



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

Welcome

The future starts with us.

Our students are the future leaders, future politicians, future professionals, future scientists, future visionaries and future innovators who will shape the world of tomorrow. That is why here at The Hinckley Sixth Form, we provide a sixth form experience which not only prepares students for exam success, but more importantly enables them to confidently conquer whatever comes next in their life, learning and beyond.

At The Hinckley Sixth Form we support all of our students to ensure that they are well prepared for their aspirational destinations, be that University, a degree apprenticeship or employment. We thrive on supporting our students and strive to inspire, challenge and support them as they chase their dreams. Our combination of tailored support, subject specialists and exceptional experiences, enables our young people to become aspirational leaders, independent thinkers and agents of change.

Our students enjoy creating a personal programme of study, choosing from a wide variety of A Level and alternative courses, all led by experienced subject specialists who truly understand how to support the transition from Year 11. After all, our team are experts in supporting a smooth transition from GCSE to Sixth Form, so who better to help you take your next steps.

We are incredibly proud of the 'Good' Ofsted rating we received in September 2023 and of the high praise our Year 12 and 13 provision received within the report. Inspectors recognising the personalised

support we offer our students as they follow their ambitions and our strong sense of community.

Here at The Hinckley Sixth Form we pride ourselves on our welcoming and warm approach, with a strong sense of belonging. Our students enjoy a unique combination of support and independence thanks to our experienced sixth form team, who get to know all our students on a personal level so no-one gets lost in the crowd, this way we can ensure that we give students the tailored support and opportunities they need to reach their goals.

Our recently refurbished sixth form building offers students a mature university style study centre, complete with its own café, collaborative working zones, balcony, student kitchen, meeting rooms, laptop banks, Wi-Fi and large teaching rooms. We continue to invest significantly into our sixth form to ensure we provide our students with an unforgettable student experience.

Our sixth form team and I look forward to meeting you very soon.



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Vicky Bull
Director of Sixth Form



“Students in the sixth form value the personalised support they get to help them realise their ambitions.”

“Strong pastoral guidance”

“A real sense of community”

“Students in the sixth form are well prepared for higher education and their future careers.”

WE ARE PROUD TO BE A
GOOD
SCHOOL
AWARDED 'GOOD' IN ALL AREAS


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Good
Provider

DESTINATIONS

100% of our Class of 2024 secured a positive destination, studying at The Hinckley Sixth Form opens the door to further study, industry and success both nationally and internationally. Where will it take you?

Here is just a snapshot of some of our 2024 student destinations...



LEAD THE WAY



Year after year our students continue to secure outstanding destinations, including a high proportion securing offers to study at prestigious Russell Group Universities.

Our students are high achievers, in 2024, 23% of our university applicants secured places at Russell Group Universities, and 15 were in the top 15 for their chosen course. According to Russell Group data, the national acceptance rate is 8.9%, showing that our support package has a significant and measurable impact.

Our students go on to study a wide variety of degree courses across the UK, including Medicine, Bioengineering and Law, with many students also securing places on competitive apprenticeships with leading employers such as MIRA, Aston Martin, JCB, Rolls Royce, Cavendish Nuclear and Lloyd's of London. Every year our students are able to accept places on prestigious degree apprenticeships, move to leading universities or accept roles within industry.

We shape future leaders

We provide our students with not only the academic platform for success, but opportunities to become responsible, kind, knowledgeable global citizens who are role models to others and that we can proudly say will have a positive impact on the world for future generations.

From being a part of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme or joining our Student Leadership Team, to volunteering to support and mentor younger students, our exceptional enrichment opportunities offer our community an extensive array of activities to build their cv, meet new people, feel confident in new environments and gain the skills they need to flourish in the future.

Alongside these exceptional experiences, our careers programme supports young people to feel empowered to chase their ambitions, arming them with the knowledge and experiences to stand out from the crowd in our ever changing world.

The Hinckley Sixth Form is your stepping stone to success.



GO FURTHER



ENRICHMENT

We have developed an exceptional programme of life enhancing enrichment experiences which ensure that our students have the time of their lives in Sixth Form, whilst developing life skills that give them a real edge when they leave us.

The additional opportunities currently open to our students include:

- **Regular study visits**, from exploratory field work in Geography and visiting galleries in Art, to investigating a crime at a University Forensics Day.
- **Performing Arts showcases**, utilising our purpose built drama studio, dance studio and stage for professional workshops, performances and rehearsals.
- Supporting younger students by becoming a **mentor**.
- Organising annual The Hinckley Sixth Form **charity events** such as Macmillan Coffee Mornings.

- **Student Leadership Programme**
- taking an active role in shaping our community, planning events and leaving a legacy. 'Head Student' roles allow our young people to take on additional responsibility, gain independence and learn organisation skills.
- Coaching or playing in our **school sports teams**, including rugby, football and netball teams.
- **Clubs and societies** including:
 - Writers Workshops
 - Meditation and Mindfulness
 - Music Club
 - Latin for Beginners
 - Creative Arts Club
 - LGBTQI+
 - Chess Club
 - F1 Club
 - Geology and Palaeontology

As well as offering a vast array of enrichment activities during lunch times and after hours, our team also organise visiting speakers, experiences days and both national and international trips to inspire, excite and engage. Study with us goes beyond the classroom and our subject experts are always looking for new and exciting ways to bring learning to life and inspire our community through memorable subject experiences.

Community Experiences

Students lead the way as role models within our community, holding charity fundraisers and setting up their own clubs and societies to build the sixth form they want to be a part of. Due to our scale, whole sixth form events give a unique sense of belonging and pride unlike other providers and bring our students together through shared experiences.

International Travel

Recent international travel opportunities for our community have included a Media Studies trip to **New York** where students got to meet with leading industry professionals at the New York Film Academy, a Ski Trip to **Austria** for students to build their confidence on the slopes and experience the après-ski lifestyle and a once in a lifetime visit to **Iceland** for our Geographers, who were able to see this unforgettable landscape first hand.

