

16 to 19 study programmes

Outstanding

- Strong leadership and excellent quality of teaching in the sixth form ensure that students achieve outstanding outcomes.
- Leaders' high aspirations and determination have improved the quality of the sixth form since it opened in 2010. The current head of sixth form has continued to drive up standards of teaching.
- The sixth-form centre provides an excellent environment to study. Classrooms are bright and stimulating. Break-out spaces are heavily populated with computers and work areas. Students' work is celebrated through excellent displays. The café area provides a pleasant place in which students can socialise.
- Leaders have created an excellent culture within the sixth-form centre. The sixth form provides an ideal stepping stone between school and higher education or employment. Students are expected to take responsibility for their learning and development.
- There are excellent systems in place to monitor and support students' progress. Leaders and teachers check carefully how well students are doing and intervene swiftly and effectively if they are falling behind.
- Students say that for them the most significant feature is the excellent relationships they have with their teachers. They say that teachers know them well from the beginning of Year 12. They appreciate how hard teachers work to support their studies. Students are entirely comfortable about asking for support.
- The quality of teaching is outstanding. Teachers have excellent subject knowledge across the sixth form. Leaders accurately monitor the quality of teaching. Teachers give excellent guidance to students on how to improve the quality of their work. Over time the achievement of students has got better and better. Students are on course to gain outstanding outcomes.
- Students have excellent attitudes to their learning. They participate enthusiastically in lessons and produce high-quality work. They are cared for very well.
- Staff are sensitive to students' individual needs, and support for their emotional and physical well-being is excellent.
- Attendance is very high because students enjoy coming to school. There are robust procedures for monitoring absence and supporting individuals whose attendance drops.
- Students are well informed about the world of work, including participating in work experience. They receive very good careers guidance and support. Almost all of them go on to degree courses and apprenticeships. A large proportion progress to top universities.
- The school is very successful in helping those students who start the sixth form without a good grade in English or mathematics to achieve a good pass by the end of Year 12.
- Students are expected to develop a wide range of skills that will help them in the future. Students learn early on how to become successful learners. Their personal development is also promoted well through an individualised programme of enrichment.

- Most students continue their studies from Year 12 into Year 13. This is because students are guided very well onto appropriate courses that meet their needs and they benefit from outstanding teaching.