



# Tupton Hall Sixth Form

## Post-16 Prospectus

# A warm welcome from The Director of Post-16

Welcome to the Tupton Hall Sixth Form prospectus. We are a supportive and very successful Sixth Form centre, taking students from a wide variety of different schools. We care about students' academic and personal development and are committed to providing a friendly and supportive environment where each student may achieve their potential.

I am the Trust Director of Post 16, and I work closely with each of the teams across our seven Sixth Forms. This allows us to share ideas and collaborate to provide you with an exceptional Post 16 experience. This means that when you join one of our Sixth Forms you are also part of a much wider community, dedicated to supporting you to achieve your ambitions.

Working together brings you many benefits; it enables our sixth forms to share the very best lessons, resources and extra-curricular sessions; it allows us to run exceptional programmes such as our Oxbridge preparation scheme, Medicine mock interview days, our Year 13 Moving On Day to prepare you for independence, our Stepping Up days and many apprenticeship and careers events.

We also lead one of the largest HE+ hubs in the UK - this is a partnership with the University of Cambridge and offers some unique and exciting opportunities to our students.

I look forward to meeting you all and supporting you to achieve your ambitions.



**Andy Edwards**

Trust Director of Post 16

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**– Ofsted**

# Welcome from the Sixth Form Team

**Sixth Form students at Tupton Hall are based in a dedicated wing of the school specially designed for Post-16 study, with modern teaching and social spaces and technology to support teaching and learning. We have great facilities for private study; including computer rooms, a library, our own common room and a designated study room.**

A Pastoral Support Team of tutors and leaders are available for our students to access as we are fully aware that many will need additional support alongside their studies. We also recognise that our Sixth Formers have a lot to contribute to the wider school community; the pastoral system is organised into Tutor groups and our Sixth Formers act as mentors and buddies to younger students, supporting their academic and personal development. This is a rewarding experience which provides them with something extra for their CV and university applications; but the lower school students also gain confidence and often we find their academic outcomes improve.

We have strong links with universities. Partnerships have been developed with The University of Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam University and the universities of Birmingham and Nottingham. These links are exceptionally valuable to our students and as a result they receive mentoring, interview guidance, subject specific workshops and unconditional offers for undergraduate study and financial support in the form of bursaries. Our close working relationships with universities result in students securing places on competitive courses such as law and medicine, while a large number of the cohort benefit from summer schools with the Russell Group of universities.

Ofsted have rated us 'Good', highlighting the bespoke support we provide for all students. Inspectors commented that: "Students are extremely positive about the support and guidance they receive. Leaders have ensured that

students receive additional guidance from external experts. This is effective in supporting their progression on to their next stages of education, employment or training."

They also recognised that "Sixth Form teachers have good subject knowledge. They have a good understanding of students' needs and provide appropriate and challenging work that supports students."

We hope that you find all this information useful in helping you make important decisions regarding your studies Post-16. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further support or information.



**Charlotte Burton**  
Assistant Head Post 16



**Lucy Robinson**  
Head of Year 12



**Lucy Crofts**  
Pastoral Support & Higher Education.  
Exam Access Co-ordinator  
Head of Year 13



**Leanne Hickman**  
Head of Year 13

## Why come to Tupton Hall Sixth Form?

Choosing to continue your studies after GCSEs is a big decision, and one that will open doors to future qualifications and employment. It is important to make the right decision about what to study and where.

At Tupton Hall we have one of the largest selections of post-16 advanced courses in the Derbyshire area. Students will have considerable freedom and flexibility to opt for a curriculum that suits their skills and aspirations.

We offer a number of 'new start' qualifications such as law, psychology, media and health and social care and others which do not require you to have studied them before.

You should look very carefully at these, as many students opt for a new subject and discover a passion and ability to excel in this new direction.

We recommend that all students choose a minimum of 3 subjects to specialise in during their Sixth Form studies. When deciding on options serious considerations should be given to the following:

- Choose courses you have previously enjoyed and succeeded in
- Certain careers require you to have studied specific subjects at A Level - so research these carefully
- The same goes for university courses. Individual universities will be happy to discuss their entrance policies
- Seek advice from teachers, family and friends

**"Being a student at Tupton Hall is fun,  
enjoyable and it's an environment that anyone  
would want to spend two years in."**

**– Year 13 leaver**





“I transferred to Tupton Hall from another Sixth Form and felt so welcomed into a family-like environment”

– Year 13 leaver

High standards.