Students at The Hinckley Sixth Form enjoy once in a lifetime exceptional experiences.



Wise Up

Workshops for Improved Study Effectiveness

We created our bespoke 'Wise Up' programme to help our students gain the confidence today to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.

Launching at the start of Year 12, all our students take part in dedicated 'Wise Up' workshops to help prepare them for the academic rigour of sixth form. With studies showing that to be successful at level 3 students should be studying 5 hours a week per subject outside of the classroom, we worked hard to develop a programme which supports our students to gain independent learning skills as they transition from Year 11.

Our programme teaches students how to work smarter, utilising their study periods effectively to make the maximum impact on attainment and increase pro-activity. Our community looks at the impact of mindset, vision and effort and how changing thought patterns and habits can unlock unlimited potential.

✓ Teaching skills for life

✓ Unlocking potential

✓ Utilising our understanding of the transition from Year 11 to A Level study, unlike stand alone sixth forms



CAREERS

Opportunities that Open Doors

At The Hinckley Sixth Form, students receive **tailored careers guidance from an accredited professional** and work with a wider team of experts with strong links to leading professionals, businesses and universities. We pride ourselves on ensuring our students don't just leave us with excellent results, but also the confidence, direction and connections to pursue their dream career.

Our on-site Careers Officer works with students on a 1-2-1 and group basis to offer guidance and advice, as well as supporting students to secure industry placements.

Strong links with national businesses, universities and even motivational speakers mean that The Hinckley Sixth Form students benefit from unrivalled guidance.

These links mean that students regularly leave us with a guaranteed job within industry, invaluable work experience, prepared for university life and with the confidence to pursue their dreams.

As future leaders, it is important that our students have the opportunity to take part in:

- Employability workshops
- Employer interactions - Visiting workplaces and welcoming guest speakers
- An annual Careers Fair
- Oxbridge Outreach Taster Lectures
- University visits and degree tasters
- 1-2-1 support with CV writing, employability skills and UCAS applications
- Work experience placements
- A 'High Attaining' pathway supporting early entry applications and entrance exams - led by staff members who are Oxbridge graduates





Student voice and leadership are at the forefront of our extra-curricular offer. By joining the Sixth Form Leadership Team students play a pivotal role in improving The Hinckley Sixth Form and the wider school community. They co-ordinate individual and subject-based mentoring, charity work, reading skills, environmental work, publicity, whole-school student voice, equality groups and much more. Their work helps to shape the inclusive and supportive culture within our community, making everyone feel welcome, included and celebrated.

At The Hinckley Sixth Form students benefit from studying in a fantastic location, as our campus is located close to Hinckley town centre with bus and train stations, leisure centre, library, cafés, supermarkets and shopping and research opportunities within walking distance. Our location means we are easily accessible by foot, public transport, bike or car.

STUDENT LIFE

Our students have a dedicated sixth form building, with their own university style study centre, teaching rooms, kitchen, balcony, meeting room, laptops and free Wi-Fi. Downstairs, students enjoy use of an exclusive sixth form cafe which was newly refurbished in October 2024 to create a modern, flexible work and relaxation space suitable for mature learners in today's world. The entire sixth form building is not used by any other students and gives Year 12 and 13 a mature base with all the tools to support them through their time at The Hinckley Sixth Form.

Our wider site also boasts enviable facilities for students to enjoy, these include purpose built drama and dance studios, computer suites, science labs, photography studio, dark room, sports hall and numerous Astroturf and grass sports pitches.

With work set to commence imminently on our multi-million-pound new build, which will provide outstanding facilities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and

Mathematics, there has never been a better time to join our community.

Our students get more than just an education, from seminars and interactive workshops with leading motivational speakers, to sports teams and unforgettable social events, students at The Hinckley Sixth Form don't just secure amazing destinations, they leave with life-long memories too.

We treat our students as mature young adults with increased independence and responsibility.

Our sixth formers have access to our site via their own turnstile gate, this means that they can leave site during their lunch break and finish for the day from 12:20pm onwards, if they have no lessons in the afternoon. This gives our students the ability to study at home, take part in external leadership opportunities, complete work experience and enjoy local amenities with their new friends.

“ You are treated like an adult.
A friendly environment where everyone gets along.
A welcoming and relaxed atmosphere.
”

- Student Quotes





WELLBEING

Our size means a personal and unique approach to learning, with each student receiving the time and commitment they deserve. Everyone knows your name and the Leadership Team take a close interest in students' progress and wellbeing, offering additional tailored support and guidance as well as mentoring and leadership opportunities.

Our Team and Environment

With access to a dedicated Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team, our students benefit from our strong partnerships with external services through our 'Community Wellbeing Hub', such as a dedicated Relate Counsellor and Teen Health services, as well as hygiene and food bank referrals. Our sixth form Pastoral Leader, Mrs Tomkins, ensures that all students at The Hinckley Sixth Form flourish not just academically, with regular wellbeing events featuring guest speakers, alumni, and activities such as yoga, team sports and arts and crafts, to help our students to learn resilience, mindfulness and how to look after their mental and physical health.

All students are assigned a tutor who will be a daily point of contact throughout their

sixth form journey to support their progress. Tutors work with students to support their academic progress and wellbeing, having regular 1-2-1 mentor meetings to check in and offer additional support.

We offer the perfect combination of support and independence to help you grow.

SEND

We provide specialist SEND support. From designing structured support plans to designated 'quiet' working spaces for students with additional needs, we take the time to understand our students and listen to those close to them, creating a sixth form journey tailored to each student. For more information about the support we offer, please contact our SEND and Inclusion Team.



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2025/26

COURSE LIST

BIOLOGY

BUSINESS

CHEMISTRY

COMPUTER SCIENCE

CRIMINOLOGY

DRAMA AND THEATRE

ENGINEERING

ENGLISH LITERATURE

FINE ART

FRENCH

GEOGRAPHY

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

HISTORY

LINGUISTICS

MATHEMATICS

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

MEDIA STUDIES

MUSIC

PHOTOGRAPHY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PHYSICS

PSYCHOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE
SERVICES

BIOLOGY



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At The Hinckley Sixth Form we offer a variety of traditional academic A Levels and alternative qualifications which students can mix to create a bespoke pathway tailored to their future. We will work with you to ensure your study programme suits your skills, interests and aspirations for the future.

