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## joining us

We look forward to receiving your application form, which can be found at the back of the course booklet, downloaded from the school website or obtained from the main school office. We encourage all external applicants to visit the Sixth Form at Shirley High and explore our facilities and discuss courses. Applicants will be invited for interview in the Spring term and those who are successful will be offered a place conditional upon GCSE results.

The 'Step into the Sixth Form Day' takes place in July and gives applicants a chance to speak with subject teachers and to meet fellow students. Enrolment is in late August, with induction taking place at the start of the new academic year.



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"Sixth Form leaders ensure that learners are taught well and make good progress" Ofsted



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## a message from the principal



The ethos of this school is a learning environment where all students have the opportunity to enjoy their education and achieve to their fullest potential. This is due to the strong emphasis we place on high standards of achievement and behaviour. We believe that such standards are achieved where good attendance, punctuality and the development of sound personal relationships, are encouraged.

We regard the Sixth Form as the pinnacle of education in the school, when students can benefit from the closer pastoral guidance and enjoy the independence and flexibility of life in the sixth form centre. We feel that it is important to offer a rich variety of extra-curricular activities, to balance the demands of academic work and thereby educate the whole person. Through the opportunities that we offer, we hope to discover the aptitudes and talents of each individual and to develop them to their fullest, through extra-curricular activity, as well as through work in the classroom. We will encourage all students to grow in self-discipline and to prize integrity, tolerance and respect for others.

**Nigel Barrow** – Principal

Shirley High School Sixth Form is a warm and welcoming environment where students at post 16 thrive. We pride ourselves on our first rate examination results and, at a time of expansion, remain committed to making learning at this level personalised and challenging.

We aim to allow students to develop both as learners and global citizens, enabling them to make educated choices about the future and broaden their horizons. It is our responsibility to maximise our students' potential through inspirational teaching, support and guidance, and providing the opportunity for achieving future success. We further aim to equip students with knowledge and skills to learn from, and respect other cultures, as active and compassionate learners.

**Brigid Doherty** – Vice Principal – Sixth Form

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At Post 16:  
"Attendance is high" Ofsted  
"Outcomes are good" Ofsted

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first step  
academic & teaching excellence  
that widens opportunities

The world is changing, and fast. It has never been a better time to choose to continue in education and training in order to gain the skills and experience you need to embark on the career you desire. Choosing to continue your education at Shirley High School Sixth Form will give you the chance to pursue subjects which interest you at a higher level. As a sixth form student we want you to be able to realise your academic potential, whilst developing the personal and social skills which will equip you for life beyond education. Both tutor groups and subject classes remain small and, as a result, staff are able to provide the personalised learning students need to succeed.

As a Shirley High Sixth former student you will have access to a wide range of ICT resources with a dedicated sixth form centre for private study. There is also a modern and fully equipped common room in which you can spend your breaks. Our dress code seeks to enhance the professional and purposeful atmosphere of the sixth form centre encouraging focused learning, confidence and pride.

"Teaching in the Sixth Form is good." Ofsted



new horizons  
developing the individual  
beyond the classroom

"Teachers find time to give one to one support and really care about the individual. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Shirley High Sixth Form."

Shirley High Sixth Form has a strong sense of community; a place where everybody is valued, supported and encouraged to contribute. By choosing to study with us you will be opting to enter an environment where staff care about both your personal development and academic progress. You will be in a unique situation whereby you are the leaders of a thriving school, providing positive role models to younger students, but also separate from the main school with your own privileges and responsibilities. The pastoral support programme and the enrichment activities will ensure that you have every opportunity to fulfil your personal potential and so expand your horizons.

Outward bound courses, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, mentoring younger students, organising charity events, leading assemblies, are just a few of the activities we encourage you to participate in so that you contribute to the wider community. All students are expected to take part in the life of the school whether involving themselves in open evenings, assemblies, extra-curricular clubs, productions or sports teams.

"Learners receive high-quality information and guidance to inform their choices for the next stage of their lives." Ofsted

providing success  
building confidence and  
preparing for the future



Shirley High Sixth Form is a place where you will be encouraged from the outset to consider what you might do at the end of Year 13. You will be supported by sixth form staff over the two years of your studies with investigating and exploring appropriate career paths. A great deal of guidance and support will be given to you when making decisions about higher education or entering the world of work. The weekly progression period sets aside time for you to explore possible university courses and complete UCAS applications, as well as offering careers advice and helping you to compile CVs and apply for jobs.

The role of the tutor at Shirley High Sixth Form is seen as an essential one. Your tutor will help you to set realistic yet challenging targets as well as monitoring and reporting on your progress at frequent intervals throughout the year. This support should help you to take your next step (be it in education or starting a career) with confidence and assurance.