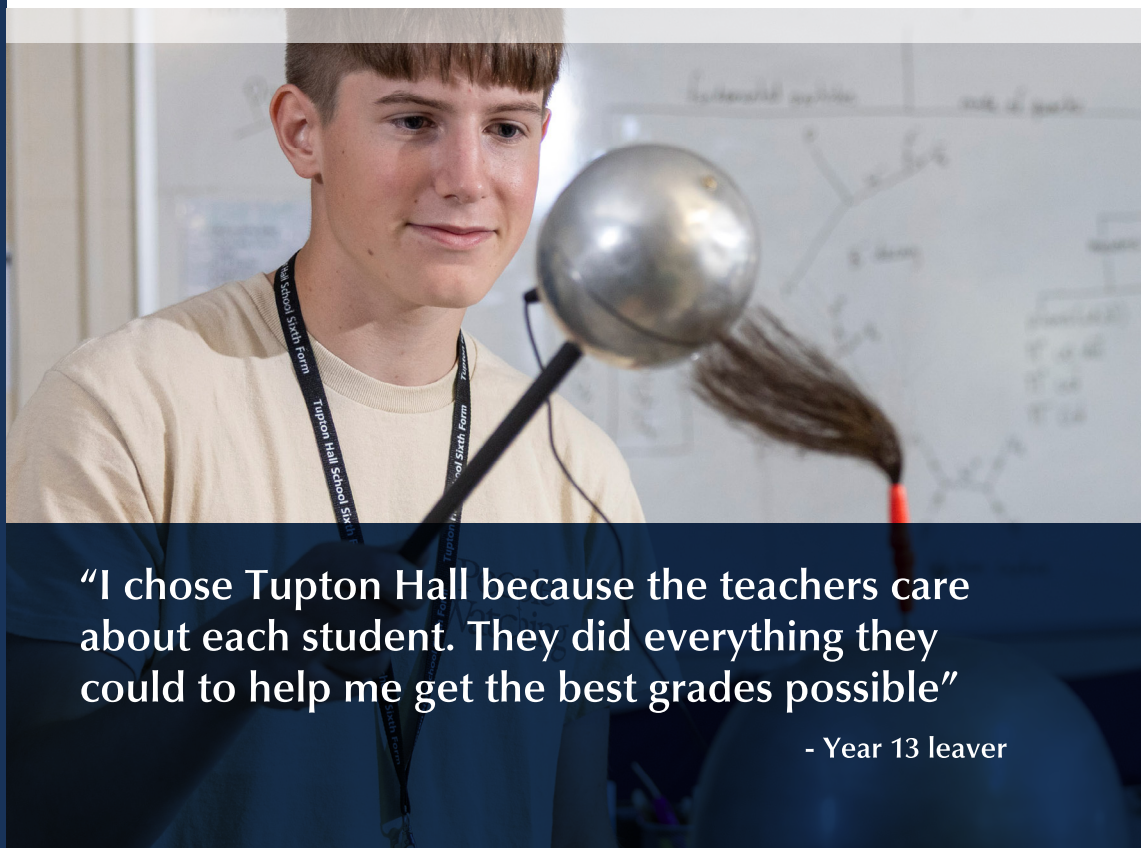
# High expectations.

We take academic achievement and standards seriously. This means all students have to be prepared to make studying a priority. You will be joining a community of like-minded people who are determined to achieve the very best grades they can – and we will expect you to do the same.

Good attendance and punctuality are just as important in the Sixth Form. A good attendance record is an absolute requirement for continuing with any course.

We encourage all of our students to aim as high as possible. This includes extra support for those applying to Oxford and Cambridge Universities. In recent years several of our students have successfully applied and gained places.

We have very high expectations in terms of academic rigour, attendance and attitude and parents play a key role in helping us work with students to achieve this. This partnership is vital and ensures that students remain focused.



**"I chose Tupton Hall because the teachers care about each student. They did everything they could to help me get the best grades possible"**

- Year 13 leaver

# Leadership and Enrichment Opportunities

Students are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their education, training or employment by the additional opportunities we provide for students that go beyond the classroom:

Below are some examples of the types of enrichment opportunities available:

- Community Sports Leadership Award
- Student Union
- Sport Coaching and Officiating
- Maths Ambassadors
- Science Mentors
- Buddy Reading
- The Stellar Programme
- Ambition Ambassador roles
- Creative Writing Club
- Lesson Support
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Extended Project Qualification
- School Productions
- Work Experience

## The Sixth Form Student Union

The Sixth Form Student Union plays an integral part in the life of the Sixth Form and the entire school. During the summer term of Year 12 we invite students to apply for a number of key positions within the union. These include: head of the student union, academic leader, student engagement leader, charity officers, marketing and student welfare teams.