Entry Requirements

Our entry requirements are five GCSE passes at grade 5 to 9, including English and Maths. Most subjects also have additional entry requirements, there to help you to choose subjects that will suit your skills. Students who

do not meet entry requirements on Results Day will be invited to attend our 'Clearing Clinic' as they may be able to access some of our Level 3 courses.

Subject Choices

Most students study three subjects. However some, who have achieved high grades at GCSE and who would find it useful for their future plans, study four subjects from the start of Year 12. Our expert team will work with you to ensure that your subjects are the best fit for your future.

Resitting GCSE Exams

We understand that sometimes not everything goes to plan on the day of your exam and this doesn't always reflect your attitude, hard work and dedication. That is why we offer students the opportunity to study and resit either GCSE English or Maths alongside their Level 3 courses. This decision is always at the discretion of our expert team.

(Please be aware that the Department for Education is currently reviewing Applied General Qualifications for 16-19 year olds, with publication of the findings not due until December 2024. Following this, we will update our course offer and units for September 2025 entry.)

A Level Biology focuses on the detailed study of living things in the world around us. Biology students consider controversial scientific issues and look at how science contributes to our economy and our society. Biology combines well with other science subjects, as well as social sciences such as Psychology and Sociology. It is an important qualification for careers in science, including medicine, veterinary science and physiotherapy.



As the knowledge base in biological sciences grows exponentially and technology becomes ever more sophisticated, the ability to think broadly about biology and to apply your knowledge across many areas is a powerful asset both in scientific environments and in many other walks of life. Our biology alumni have gone on to have amazing careers linked to their A Level, not just as medics and vets, but in the fields of conservation, bioengineering, applied mathematics and many more.

Exam Board: OCR Biology A

Assessment: End of course examinations, and ongoing assessed practicals.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 6/6 in higher tier Combined Science or 6 in two single science GCSEs, including Biology. GCSE Maths grade 5.

The Future Starts With Us... Dentistry



Former sixth form student James studied Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Psychology and always aspired to become a dentist.

James has now gone on to not only achieve his dream, but lead the way in his field. He has had his research published, won undergraduate skills competitions and complete a PG Diploma in Aesthetic and Restorative Dentistry.

What will you be the future of?

BUSINESS



The A Level Business course introduces you to all you need to know about the internal and external business environment, providing a solid foundation for further study. With a focus on decision making, you'll learn essential leadership skills, alongside techniques to help you become an analytical problem solver capable of reaching clear judgements. These skills are all highly sought after and valued in a wide range of careers.



In Year 12, students will explore the key business functions: marketing, operations, finance and human resource management

in the context of real business situations. This includes a specific focus on leadership and decision making – particularly the interdependent nature of decision making. In Year 13 students will go on to develop their understanding of strategic decision making processes undertaken by businesses across the globe.

The course prepares students for university courses such as business, management, accountancy, marketing, economics and law. The skills and knowledge you learn are also transferable across a broad range of subjects and careers. Whatever you choose to do in the future, you'll find that the things you learn in this course will help.

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: Three two hour synoptic written exams taken at the end of the two year course.

Subject Entry: Minimum of 5 in GCSE Business if taken; 5 or above in GCSE English.

CHEMISTRY



A Level Chemistry studies the material world and helps us explain everything from why a cake rises when placed in the oven to how plastics are made. Chemistry is at the forefront of responding to the needs of society, with chemists central to making advances in designing new materials, developing means for more efficient energy use and discovering drugs, to name but a few.

Some topics within the A Level Chemistry course build on GCSE work, while some are completely new. The A Level Chemistry course includes the following topics:

Physical Chemistry – kinetics and thermodynamics

Inorganic Chemistry - the elements and how they react

Organic Chemistry – carbon and the molecules made from carbon

Sometimes referred to as the 'central science', Chemistry combines well with Maths and other science subjects requiring logical

thinking skills and problem solving approaches, such as engineering.

A Level Chemistry is an essential qualification for anyone aiming to study; medical related degrees such as medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, pharmacy, chemical industry-related degrees such as chemistry, chemical engineering and materials science, biotech-related degrees such as biology and biochemistry and related courses such as forensics and geology. A sound chemical education also promotes powers of analytical thinking valuable to those seeking careers in areas such as law, accountancy, banking and journalism.

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: End of course examinations, and ongoing assessed practicals.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 6/6 in higher tier Combined Science or 6 in two single science GCSEs, including Chemistry. GCSE Maths grade 6.

The Future Starts With Us... Business

In 2024, students from The Hinckley Sixth Form secured places to study...

- **International Business and Marketing** at the University of Leeds
- **Politics and International Relations** at Sheffield Hallam University
- **Fashion Management** at Nottingham Trent University
- **Business Management** at Sheffield Hallam University
- **Accounting with Business Management** at De Montfort University
- **Politics with International Relations** at the University of York
- **Policy, Politics and Economics** at the University of Birmingham
- **Fashion Communication and Promotion** at Nottingham Trent University

Where will studying Business take you?



COMPUTER SCIENCE



Computer Science is a practical subject, where you'll apply academic principles learned in the classroom to real world computer systems. It is a creative subject that combines invention and excitement.

You'll focus on programming and extend your computational thinking and develop the skills to solve problems, design systems and understand human and machine intelligence.

Computing works well with other logical and mathematical subjects, including sciences, Business and Economics.

It is an invaluable qualification for careers and university courses in the expanding world of IT, providing students with the IT and analytical skills valued by a wide range of employers and universities.

Our sixth form students have their very own computer suite based in the sixth form centre, as well as access to an extensive range of computer science teaching rooms across our wider site.

Exam Board: OCR

Assessment: is by end of year exams and a coursework task in Year 13.

