their chosen goals.

We look forward to welcoming you.

**Mr C. Duffy, Head of Sixth Form**

# CHOICES & PATHWAYS

We offer students a wide choice of subjects and different academic routes through Sixth Form.

Some students opt for A levels, the UK's national examination system; others choose a programme of study comprising of Level 3 BTECs. BTECs are designed as specialist work-related qualifications and provide students with an opportunity to gain hands on experience in a particular field or subject.

Some students opt to follow a programme of study combining A levels and BTECs, both of which are highly valued by universities and employers alike. Students may be unsure which pathway or combination of subjects is the best option. If that is the case, our experienced team will give advice based on preferred subject areas and career aspirations.

Students should ask themselves:

Q: What subjects do I enjoy/really interest me? Have a look at our Course Guides online for full details of each course and what it entails. This is an important decision as you will be studying them intensely for the next two years!

Q: Which subjects am I good at? Take time to reflect on which subject best suits your skills.

Q: Which subjects am I qualified to study? Do I meet the course entry requirements shown in the Sixth Form entry criteria document which can be found on our website?

[www.blenheim.surrey.sch.uk/266/sixth-form-admissions](http://www.blenheim.surrey.sch.uk/266/sixth-form-admissions)

Q: Are there any new subjects that sound interesting to me? Take time to talk to subject staff and read subject guides.

Q: Is there a particular course I am interested in studying or a particular University I would like to attend? If so, research what grades/subjects you are likely to need. Look at University websites, [ucas.com](http://ucas.com), or speak with Sixth Form and careers staff.

Q: Do I have a particular career in mind? If so, research what qualifications you will need to study.

It is highly recommended that students familiarise themselves with the UCAS website.

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)



“ The Sixth Form curriculum represents a good balance between academic and technical courses. The introduction of applied courses in dance and physical education is much appreciated. There are many opportunities for learners to develop their leadership skills. Sixth Form students provide positive role models for younger pupils.”

Ofsted



# GUIDANCE & SUPPORT

Throughout their time in Blenheim Sixth Form, students are encouraged to fulfil their potential and develop lifelong skills within a co-educational environment.

We strive to ensure that all students are happy and confident. A dedicated team of Tutors use their skills and knowledge to support students with both academic and personal issues from the moment they consider Blenheim Sixth Form.

All Sixth Formers have access to a number of personalised areas including a newly refurbished Sixth Form independent study area and a designated cafe and balcony terrace in the Sixth Form block. In addition, there is also the Learning Resource Centre which offers dedicated Sixth Form only study sessions on a daily basis. The library is prioritised for Sixth Form students and an additional Sixth Form resource area is currently being designed to open in September 2021.

Students are set targets regularly through our mentoring system and these are revisited on an individual basis.

Students have a personal achievement tracker which allows them to take responsibility for their own progress and to be continually monitored and encouraged. Daily attitude to learning and achievement clinics provide students with an opportunity to improve their habits and to focus on their subjects.

Relationships between students and staff in the Sixth Form are excellent. Staff are available to students outside of lesson time and with small teaching groups, the extended day and other support sessions, students receive individual attention and a bespoke experience.

# LIFE IN THE SIXTH FORM

At Blenheim, we encourage the development of personal and leadership skills.

There is a strong sense of community with Sixth Form students helping, supporting and mentoring younger students. Students are encouraged to work on civic, charity and fundraising projects and to take an active part in Sixth Form Rag Week; definitely entertaining!

As part of Sixth Form, students also have the opportunity to achieve the Silver and Gold Awards in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; a valuable addition to applications for careers and universities. They can also enter the Young Enterprise Scheme and become a Senior Prefect. Every year the Drama department delivers a spectacular production and our Sixth Form students play leading roles both on stage and backstage.

Sixth Form students experience significant enrichment opportunities both during the school day and as part of extra curricular activities. This ensures students develop into well-rounded people who are prepared for the next step of their journey.

Finally, Senior Prefects organise sports teams, parties, barbecues, charity events, House competitions and recreational sport, all of which are accessible to our Sixth Form community.

“ Pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is good. Pastoral systems provide high quality pastoral care for pupils in the school.”

