



**ELTHORNE PARK**

— HIGH SCHOOL —

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN A LEARNING COMMUNITY



# A WELCOME FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

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We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form here at Elthorne Park High School. Our strong reputation in the local community is built upon a strong foundation of academic excellence and exceptional pastoral care. Our students achieve some of the highest A level and vocational results in the borough and every year go onto highly selective destinations and apprenticeships, with our most recent Year 13 cohort taking up places at the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, York, Exeter and Bristol. Our Sixth Form is a popular choice for our own Year 11 students and for students from other schools who benefit from high-quality teaching & learning in modern, well-equipped facilities.

We have a broad curriculum offer with students choosing from 23 A level subjects, 3 BTEC Level 3 qualifications and our Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Our courses are delivered by experienced subject specialists who are experts in their fields and, while we have the highest expectations of our students, they also speak very positively about their teachers and the caring, supportive learning environment here at Elthorne. Our entry requirements for all our courses can be found in our Curriculum Booklet in the Sixth Form area of our website.

In 2023 we opened our second dedicated Sixth Form building - J block - which consists of modern teaching spaces and a university-style study room for independent learning. On visiting Elthorne, you will also see our popular Sixth Form social spaces, The Busy Bean Café and The Filling Station in the J block garden. As our Sixth Form has grown, we have worked hard to increase the capacity of our recreational spaces so that our students can enjoy a positive all-round Sixth Form experience. This year we have our widest ever range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities for Sixth Form students and every year we work closely with our Student Leadership Team to ensure that we are providing the best possible journey through Years 12 and 13.

I advise you to make a careful note of the key dates on our application timeline; we are heavily oversubscribed and in recent years have had a very long waiting list for enrolment.

I hope that you choose to apply to study with us.

Steve Ward, Headteacher

# BUILDING INDEPENDENT ASPIRATIONAL AND ACCOMPLISHED LEARNERS.

The aim of our sixth form is to ensure that our students achieve academic excellence, are prepared for future employment and develop the life skills that will enable them to make a positive contribution to the wider community. We strive to ensure that all pupils aspire to reach their full potential and set themselves ambitious goals for the future.

## **Academic excellence**

We provide exceptional teaching across all subjects by committed and outstanding practitioners. A broad range of programmes of study are available to cater for a wide range of interests and aspirations including qualifications to suit a purely academic or solely vocational pathway.

## **Building Leaders**

We expect that our Sixth Formers to be role models for our younger students and the wider community. Our Senior Prefect team take an active role in driving forward our learning community and there are opportunities for all students to volunteer within the school, support our local community and raise awareness of charitable causes.

## **Aspirational Destinations**

Our subject teachers deliver lessons that inspire students to learn beyond the classroom and regular visits, trips and experiences enhance learning further still. All students are given the opportunity to complete a high quality work experience placement and have access to our onsite careers advisor. We collaborate with a number of high profile partners to ensure that all students have access to information to help them prepare for their future careers, including Oxbridge, Russell group universities and leading employers.

## **Personal Development**

We place great importance on the pastoral support that we provide our students. A team of specifically trained Sixth Form tutors and Key Stage 5 subject leaders work together to ensure that all are supported in achieving excellence. Regular assemblies and a tailored PSHCE programme ensure students receive timely, age-appropriate information that allows them to develop as young adults.

We offer a wide range of enrichment and personal development opportunities which form an integral part of a student's timetable and ensure that they develop the skills and attributes that are valued by universities and employers.



# EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

Elthorne park sixth form is in our strongest position ever. We continue to be proud of our fantastic results which place Elthorne amongst the highest achieving Sixth Forms in the borough and beyond. We offer a broad and challenging curriculum offer that supports all of our students in making outstanding progress as the move to post-16 study. With small class sizes in many subjects we can give each student the tailored education they deserve.



Alongside their specialist subject expertise, our teachers are always ready to offer the personalised support and individually tailored interventions which make all the difference to students' confidence and achievement.

Our knowledge of how students learn means that no two lessons are the same. Lessons will challenge students and promote self study outside the classroom. All teaching and learning activities are underpinned by our commitment to securing subject expertise, developing independence and fostering a growth mindset where anything becomes possible.



*“Students in the Sixth Form particularly benefit from teachers’ deep subject knowledge.”* -Ofsted April 2019

# DEVELOPING THE INDIVIDUAL

At Elthorne Park we endeavour to support students in becoming well rounded, confident individuals who are able to make a positive contribution to their wider community and society. All students have daily contact with a highly experienced, dedicated tutor who is the first port of call should students require support at any point during their time in the Sixth Form. The Director of Sixth Form individual year leaders and Sixth Form pastoral support workers are also available if students wish to discuss concerns and will liaise regularly with tutors and subject teachers to discuss students' progress and wellbeing.