Subject Entry: GCSE Maths at 6 or above, GCSE Computer Science at 5 or above if taken.

Computer Science prepares our students for advancements in technology and for those jobs that do not yet exist.

- Ms Stone,
Head of Computer Science

CRIMINOLOGY



Level 3 Criminology is a qualification which combines elements of Psychology, Law and Sociology. Criminology is the scientific study of criminal behaviour, on individual, social and natural levels, and how it can be managed, controlled and prevented.



Students regularly explore future destinations during Forensic Science Tasters at Coventry University thanks to our Phoenix Partnership

The course enables students to use theories of criminality to analyse criminal situations and make recommendations for policy. Students also develop the knowledge and skills to research policy in practice, assess campaigns for changes in awareness and examine information to review verdicts in criminal cases.

The course is suited to students with enquiring minds, the ability to write a well-structured essay and a willingness to study and think independently.

Assessment: Examination and teacher marked assessments in Year 12 and Year 13.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 5 in GCSE English.

Delve into Criminal Behaviour and Beyond



DRAMA & THEATRE

A Level Drama and Theatre is a fantastic opportunity to develop performance, designer and directorial skills, as well as developing an understanding of the theatre and the theory which underpins staging a play. You will be working collaboratively and practically putting theory into practice as you work towards performance or stage design projects. This course provides a balance of practical performing and reading, analysing and acting from recognised texts and an appreciation of live theatre.

A Level Drama and Theatre offers an engaging and challenging route for anyone wanting to study performance at university or college, as well as opportunities to develop invaluable skills in communication, collaboration and confidence for any future career or course of study.

Exam Board: Eduqas

Assessment: End of course written examination and school-based practical assessments.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements. A GCSE qualification for Drama is preferable, but not essential.

The Future Starts With Us... Drama & Theatre



"After completing my GCSEs and A Levels at The Hinckley Sixth Form, as well as partaking in the school musicals and arts concerts, I auditioned and was accepted onto the degree programme at the prestigious Bird College Conservatoire of Dance and Musical Theatre in London. I graduated from Bird College with a First-Class Degree in Professional Dance and Musical Theatre and began rehearsals for my dream job, a year contract touring round the theatres in the UK as well as International dates in Zurich and Berlin."

- Alumni, Rebecca

ENGINEERING



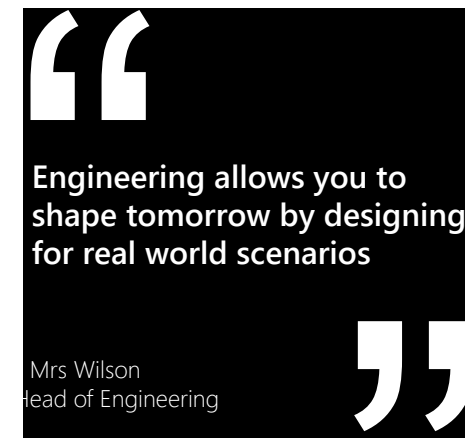
Engineering is a skills-based course, which will challenge you to design for real-world scenarios and applications and to explore how Engineering impacts on our world today. The course is designed to enhance your understanding of engineering practices, applications and working routines within the industry.

Engineering works well with Science and Maths courses to prepare you for Engineering courses at University or competitive higher-level apprenticeships. Its blend of theory and project-based learning means Engineering also combines well with other alternative qualifications. Our students benefit from the use of unrivalled facilities, including computer suites, laser cutter, woodwork and metal work machinery.

Our students have gone on to study Engineering across the country and to take up exciting apprenticeship opportunities in vehicle, mechanical and machine engineering,

as well as in robotics and design.

Assessment: A mix of exams and coursework
Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 5 in a Science subject. 6 in GCSE Maths is preferred, 5 is essential.



Turn your ideas into reality

The Future Starts With Us... Engineering

In 2024, students from The Hinckley Sixth Form secured places to study:

- **Construction Project Management** at the University of Plymouth
- **Automotive Engineering** at Loughborough University
- **Aeronautical Engineering** at Loughborough University

And degree apprenticeship destinations which included:

- **A Prototype Apprenticeship** with MIRA



ENGLISH LITERATURE

If you love reading, discussing, and analysing a range of literary texts, A Level English Literature is for you. You'll be taken on a literary journey through history, examining writing from the Middle Ages to the Elizabethan period, from a Victorian novel to texts written in the 21st century.

The course covers everything from short poems to long narrative verse, Early Modern Drama to American plays, Modernist fiction and unseen poetry, as well as the fathers of English Literature: Chaucer and Shakespeare. You'll explore connections across these literary works, examining the contexts in which they were written and responding critically and creatively to their themes and ideas.

Essay writing is a core skill, and you will learn how to craft an academic essay which draws on a range of interpretations of each text. A 'facilitating' subject, favoured by universities for a range of degree courses,



English Literature is an important choice for careers in journalism, teaching, public relations, media, politics, publishing, law and more.

Exam Board: Eduqas

Assessment: End of course examinations and one coursework task.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 5 in GCSE English Language AND Literature.

Unforgettable opportunities in and outside of the classroom



FINE ART



A Level Fine Art at The Hinckley Sixth Form provides you with exciting and stimulating opportunities to explore your interests within Art and Design whilst also providing the potential to question, investigate and understand the world around you. As a post-16 student it is important to express your views, ideas and opinions, whilst also understanding those of the people around you.



critical understanding to analyse a broad range of contextual sources. Results will inform and justify the application of the visual language of art and design, which will include exploration of alternative materials techniques and processes. Throughout Term

1 you will be introduced to a broad range of materials, processes and techniques that will include Fine Art, Photography and some Textiles, encouraging you to master the application of these skills in the context of your chosen endorsement. The later half of Year 12 and Year 13 will see you start to apply this investigative and exploratory nature to specialising in your chosen endorsement.

Materials and Techniques include (but are not limited to): Image transfer, cyanotype, frozen photography, gelli printing, pyrography, layering, sketchography, destruction and decay of imagery, screen printing, free machine embroidery, printmaking etc

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: Coursework portfolio and an end of course examination.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus Merit at Art Level 2 or 5 for GCSE.

