



Tupton Hall Sixth Form

Post-16 Prospectus 2021



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 Redhill Academy Trust Director of Post 16, and I work closely with each of the teams across all seven of our Sixth Forms. This allows us to share ideas and collaborate to provide an even better Post 16 experience, so when you join the Sixth Form you are also part of a much wider community. This brings many benefits such as: Oxbridge preparation programme, Medicine mock interview day, Year 13 Moving On Day,

wider lecture series and apprenticeship and careers events. We also lead one of the largest HE+ hubs in the UK - this is a partnership between Redhill and the University of Cambridge and offers some unique opportunities to our students.

I look forward to meeting you all.



Ms Susan Sharp
Trust Director of Post-16

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– Ofsted

Welcome from the Sixth Form Team

Sixth Form students at Tupton Hall are housed 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 Sixth Form computer suites, our own common room and silent study provision.

A Pastoral Support Team of tutors and leaders is 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 Houses 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.



Mrs C Burton
Head of Sixth Form



Miss L Curtis
Deputy Head of Sixth Form

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 recommend that all students choose a minimum of 3 subjects to specialise in during their Sixth Form studies. When deciding on options serious consideration 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.

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.

“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.

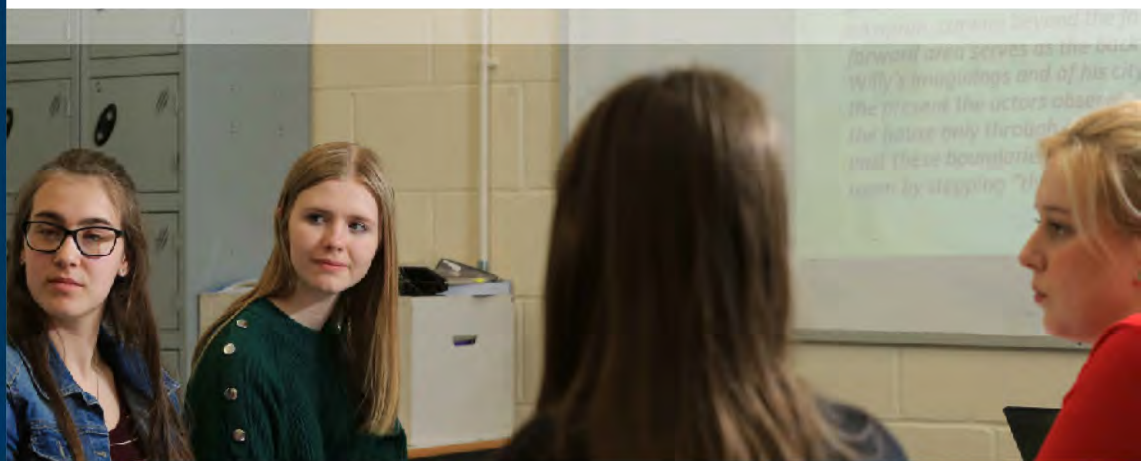
High expectations.

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 our students to aim as high as possible, this includes extra support for those students applying to Oxford and Cambridge, which our students have successfully applied for and been accepted to.

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
- Dance Leadership
- Sport Coaching and Officiating
- Maths Ambassadors
- Science Mentors
- Buddy Reading
- Buddy Numeracy
- Creative Writing Club
- Lesson Support
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Extended Project Qualification
- School Productions

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.

A Level Courses

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

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

GCSE Re-sits

Resit courses are offered in:

• GCSE English Language	• GCSE Mathematics
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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

Entry Requirements

All students must attain five 9-4 grades at GCSE (or BTEC equivalents) with preferably a grade 5 in either English Language or Mathematics. Individual subjects will require a specific grade in a particular subject at GCSE.

All students will be expected to choose a minimum of 3 A Levels, which they will study for 2 years (the exception being students who study 3 A Levels plus Further Mathematics). Full details of the offer for 2021 including information on our AS and A2 courses can be found online and via the course booklet. There will be examinations in the summer term of Year 12 and in Year 13: courses are assessed regularly through classwork, homework, independent study, coursework and formal examinations.

All students will be interviewed by a member of the Sixth Form Team. 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 Team following the interview.



A message from the Redhill Academy Trust

Dear Students and Parents,

I would like to warmly welcome you to the Tupton Hall Sixth Form prospectus for 2021.

As Principal of The Redhill Academy Trust, I believe strongly that successful academies have four key characteristics:

- High expectations of all students
- Valuing and celebrating academic achievement
- Consistently good and focused teaching
- Widening students' experiences through a range of extra-curricular activities including sports, music and the performing arts.

These four principles continue to guide the development of Tupton Hall.

Working with Mr Knowles, Mrs Burton and the whole staff at Tupton Hall, our priority is to support the students and ensure that academic outcomes remain consistently high. I now believe that the school has become the first choice for all parents and young people in the local area.



Andrew Burns
Trust Principal

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– Ofsted

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

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

www.tuptonhall.applicaa.com/6

Good luck!

Applications open on
Monday 19 October 2020

Applications close on
Friday 29 January 2021





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