

# BIDDULPH SIXTH FORM



Prospectus

# WELCOME TO BIDDULPH SIXTH FORM



The aim of this prospectus is to provide information for students and their parents or carers who are interested in joining Biddulph High School Sixth Form in September 2017.

I want to assure you from the outset that every young person who walks through our doors will receive a first class deal; you will be genuinely valued as an individual.

Our prime focus is on quality teaching, learning and support for all of our students. We have picked the best techniques used at KS4 to achieve outstanding success and put them into a Post-16 context; in particular, target setting, assessments, pastoral support, enrichment opportunities and an emphasis on the quality of relationships between staff and students.

All our staff will do their utmost to ensure you achieve your potential during your time with us. For most people, being aged 16 to 19 is an exciting but challenging time in their lives. Taking on new responsibilities, managing your time, planning your courses and finding a route through all the possibilities that await you, are all things you will need help with. Our job is to ensure we put that personalised support in place so that you leave BH6 as confident and articulate young people, ready for the next step, whether that is work or higher education.

Sixth Form life should not just be about studying but must also provide opportunities for you to take part in sport, music, drama and dance, as well as visits to places in this country and abroad. This is what will help you develop as educated young men and women and I strongly urge you to take part in the many and varied enrichment activities that will be on offer.

We believe that the young people in the local area deserve the very best. BH6 is exactly that. Discrete Sixth Form facilities within the building and up to date technology are coupled with high quality staff who truly believe in you.

If you want to reach your potential and fulfil your ambitions, BH6 is the place for you.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us; we will do our best to help you.

**S P Ascroft**  
Headteacher

**Mrs C Taylor**  
Head of Sixth Form



*“The staff teaching within the Sixth Form not only encourage you but also give you a bit of a nudge when you are not giving your best; I’m not sure you would get this level of support elsewhere.” - Student*

## WHY CHOOSE BH6?



At BH6 students are at the centre of everything that we do. We are committed to putting your needs first. We offer 16 A-Levels and a range of applied courses allowing you to combine many subjects, giving you maximum choice and flexibility. You will be taught by outstanding teachers who are committed to excellence and will offer you stimulating and challenging lessons.

We have a full induction programme tailored for all students, including those coming to us from Biddulph, other local schools or new to the area. You will be working alongside enthusiastic students who commit to a happy, supportive community which promotes respect, dignity and pride.

### **A Curriculum of Choice and Diversity**

We are proud to offer challenging, exciting and relevant courses to meet the needs of our students and the demands of university and employment.

BH6 offers a diverse range of courses to ensure a personalised and inclusive approach for all students. Students should consider carefully the range of courses on offer and ensure that they choose courses to suit their needs.

*“Most of my friends have also stayed on in the Sixth Form and so as well as the academic side, there is also an enjoyable social side.” - Student*

Types of qualifications...

### **A-Level**

We recommend that students wishing to follow the A-Level 'route' have at least 5 higher grade passes at GCSE. In addition, each subject's specific requirements must be met.

Assessment involves examinations and the completion of coursework.

### **BTEC Level 3**

We recommend that students wishing to follow the BTEC 'route' have at least 5 higher grade passes at GCSE including English Language and Maths.

Assessment involves examinations, externally assessed work and the completion of coursework.

### **Work Skills –**

This is a one year programme available for current BHS students only which offers the opportunity to study English and Maths alongside a work based skills programme, including work experience to improve interpersonal skills.

To continue onto this 'route', students must demonstrate a commitment to their studies and have a good behaviour and attendance record.



# WHICH COURSE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?



## 1. Are you interested in studying the subject?

You will be studying the subject for 5 hours a week plus homework for the next one or two years, so it is important you choose carefully.

## 2. Do you know what the subject involves?

This prospectus is only a starting point. See our separate subject booklet for full course details or talk to subject staff and current Sixth Form students about what the subject involves.

## 3. Is your combination of subjects sensible?

There is more to choosing your courses than just 'what you fancy'. The subjects should be a compatible combination for a future job or further study and this must be carefully researched and considered. Research job criteria on the Internet via the National Careers Service (<http://nationalcareersservice.direct>.

[gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx](http://gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx)) and look at university requirements via UCAS ([www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)).

## Achieving Your Potential

All students need support and guidance in order to reach their full potential and you will be set challenging targets which are continually tracked and monitored. Comprehensive support is available to you, including:

- Termly reports are produced, ensuring that progress is continually reviewed and appropriate action implemented to ensure success.
- A full academic report is provided mid-way through the year to ensure that you and your parents/carers are fully aware of how success can be achieved.
- Parent Consultation Evenings are held to discuss progress.
- Progress Tutors regularly review progress through 1:1 meetings and target setting for improvement and development.