Entering the qualification with confident technical drawing and painting ability and an inquiring mind, your tutors will support you in researching a chosen starting point, using

(Please note, all applicants will need to bring a portfolio of work as evidence of their interest and skills to their interview.)

Inspiring Creative Thinkers

FRENCH



A Level French will extend your understanding of French vocabulary and grammar, developing your ability to speak fluently. The course is based around a wide range of topical issues, revolving around culture in French speaking countries, as well as the language.

French combines well with any other sixth form courses and opens the door for studying and working abroad in any industry. Studying a language is always a positive choice, it adds value to your other qualifications and gives you a real advantage in the world of work. You'll foster a range of transferable skills, including communication, critical thinking, research skills and creativity, valuable to you and future employers.

Studying a language not only broadens your career prospects, it also opens doors to new cultures, exploration and adventure.

Assessment: is through listening, speaking and written exams.

Subject Entry: Grade 6 or above in GCSE French.

French is spoken by hundreds of millions of people around the world, therefore, studying a language can give you an edge over other applicants for future jobs and opportunities. Speaking an additional language opens doors - where could it take you?

- Ms Garcia, Head of MFL

GEOGRAPHY



While studying A Level Geography you will have the opportunity to study three physical units (Carbon and Water Cycle, Hazards and Deserts) and three human units (Changing Places, Globalisation and Global Governance and Population). Not only will each unit allow you to explore the ever changing world, but connections between the different units allow you to develop a holistic understanding of Geography.

best of our ability. Globalisation and Global Governance allows students to understand what caused our world to be interconnected, how our planet is governed and what areas are most at risk. The Population unit focuses on how the world is changing regarding its demographics and what factors are influencing population structures around the world.

You Can Change the World

The physical units, making up 40% of the overall grade, provide an insight into the natural world. With the current focus on changes to global climates, the study of the Carbon and Water Cycle provides an understanding of why this occurs, with a strong focus on river and rainforest environments. As part of the Hazard unit, we analyse the impacts of natural events, understanding what causes various tectonic and weather hazards and why impacts vary between developing and developed countries. The Desert unit allows students to understand how deserts develop and how they are impacting on life in various countries globally.

Coursework makes up 20% of the overall grade, giving students an opportunity to explore an environment in the UK and create their own investigation, providing an insight into one of the six units in more detail. Geography at The Hinckley Sixth Form provides students with the opportunity to be independent thinkers and inspires those interested in how the world works, to focus on what is required to make our planet sustainable and to discuss issues and challenge problems facing our planet.

The human units, making up 40% of the overall grade, allow students to understand how we are impacting the planet. Urban areas are consistently changing and creating different challenges for different cultures and societies. Changing Places provides students with an insight into what is changing in urban areas and why, using local, national and international examples. Changing environments and political challenges in the developed and developing world mean our world needs to be governed to the



Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: End of course examinations, including multiple choice and written answers, and coursework.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 5 in Geography or another Humanities subject preferred.



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Health and Social Care is a alternative qualification that relates to all aspects of health and social care in the UK. The programme prepares you to pursue a career in health care, social care or childcare, giving you knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare for employment or further study.

The qualification incorporates topics relevant across the health and social care sector:

- Human Lifespan Development
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Meeting Individual Care and Support Needs

Health and Social Care explores similar themes to social science subjects such as Psychology and Sociology, but with a vocational focus. After this qualification, students can progress directly into employment or on to higher study.

Assessment: Course work and examinations in both Year 12 and Year 13.

Subject Entry: General entry requirements.

"I am passionate about my Health and Social Care lessons as they are always different and interesting. I have learnt about a range of professionals and organisations and how they support people in our community. I have also gained a range of skills, including research, organisation and time management that will be useful in the future."

- Student Quote



The Future Starts With Us... Paramedic Science



"After leaving sixth form, I moved to Stafford as I received an unconditional offer at Staffordshire University to study Paramedic Science. Even though I didn't study a Science subject I was able to get in because of doing Health and Social Care at The Hinckley Sixth Form. In most of my coursework pieces for each subject I received a Distinction and even did an extended course for CPDL to get more UCAS points and show my willingness to learn."

What's the future for you?

HISTORY



A Level History is an interesting and challenging subject that analyses change and continuity in human societies, helping students to develop an enquiring and analytical mind. During the course students study two units, complete one coursework assignment and produce a historical investigation into the origins of the French Revolution. 'Industrialisation and the People: Britain, 1783-1885' is our breadth study. Through exploring social, economic and political aspects of the age, the study aims to show how modern Britain was forged.

Black Power movement.

Former Hinckley Sixth Form students have gone on to further study in areas such as History, Politics and Law, including at Oxbridge Universities. The ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing is developed throughout the course and is useful for all further study routes and careers.

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: End of course written examinations and a coursework essay.

Understand the past to shape the future

For example, it examines developments in politics and foreign policy at a time when government was changing to become something we would largely recognise today and encompasses protest movements to widen the franchise and covers the development of Irish nationalism. The coursework element centres around analysing historians' differing views of change or action, and deciding which are most convincing.

'The American Dream: Reality and Illusion 1945—1980' is our depth study. It covers the administrations of 7 presidents, from Truman to Carter and considers their impacts both domestically and abroad. This was a period of turmoil and change in the USA, from post-war recovery and boom, through the civil rights protests and a foreign policy that sought to establish American values across the world. Students will look at key events like the Cuban Missile Crisis and the quagmire that was the Vietnam War, alongside the growth of feminism and the

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 5 in GCSE History, and 5 or above in English.

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Our historians have gone on to study History and related courses at leading universities across the UK after developing a passion for the subject through sixth form study. It is a privilege to see our students succeed.

- History Department

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LINGUISTICS



A Level Linguistics takes you on a journey through language, from learning how we learn to communicate in infancy, to exploring how we use language as adults. You'll discover how factors such as gender and age impact on our language choices, and study how we speak and write in a wide variety of contexts.