Ofsted



# GIRLS' FOOTBALL ACADEMY

September 2021 will see the fourth year of Blenheim High School's girls' Football Academy.

The Sixth Form Football Academy allows girls aged 16-19 to benefit from the unique opportunity to experience an academic- led post-16 education gaining robust Level 3 qualifications alongside a full programme of professional football coaching.

With women's football one of the fastest growing participation sports in England, the Academy gives young women the opportunity to pursue their footballing dreams while benefitting from a wider understanding of sport and exercise science, and the great career opportunities the industry offers.



FOUNDATION

The creation of the Academy demonstrates not only Blenheim's commitment to its students but also an ambition to engage and serve the local and wider community. Chelsea Foundation and Blenheim High School both fundamentally believe in a growth mind-set, with the principle of constant improvement at the centre of all work. It is this common philosophy that has helped create this unique Academy that delivers excellent football development opportunities coupled with a high-quality post-16 education.

A raft of pathways also present themselves with the Chelsea Foundation able to offer potential employment opportunities,

direct links with St. Mary's University in Twickenham and a variety of player pathways, including scholarships in the USA.

Full details of trial dates, Open Events and the coaching programme can be found on our website.

[www.blenheim.surrey.sch.uk/819/chelsea-fc-foundation-football-academy](http://www.blenheim.surrey.sch.uk/819/chelsea-fc-foundation-football-academy)



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# PROGRESSION

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A levels remain the mark of a robust education and are used by both universities and employers in their selection criteria.

Employers understand both A level and BTEC qualifications and recruit against this criteria. On average, approximately 80% of Blenheim Sixth Form students will progress to university, many gaining prestigious places at Russell Group universities. For the remainder, other exciting education, training and employment opportunities exist, including Higher and Advanced

Apprenticeships and school leaver programmes. Weekly sessions expose students to a number of enrichment and educational opportunities, such as guest speakers from Future Frontiers, Oxbridge and Surrey Apprenticeships.

We do not expect all our students to have decided on a specific career path when they come to choose their Sixth Form courses but they will have ideas about their strengths, skills, values and about the type of environment or general sector they may wish to work in. When choosing subjects, we encourage students to think about the subjects they are really interested in, can achieve their best

grades in as well as any career considerations or university entry requirements.

We encourage students to think about how the combination of their subject choices can open up wider opportunities.

During Year 12 and Year 13, all students receive 1 to 1 careers support. In addition, a comprehensive Careers Library based in the Learning Resource Centre is available to all students.

We also have an active Alumni and students have access to mentors, talks and events held by, or involving our Alumni.

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## JOINING OUR

## SIXTH FORM

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### How do I apply for Blenheim Sixth Form?

The first step in applying for a place is to fill in the Application Form, which can be found on our website.

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You will then be invited to interview with a senior member of staff during which we will discuss your proposed programme of study and help plan the most appropriate pathway.

If successful at interview, you will receive a letter confirming a conditional place in our Sixth Form and you will be invited to join

us for our Sixth Form Taster and Induction days respectively. These are an opportunity to experience the life of a Sixth Form student at Blenheim and a chance to sample chosen courses, helping with the transition from Year 11 to 12.

# RUSSELL GROUP DESTINATIONS 2020

Name	Location	Subject
Peter	King's College London, University of London	War Studies & History
Samuel	King's College London, University of London	Liberal Arts
Sophia	UCL (University College London)	Law with Hispanic Law (4 years)
Danielle	University of Cambridge	History of Art
Katie	University of Cambridge	Human, Social & Political Sciences
Mia	University of Exeter	Politics with Study Abroad
Ralph	University of Exeter	Economics & Politics with Industrial Experience
Ben	University of Leeds	History and Philosophy of Science & Politics
Stephanie	University of Nottingham	Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
Austen	University of Oxford	Mathematics
Alex	Trinity College, University of Oxford	Theology
James	University of Sheffield	International Relations & Politics
Chloe	University of Southampton	Psychology
Mya	University of Southampton	Ship Science with Industrial Placement Year
William	University of Southampton	Philosophy

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Full course details can be found online.

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