

# WELCOME

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Dear prospective parents and pupils,

Welcome to Heathcote School's Sixth Form! We are thrilled that you have expressed interest in our vibrant community, and we look forward to extending a warm welcome to you during one of our upcoming events. Your visit will provide an excellent opportunity to explore the unique offer at Heathcote School.

At Heathcote, we prioritise not only our pupils' academic achievements but also their character development and the choices they make post-18. As members of Heathcote Sixth Form, pupils will experience academic challenges, encouragement to expand their horizons, and the chance to cultivate new skills while becoming valued contributors to our broader school community. Our comprehensive curriculum includes a diverse range of academic and vocational courses, such as A-Levels and Level 3 BTECs, tailored to match individual ambitions. We take pride in presenting bespoke opportunities that best align with each pupil's goals, including providing a mixed A-Level and BTEC offer in specific subject areas. The Sixth Form building is equipped with a fully staffed Learning Resource Centre from 8 am to 5 pm, which fosters a positive learning environment, encouraging independence and preparing students for Higher Education, apprenticeships, employment, or gap years.

Beyond academics, our pupils benefit from many opportunities to enhance their social and employability skills. Activities like the Debate Club, participation in the Bar Mock Trial Competition, the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and programs such as the Duke of Edinburgh provide avenues for personal growth. Furthermore, we are proud to highlight our great work building partnerships with organisations providing mentoring and career networking opportunities. Programs with organisations such as Zurich and Envision offer our pupils valuable insights and connections, fostering their growth beyond the classroom.

Heathcote takes pride in the academic accomplishments of its pupils, experiencing both strong academic attainment and continuous improvements. Our commitment to providing a high-quality education is reflected in the exceptional results achieved by our Sixth Formers. We are dedicated to fostering an environment where pupils are challenged and supported to reach their full academic potential. We equally emphasise their development into confident and socially responsible young adults. Our pupils actively engage in community support through programs like Pupil Ambassador and volunteer initiatives, exemplified by the successful Sixth Form peer mentorship launched this year.



Our dedicated pastoral team and tutorial system are committed to guiding pupils through every step of their Sixth Form journey, ensuring academic success and providing support for their aspirations. Whether pupils aim for Oxbridge, medical school, or apprenticeships, our tailored program prepares them for their next steps within a warm, inclusive community focused on their well-being and success.

The transition to our large and dynamic Sixth Form has proven to be an ideal stepping stone for pupils, providing a foundation for independent living and studying at university or in the workforce. Our encouraging and challenging environment has propelled sixth-formers to diverse destinations where they continue to thrive.

Whether you are new to Heathcote School or transitioning from Year 11, you will discover a friendly, supportive, and stimulating Sixth Form where every opportunity is provided for you to shape your future. I welcome the chance to discuss our offer further and encourage all applicants to schedule a tour, engage with our staff and pupils and take the next step confidently at Heathcote Sixth Form.

Ms H Elmi  
Assistant Head-Director of Sixth Form

# HEADTEACHERS WELCOME

A warm welcome to everyone reading this prospectus or visiting our school. We are delighted that you are considering joining Heathcote's thriving sixth form.

We pride ourselves on creating a Post 16 provision that has the benefits of a school sixth form and a college. Our separate sixth form building provides the feeling of moving onto a new provision and separation from the main school whilst still having the privilege of school processes and familiarity and care of staff.

Our sixth form building is well resourced whilst still being intimate and creates an atmosphere of care and positivity. We have an excellent sixth form team dedicated to supporting you in your journey to adulthood. Many people comment on the outstanding relationship between pupils and staff and pupils themselves, which is at the heart of the learning experience here. My staff are subject specialists committed to being the best teachers they can be. Lessons are exciting and engaging and provide challenge for our sixth formers.

We pride ourselves in creating an enriched experience with a wide range of career opportunities that enable 100% of pupils to secure the university places of their choice and/or an apprenticeship. Our career support and university preparation are a strength of the sixth form.

Should you be successful in your application you will join a school with established and experienced staff. We have a broad subject offer that enables pupils of all abilities to access a Post 16 pathway. Our offer includes both A level and vocational pathways. We also offer retake English and Maths. Where we have exceptional candidates, we will allow pupils to undertake an A Level pathway in 4 subjects (if the grades allow). Our unique combination pathway will enable you to mix an A level and vocational course, giving further breadth to our offer.

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We are a very inclusive school and for any pupil who requires additional support we will ensure that your needs are met through our excellent SEN and Deaf support team. We offer independent study periods and supervised study to support pupils with their learning. Furthermore, our pupils have regular tutorials that teach them how to become well-rounded adults. We cover things such as money management, banking, how to apply for jobs and real-life skills such as cooking. We are also blessed to have a gym in our sixth form building that pupils can access during free periods after an induction.

Additionally, we allow pupils with excellent attendance to leave the premises for lunch, giving them a sense of adulthood and freedom. We encourage our pupils to become leaders and we have an active school council team, with opportunities to take on the role of Head Pupil. You will not be disappointed with your choice to come to Heathcote's sixth form. We have a happy, vibrant community and look forward to you joining.