Language is constantly evolving, and you will learn how English has developed from the earliest forms of writing, through the Medieval and Early Modern Periods, to the words and phrases we use today. We will explore how language is used in online forms of communication, looking at examples from diverse sources including social media, text messages and email exchanges. You will become confident at analysing all the finer details of written and spoken texts and have a deeper understanding of how writers and editors use language to communicate.

English Language provides skills for any career that involves written communication and a confident grasp of the English

language. Successful linguists can enjoy a range of career opportunities in areas including the arts, the education sector, the media industry, law, politics – anything that requires fluent and confident communicators.

Exam Board: OCR

Assessment: End of course examinations and an independent coursework investigation.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 5 in GCSE English Language AND Literature.

"It's really interesting, you're constantly doing something new...The staff really support you if you ever need any help."

- Student Quote

MATHEMATICS



Mathematics is a challenging and exciting course covering topics in pure mathematics, mechanics and statistics.

You'll use and apply advanced mathematical techniques, learn to reason, interpret and communicate ideas mathematically, and also develop skills in solving increasingly complex mathematical problems.

To fit a swiftly developing and fast paced world, the course emphasises the use of IT and software to help solve problems. Students will develop analytical skills and logic and add in a bit of creativity, giving them a set of skills which make them desirable for any job or university course.

Many of our Mathematics students also study Further Mathematics as a fourth course option, further enhancing their knowledge and setting them apart from similar applicants when looking at future destinations and Maths related careers.

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: End of course examinations.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 7 or above in GCSE Mathematics is advised, applications are considered with a 6.

*The Future Starts With Us...
Maths*

Student destinations in 2024 included:

- **Accounting and Finance** at De Montfort University
- **Accounting with Business Management** at De Montfort University
- **Mathematics** at the University of Nottingham
- **Mathematics with International Study Elements** at Lancaster University
- **Mathematics** at the University of Exeter



FURTHER MATHEMATICS

MEDIA STUDIES



Further Mathematics is an extension of the A Level Mathematics course which can only be studied by those already doing A Level Mathematics. It is a challenging qualification, which extends and deepens your knowledge and understanding in the areas of mechanics, pure and discrete mathematics.

The Hinckley Sixth Form has a strong reputation for supporting students to go onto study Maths at leading universities across the country, including numerous students who have accepted places to study at The University of Oxford.

Further Mathematics is offered at The Hinckley Sixth Form as both a one year AS and a two-year A Level. This course is recommended as a fourth A Level choice.

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: Three exams at the end of Year 13 for A Level or two at the end of Year 12 for AS.

Subject Entry: Grade 8 or above in GCSE Mathematics.

The Future Starts With Us...

Maths

Jack graduated from our sixth form in 2021, and is currently in his final year of studying Mathematics at **Oxford University**.

"In a challenging year the sixth form helped me more than I could have ever asked for, they have made my dreams possible." - Jack



Jack achieved three A*s at A Level and praises staff for their support with entrance exams and interview preparation.



How are groups of people represented to us in the media? Is it morally right to make a film out of tragic events? Can the media be blamed for violence in society? How far does the media control our thoughts about issues in the world today?

The A Level Media course will explore these and many other questions through contemporary and historical media texts from the UK and other parts of the world, and productions from outside the commercial mainstream. In this two-year course, you will study a wide range of different media industries via the texts they produce. Through this you will develop an understanding of how and why media texts are created, the theories that explain how they carry meaning, as well as the ways in which they may be interpreted by audiences. You will explore and debate how different groups are represented in society, discuss media coverage of key events, and consider their wider implications. As part of this study, you will explore a foreign language text, independent/alternative media and historical texts in addition to contemporary examples to develop your research, analytical and evaluative skills.

In Media lessons you will be encouraged to engage with a wide range of texts, developing skills of observation, critical analysis and personal reflection, as well as developing your creativity and practical skills in desktop publishing, film making and editing. You will have the opportunity to put your knowledge and understanding into practice via a coursework unit. You will undertake tasks individually, in groups and sometimes as a whole class with discussion on a range of issues requiring you to think, question and challenge your own ideas, as well as critiquing the theories you

have studied. You will also develop essay writing skills and research skills. The communication, writing and critical thinking skills you learn on this course will be valuable to employers in any industry. Previous Media Studies students have gone on to work in areas such as: media research, public relations and marketing, journalism, publishing and new media development.

Exam Board: Eduqas

Assessment: A mixture of coursework tasks (30%) and examinations (70%).

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, including grade 5 or above at GCSE English.



*Our Media students enjoy an annual trip to **New York** which includes the unique opportunity to learn from leading industry professionals at the New York Film Academy*

MUSIC



Our alternative qualification in Music is a practical, creative and academic course which allows you the freedom to steer your own direction of learning whilst studying musical conventions, performances and the music industry. This course has breadth and depth, developing your skills as a performer, composer and musician.

Practical tasks include solo and ensemble contexts, developing your skills in rehearsing to prepare for a big performance. Composition tasks can be completed on the iMacs using Sibelius 7 or LogicPro, integrating technological skills. The academic tasks require you to research, analyse and evaluate your own work and specific musical concepts. These can be assessed as articles, interviews or presentations.

Music is an essential qualification for acceptance to a specialist performance

programme at a music school or college or for anyone who wishes to pursue music as a career or a hobby.

Assessment:

- Unit 6: Solo performance
- Unit 3: Ensemble performance
- Unit 1: Notation, theory and harmony
- Unit 2: Professional practice in the music industry

Within the two years, there will be a combination of articles, diaries, and written responses in exam conditions as well as recordings of performances, practice sessions, presentations, interviews, tutorials, and compositions.

Subject Entry: GCSE Music grade 4 pass or above and a keenness to perform on your instrument/perform vocals.

PHOTOGRAPHY



A Level Photography at The Hinckley Sixth Form provides you with exciting and stimulating opportunities to explore your interests within Art and Design whilst also providing the potential to question, investigate and understand the world around you. As a Post-16 student it is important to express your views, ideas and opinions, whilst also understanding those of the people around you.