The Student Union regularly reports to the school leadership team and the governing body. They are involved in pushing new initiatives forward and have a key deciding role within the school.

Union activities include raising money for both local and national charities; organising whole school events like non-uniform days, quizzes and movie events. They also play a very important role in the delivery of the end of year prom.

The Student Union meets regularly and its members are often asked to attend assemblies and market the Sixth Form to our local 11-16 schools. They play a key role as ambassadors for all school events and act as role models for the entire cohort.

The Student Union also help to celebrate and promote equality and diversity within the school by planning events around days.

# A Level Courses

All students will be expected to choose a minimum of 3 A Levels:

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| • Applied Science                | • Geography            |
| • Art                            | • German               |
| • Biology                        | • Health & Social Care |
| • Business Studies               | • History              |
| • Chemistry                      | • Law                  |
| • Computer Science               | • Mathematics          |
| • Core Maths                     | • Media Studies        |
| • Drama                          | • Music                |
| • Economics                      | • Photography          |
| • English Language               | • Physical Education   |
| • English Literature             | • Physics              |
| • Environmental Science          | • Politics             |
| • Ethics and Philosophy          | • Product Design       |
| • Extended Project Qualification | • Psychology           |
| • Film Studies                   | • Sociology            |
| • French                         | • Spanish              |
| • Further Mathematics            |                        |

## GCSE Re-sits

Resit courses are offered in:

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| • GCSE English Language | • GCSE Mathematics |
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We will be offering new courses for 2026; please keep an eye on the school website

All students who do not achieve at least a grade 4 in either of these subjects at GCSE, will be required to retake these in Year 12.

**“I chose Tupton Hall because of the great facilities, teachers and chances for you to springboard into the world.”**

**– Year 13 leaver**



# 2026 Redhill Trust minimum entry requirements for Post 16 study

**All students must attain five 9-4 grades at GCSE (or BTEC equivalents) with preferably a grade 5 in either English Language or Mathematics. It is expected that if you are choosing to progress a subject from GCSE to A Level that you will have achieved at least a grade 5 in order to demonstrate suitability for A Level studies.**

All students will be expected to choose 3 A levels which they will study for 2 years (the exception being students who study 3 A levels plus Further Mathematics) Students no longer sit an AS exam at the end of Year 12 but will sit all examinations at the end of Year 13.

All students will be interviewed by a member of the Sixth Form Team. Once a student has accepted their place and confirmed they have met the entrance requirement, they will meet the pastoral and faculty teams to confirm their acceptance onto their courses. This will enable them to make an informed choice about the best subjects to suit their individual needs. Parents are welcome to discuss these choices with the Sixth Form following the interview.





# A message from Redhill Academy Trust

## Thank you for your interest in Tupton Hall Sixth Form, part of Redhill Academy Trust.

As CEO of Redhill Academy Trust, I believe strongly that successful schools have five key values;

- High expectations of all students
- Valuing and celebrating academic achievement
- A commitment to equality and diversity
- Excellent teaching
- Widening students' experiences through a range of co-curricular activities, including sports, music and the performing arts.

These five values will guide the development of Tupton Hall School, in partnership with Redhill Academy Trust, for the coming years.

Working with Mr Knowles, Headteacher, his senior team and the whole school staff, our priority is to support the students and ensure that academic outcomes remain consistently high. This will continue to build on the academy's recent Ofsted report, which judged the school good in all areas.

I firmly believe that the next few years will be an exciting and very successful time for Tupton Hall School as it becomes the first choice school for all local parents and students.

### **Andrew Burns OBE**

CEO, Redhill Academy Trust

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# What to do now

Read through the detailed information on specific courses in our separate **Course Guide** which can be found at [www.tuptonhall.org.uk/sixthform/curriculum](http://www.tuptonhall.org.uk/sixthform/curriculum)

Once you have read through the curriculum offer and chosen your options, apply online:

Good luck!

**Applications close in January 2026;** please see the school website and speak to the team about completing our online application.



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