Applications for our sixth form are welcome from pupils taking GCSEs in any local school who meet our entry requirements. I hope that this prospectus, our website, and our Open Evening will help to answer any questions you have. We look forward to meeting those of you who apply at the interview stage and we wish you all the best of luck with your exams.

Ms S Close  
Headteacher

# SUCCESS AT HEATHCOTE

At Heathcote, our outstanding pupils have achieved exceptional individual successes, prominently highlighted by their outstanding A-Level and BTEC results. Our unwavering dedication to excellence has consistently yielded improvements year on year, propelling our pupils towards extraordinary destinations. The strength of our vocational programs remains steadfast, with an impressive 80% of pupils smoothly transitioning to university studies and a significant majority securing their first-choice universities.

Moreover, a notable number of pupils have embarked on their academic journey at prestigious Russell Group Universities, solidifying Heathcote's legacy as a hub for nurturing academic excellence. Two of our brilliant pupils have clinched coveted spots at Cambridge University, poised to explore the realms of Asian and Middle Eastern studies and Medicine.

Noteworthy is the significant cohort of accomplished pupils who have chosen the path of apprenticeships, securing coveted placements at esteemed corporations such as Higgins Construction, BBC, Hayes, and more. The resounding success of our alumni resonates loudly as they continue to leave an indelible mark at esteemed institutions, including Oxford, Cambridge, Nottingham, Durham, York, Bath, Queen Mary University, and many others. At Heathcote, success is not merely a goal; it's a proud tradition.



**ENCOURAGE?**  
**CHALLENGE**  
**SUCCEED**

# COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## Minimum Entrance Requirements

Full A-Levels: 5 Grade 5s including English/Maths Grade 4 + Individual subject requirements (see below)

BTEC + A Level Combination: 5 Grade 4s including English/Maths Grade 4 + Individual A Level subject requirements. BTEC Applied Science will also require at least a GCSE grade 4 in Science.

BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Diploma/Extended Diploma: 5 Grade 4s including English or Maths Grade 4.  
BTEC Applied Science will also require at least a GCSE grade 4 in Science.

## BTEC + 1 A Level Combination

5 Grade 4s including English and Maths.

- BTEC Applied Science will also require at least a GCSE grade 4 in Science.
- Meet subject entry requirements for A- Level subject(S)

## BTEC Level 3 Subjects

- Applied Science
- Business
- Health & Social Care
- IT
- Sport.

### BTEC Courses

Pupils that achieve 5 subjects at GCSE grade 4 and may also need to re sit either GCSE Maths or English can select:

1. BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma( 3 A Level equivalent) in Business Studies only
2. BTEC Level 3 Diploma (2 A Level equivalent) and a BTEC Level 3 Certificate (1 A Level equivalent)

## A Level

- 5 Grade 5s including English AND Maths Grade 4
- Written-based A-Levels require at least Grade 6s in English Literature and Language and/or in the chosen subject.
- Selected subjects require a grade 6 or 7

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| <b>Art</b>                       | Grade 5 in Art + Portfolio.  |
| <b>Biology</b>                   | Grade 6 in Combined Science or Biology. + Grade 5 in English and Mathematics   |
| <b>Business Studies</b>          | Grade 5 in Business Studies (desirable but not essential) + Grade 6 in English and Grade 5 in Mathematics  |
| <b>Chemistry</b>                 | Grade 6 in Combined Science or Chemistry+ Grade 5 in English and Grade 6 in Mathematics  |
| <b>Computer Science</b>          | Grade 6 in Computing (or equivalent). + Grade 5 in English and grade 6 in Mathematics  |
| <b>DT: Architectural Design</b>  | Grade 6 in DT ((desirable but not essential) + Grade 6 in English and Mathematics<br>Subject cannot be taken with A Level DT: Product Design       |
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| <b>Drama And Theatre Studies</b> | Grade 5 in Drama + Grade 5 in English.   |
| <b>Economics</b>                 | Grade 6 in both English and Mathematics.   |
| <b>English Language</b>          | Grade 6 in English Language  |
| <b>English Literature</b>        | Grade 6 in GCSE English  |
| <b>Geography</b>                 | Grade 6 in Geography + Grade 6 in English.   |
| <b>History</b>                   | Grade 6 in both History and English  |
| <b>Maths</b>                     | Grade 7 in Mathematics   |
| <b>Physical Education</b>        | Grade 6 in Physical Education + Grade 6 in Combined Science or Biology   |
| <b>Physics</b>                   | Grade 6 in Combined Science or Physics + Grade 6 in Mathematics  |
| <b>Politics</b>                  | Grade 6 in English + Grade 6 in History or Citizenship   |
| <b>Psychology</b>                | Grade 6 in Science+ Grade 6 in both English and Sociology(if taken) and grade 5 in Mathematics   |
| <b>Sociology</b>                 | Grade 6 in both English and Sociology(if taken)  |