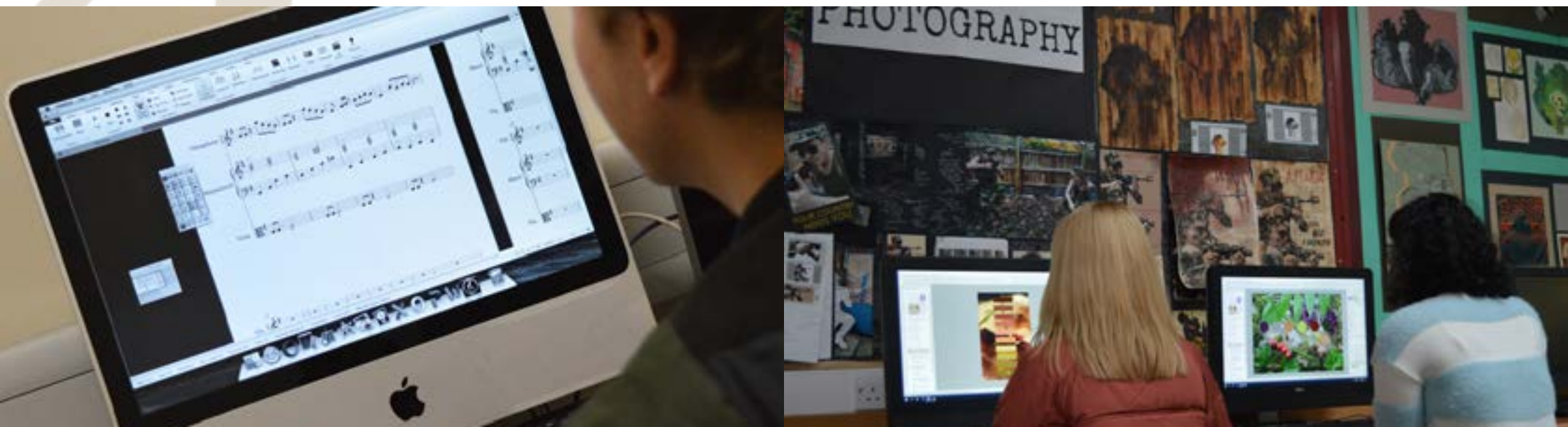
Entering the qualification with confident technical recording and editing skills and an inquiring mind, your tutors will support you in researching a chosen starting point, using critical understanding to analyse a broad range of contextual sources. Results will inform and justify the application of the visual language of art and design, which will include exploration of alternative materials techniques and processes. Throughout Term 1 you will be introduced to a broad range of materials, processes and techniques that

will include Fine Art, Photography and some Textiles, encouraging you to master the application of these skills in the context of your chosen endorsement. The later half of Year 12 and Year 13 will see you start to apply this investigative and exploratory nature to specialising in your chosen endorsement. Materials and Techniques include (but are not limited to): Image transfer, cyanotype, frozen photography, gelli printing, pyrography, layering, sketchography, destruction and decay of imagery, screen printing, free machine embroidery, printmaking etc

Exam: AQA

Assessment: is by coursework portfolio and end of course exam.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus Merit at Art Level 2 or 5 for GCSE. (Please note, all applicants will need to bring a portfolio of work as evidence of their interests and skills to their interview.)



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Through the Physical Education course you will develop knowledge of both physiological and psychological theories within sport as well as learning about the impact of sport on current and historical society issues. You will study a range of topics including the causes and treatment of sports injuries, how personality and anxiety affect performance and how modern technology has impacted on 21st century sport.

The A Level PE course is a progression from GCSE PE, with topics explored in more detail as you progress into Level 3 study. The course features three exams and therefore course content can be defined into three distinct sections: Exercise Physiology - Including the muscular, cardiovascular and respiratory systems, energy systems the body uses and exercise at altitude / Psychology - Including theories of leaderships, personality and the impact of anxiety on athletes / Social & Cultural - Including the history of sport through to modern day, role of women in sport, media and commercialisation and global events. This course is an excellent pre-requisite if you are considering studying sport at university or pursuing a future career



within the sports industry. Hinckley Sixth Form students have previously progressed on to study Sports and Exercise Science, Sport Business Management, Sports Massage and Remedial Therapy, and Strength and Conditioning.

Exam Board: OCR

Assessment: is in one practical area of sport, including a verbal analysis and evaluation of performance, and through a mixture of short answer and essay style exam questions in two end of course examinations.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus grade 5 or above in the GCSE PE theory paper or 5 in a GCSE Science.

The Future Starts With Us.. Physiotherapy

I qualified from Leeds Beckett University in 2019 with a BSc Degree in Physiotherapy. I now work as a rotational band 5 Physiotherapist, securing my first job in a large teaching hospital in London. Studying PE at A Level here allowed me to build the foundations of my anatomical knowledge, giving me a direct advantage into my first-choice university. PE opens up a wide variety of career pathways varying from the practical aspect to research. PE develops skills such as teamwork and problem solving, these transferable skills can be used widely when applying for a job. As a Physiotherapist I am now working on the front-line of healthcare for the NHS, providing patient-centred care. At times like this it has never been so rewarding. My advice for future Hinckley Sixth Form students would be to just keep your head focussed on what you want to achieve. If you put the hard work in you will get there."

PHYSICS



A Level Physics enhances your understanding of the universe. It is a challenging, but inspiring course, ranging from the Newtonian concepts that govern the macroscopic world, down to the laws of Einstein that govern the microscopic.

You will further your knowledge in the topics of Kinematics, Electricity, Radioactivity, Simple Harmonic Motion and Cosmology. Physics at A Level will provide you with the opportunity to link your mathematics knowledge directly to physics concepts as evidence for their existence.