- Our Sixth Form Progress Manager mentors students who have been identified as requiring additional support to achieve their potential.
- Subject staff work in close conjunction with you, your parents/carers and your Progress Tutor to ensure that your progress is reviewed and any necessary intervention implemented swiftly to achieve success.
- You will have access to a Supported Study facility supervised by staff for your independent study.

### Support and Guidance

Our Sixth Form students belong to a tutor group and meet with the Progress Tutor during morning and afternoon registration. This contact allows continuity for students and provides help, support and guidance on issues that affect young people.

Our CEIAG programme, delivered weekly by Progress Tutors, provides a comprehensive package of support to promote well-being and interest in current affairs. This enables you to form reasoned responses to religious, health and citizenship issues and prepares you for Post-18 choices, including support with

the University Admissions Process (UCAS) and employment applications.

Our Enrichment programme will provide you with a wide range of opportunities and experiences. These will support you in acquiring knowledge, developing skills and gaining confidence to enhance your studies and include university visits, gap year opportunities, relevant work experience, jobs and careers fairs.



*“Biddulph High Sixth Form offers many extracurricular opportunities. I would definitely recommend joining Biddulph Sixth Form.” - Student*

# SKILLS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



We encourage our students to take part in a range of extra-curricular activities. We place great emphasis on the development of the individual student in terms of personal skills and experience.

- Links with local businesses
- Apprenticeship Support Programme
- Academic Learners Programme
- Academic Mentoring

Sixth Form is an important stage in the development of a fully rounded young person. Universities and employers look for young people who can contribute fully to the ethos of their institution.

Extra-curricular activities at BH6 include:

- Peer Mentoring
- Work Experience
- Prefect Team
- Horton Lodge Challenge Day
- University Conferences and Workshops
- Theatre Trips
- UCAS Conventions
- Summer School



# OUR VALUES AND BELIEFS



## **Achievement Success and Excellence**

A focus to improve standards of achievement to enhance life chances and empower your desire for success through high expectations and aspirations.

## **Respect, Dignity and Pride**

A community which is based on respect for every individual, openness, trust and pride in all we do.

## **Learning, Creativity and Innovation**

A drive to pursue effective learning for all students through first class teaching and support in every lesson, every day.

## **Relationships, Collaboration and Teamwork**

Students and staff working together in partnership with parents/ carers to prepare you to become a responsible and valued member of society.

## **Positivity, Enthusiasm and Fun**

Demonstrated by both staff and students at BH6.





We believe that education is essential in providing you with a foundation from which you can move forward and achieve your dreams. We aim to equip you with an education which will engage and inspire you to move into a world beyond Sixth Form with the knowledge, understanding, skills and qualities that will lead you to success.

We have a tradition of securing places at the top universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, on prestigious courses such as Medicine and Veterinary and throughout our local partnership universities. Furthermore, our students are supported in achieving apprenticeship opportunities at leading companies and jobs both locally and nationally.

Destinations for students who completed their studies in Summer 2016 included Oxford, Durham, Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield as well as more

local universities including Staffordshire, Manchester Metropolitan, Derby, and Keele. We also have students who have entered into employment training schemes with the NHS, Astra Zenica and Local Government.

### **Our message to parents/carers**

We work with you to make sure that your son/daughter is on track to achieve success. We believe that we are not only accountable to your son/daughter for the quality of what we do, but also to you, the parents/carers.

We recognise that you have a vital role to play in supporting your son/daughter to succeed in their studies. Regular reports and Parents' Evenings will provide direct communication on the progress of your son/daughter, along with their Progress Tutor who will provide a direct link into the Sixth Form.

# BECOMING PART OF BIDDULPH SIXTH FORM



## Current Biddulph High School Students:

You will be invited to complete an application form by 2nd December, 2016 followed by an individual interview (January) to discuss your course choices.

Following completion of interviews, all applications will be considered and offers made on 15th March, 2017. Successful applicants will be invited to a 'Sixth Form Induction Week' in June.

Enrolment begins on the 24th August (GCSE results day).

## External Applicants:

Each year we have a number of students join us from schools within the local area. If you wish to be considered for a place within Biddulph Sixth Form, please visit our website for an application form or contact us for an informal discussion.

All documents are available on the Biddulph High School website [www.biddulph.staffs.sch.uk/6th-form](http://www.biddulph.staffs.sch.uk/6th-form)

All applications and enquiries to [bh6admissions@biddulph.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:bh6admissions@biddulph.staffs.sch.uk).

*"The courses available allowed me to mix both A-Level and BTEC courses so that we can achieve our potential." - Student*

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