Students attend daily registration where they follow a programme of activities based upon issues relevant to young people such as careers and higher education, health and social issues. Out Enrichment Programme is designed to help students develop academic, social and personal skills in line with their studies whilst engaging with areas of further interest. Students spend a minimum of one hour per week conducting and recording some form of enrichment activity\*\*\* that will help to develop new skills.

Examples of enrichment activities for students include: completing the EPQ qualification, leading their own clubs or society, volunteering to mentor SEND or Year 11 students, supporting lower school sports clubs and working with other schools, nurseries and community groups in the local area.

*“What makes Elthorne Park High School different is the real sense of community, support and belonging. Everyone’s door is always open and everyone, student or teacher, is always prepared to listen or lend a hand.”- Ex Student.*





# LOOKING BEYOND SIXTH FORM

At Elthorne Park we have a specialised higher education and careers team whose primary responsibility is to support students in developing the skills that will see the, successfully transition to university and the workplace.

We encourage students to think about their strengths and interests throughout Year 12 and aim to broaden horizons through our expert lecture series, careers talks, workshops and university visits. We have an onsite careers adviser who has developed partnerships with a vast range of university visits. We have an onsite careers advisor who has developed partnerships with a vast range of universities and employers, and who works to ensure that each of our students is able to stand out in an increasingly competitive higher education marketplace.

We also have thriving links with employers and apprenticeship providers. We invite employers into the Sixth Form to showcase the wide array of career opportunities available to our students which has led them to taking up prestigious placements at employers including British Airways, Accenture and TfL.

Our experienced Director of Sixth Form and Sixth Form tutors have an exceptional understanding of the array of different university courses on offer. Our tutors work closely with students in composing courses on offer. Our tutors work closely with students in composing an outstanding personal statement and write a personalised reference on their behalf. Our dedicated team ensure that each year more than 85% of our students reach their desired destinations including courses in medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and Oxbridge and Russell Group universities.



*"The pastoral care that students receive in the Sixth Form is exemplary."*  
-Ofsted April 2019

# FINACIAL SUPPORT

Post 16 bursary: students entering any Post 16 education may be eligible for the Post 16-19 Bursary. The bursary is designed to enable students to access education, which they may not otherwise be able to do. The bursary is made up of two separate payment pathways; eligibility criteria must be met for both.

## Pathway 1

Eligibility for the weekly bursary is dependent on any of the criteria below:

- + **Young people in Care**
- + **Care Leavers**
- + **Young people in receipt of ESA who are also in receipt of SLA or PIP payments**
- + **Young people who receive Universal Credit payments in their own name**

Could qualify for £1200 of support

- + **Have been in receipt of Free School Meals at any point in the last six years**

Could qualify for up to £700 of support

## Pathway 2

Adhoc Discretionary Payments will be administered on a one off basis, and will be paid strictly on individual merit to assist essential education participation where hardship is experienced. Any student may apply for assistance. Students who are from a low income background e.g. in receipt of Working Families Tax Credit or experience hardship through the year e.g. parental redundancy may apply by providing evidence. Social factors are also considered.

**Subsidised Transport:** Students can apply for some financial assistance toward Post 16 transport. Elthorne Park High School would seek to support students who live in excess of 3 miles from school by reducing the cost of their Post 16 travel in order to access our provision.

The Sixth Form Team would be happy to discuss individual personal circumstance as appropriate.



# HOW TO APPLY

1. Read through this prospectus, including the course details carefully. Speak to your tutor and subject teachers. Find out as much as you can.
2. Look at the 'Progression Pathways' diagram in the course details booklet to see what the entry criteria are for each individual course.
3. Fill in an application form online . You can find the link on the school website. Please note there are different processes for internal and external applicants.
4. Once we have received your application, shortlisting will take place for external applicants. Internal applicants will have a 'next steps' meeting with a member of the Leadership Team.
5. Following the shortlisting and interview process for external applicants and the 'next steps' meetings for internal candidates, you will be notified of the outcome and may receive a conditional offer.
6. Once you have received your GCSE results you should attend for enrolment day. If you meet the entry criteria we will be able to enrol you into the Sixth Form. If you do not get the results you were expecting, speak to us and we will do our best to help you.



# DATES AND DEADLINES



## October

Sixth Form Open Evening  
Applications open for external applicants (non-EPHS Yr11 students)

## December

Deadline for external applications (non-EPHS Yr11 students)  
Applications open for internal applicants (EPHS Yr11 students)

## February

Deadline for internal applications (EPHS Yr11 students)

## February – March

'Next Steps' meetings and interviews

## Late June:

Sixth Form Induction

## August (GCSE Results Day):

Enrolment

## September:

Sixth Form classes begin