During your physics lessons you will be encouraged to 'think like a physicist'. This will involve designing and carrying out practicals in a professional manner to gather data. We will then ask you to critically analyse this data and use current theory to formulate conclusions. The many skills that you will develop in your physics lessons - such as problem-solving, critical thinking, numerical and communication—are transferable to a wide range of careers. Hinckley Sixth Form Alumni students have gone on to further study in fields such as: Astrophysics, Architecture, Aeronautical Engineering, Veterinary Science, and even Town Planning.

You will undertake tasks in lessons individually and in groups where you are encouraged to work with your peers to discuss and challenge ideas. During the course, you have the opportunity to research a specific area of physics you are most interested in, and write a report demonstrating your understanding of the physics concepts that underpin it.

Exam Board: OCR

Assessment: is by end of course examinations and ongoing practical assessments.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, plus 6 in GCSE Maths. Minimum of 6/6 in Combined Science or 6 in two single science GCSEs, including Physics.

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Studying physics strengthens quantitative reasoning and problem solving skills that are valuable in careers in physics and all other industries.

Students who study physics are prepared to work on forefront ideas in science and technology and can use their understanding of the universe to positively impact the world for future generations.

Mr Fawkner,
Head of Science

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PSYCHOLOGY



Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. Ever wondered if prison really does change criminal behaviour? Or why some people conform? Or perhaps if the experiences you had before the age of five really do shape the person you are today? A level Psychology aims to explore these questions through many different paradigms: biological, social, psycho-dynamic, evolutionary, cognitive, behavioural and humanistic.

You'll tackle thought-provoking topics such as memory, social influence, schizophrenia and forensic psychology. You will study a range of interesting research studies and consider the ethical issues involved in these. You will learn how to carry out a scientific research project, interpret statistics and write a report. Studying Psychology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including Marketing, Business development, Accountancy, Human resources, Forensic Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Clinical Psychology, Nursing, Teaching.

"Psychology is an intriguing subject. Over the past two years I've covered many topics that I'm fascinated in and I have engaged in discussion of the mind and considered aspects I would never have thought about before."

- Student Quote

Course Modules :

Attachment, Memory, Social Influence, Psychopathology, Research Methods, Approaches, Schizophrenia, Forensic Psychology, Issues and Debates and Gender.

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: is all through end of course examinations.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements, including grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths. A higher pass grade in English is an advantage.

SOCIOLOGY



A Level Sociology involves studying human social life, groups and societies in a systematic way. Sociologists investigate and attempt to explain the social world and our behaviour in it.

They are particularly interested in understanding the ways in which society influences us and shapes our daily lives. However, be prepared to be challenged: sociologists fundamentally disagree on nearly every issue and the subject is characterised by intensive debate and perspective rivalry.

The course encourages you to develop a strong understanding of contemporary issues and debates. It is a good choice for a wide range of career and university routes, developing widely recognised skills: critical thinking, research skills and a sound understanding of the society we live in.

Students will study five modules during the Sociology course, these are :

- Education
- Culture and Identity
- Theory and Methods
- Crime and Deviance
- Beliefs in Society

Debate, analyze and understand

Exam Board: AQA

Assessment: is by end of course examinations.

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements including grade 5 in GCSE English.



UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

An engaging course for those that are interested in working in the uniformed protective services sector such as the police service, the fire & rescue service, armed services and the prison service. It is also highly suitable for those who may also be interested in the ambulance service, social work and the probation/youth offending service. It supports progression to higher education as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate courses such as Criminology, Sociology and Psychology. Learners can also progress directly in to employment as the course will provide learners with the knowledge and understanding required to apply for a range of entry-level roles within the uniformed protective services sector, or for employment as an apprentice within the sector.

Providing the opportunity to develop transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, research and analysis, planning and completing tasks to high standards, the course is valued in both the workplace and higher education.

There are four units of study:

- Behaviour and Discipline - Year 12 External examination
- An Introduction to Criminology – Year 12 Coursework Unit
- Teamwork, Leadership and Communication – Year 13 Practical Activity/Coursework
- Police Powers and the Law – Coursework Unit in Year 13

(Please be aware that the Department for Education is currently reviewing Applied General Qualifications for 16-19 year olds, with publication of the findings not due until December 2024. Following this, we will update our course offer and units for September 2025 entry.)

Assessment: A combination of external examination and course coursework

Subject Entry: General Hinckley Sixth Form entry requirements.

The Future Starts With Us... Policing

This course "prepared me for university, as what we learnt is now the focus of my studies. I gained an understanding which has had a huge benefit. For example, all of the work around stop and search and PACE has become a huge part of my policing course and my understanding is so much clearer because of Public Services. The course is a mix of both individual and group learning which helps develop a variety of skills. The teachers have so much experience and it really shows, it makes learning much more enjoyable. I couldn't

recommend a course more. If you were thinking of joining the Police, like me, I highly suggest taking this course!"

- Sixth Form Alumni, Ellie



Apply

Applications to join The Hinckley Sixth Form 2025 cohort officially open on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

To apply, visit our website - www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk and complete the online form.

Applications can also be submitted via PS16.

To complete our online application form you will need to enter contact details, predicted grades, select the courses you would like to study (select 3 or 4 courses) and will have space to explain why you would like to join The Hinckley Sixth Form. We encourage applicants to use this as an opportunity to also explain their interests, achievements and aspirations, this gives our team a real insight into who you are and how we can support your success over the next two years.

A member of our specialist team will then review your application before contacting you to arrange your interview. This will be an informal meeting and gives our team the opportunity to get to know you better, discuss and advise you about your subject choices, as well as giving you a chance to ask any questions you may have about our courses and joining The Hinckley Sixth Form.

During your face to face interview you may be given a conditional offer, subject to achieving the entry requirements required for your chosen courses.

The closing date for applications is **Thursday 27th February 2025**, however, places on our courses are limited and we encourage students to apply before January 2025 where possible. Any students interested in applying after the application closing date will need to email sixthform@thehinckleyschool.co.uk to discuss their application with our team directly.

If you require any support with your interview or application, please do not hesitate to contact The Hinckley Sixth Form via telephone: 01455 632183 or email: sixthform@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

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