



Heathcote School & Science College

Sixth Form Prospectus

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Dear Prospective Parents and Pupils,

Thank you for considering Heathcote Sixth Form for the next stage of your child's education. Choosing the right Sixth Form is a significant decision, and we are proud to offer a Sixth Form experience that combines academic excellence, outstanding pastoral care, and ambitious future pathways.

I have had the privilege of serving as Headteacher since 2022, following my role as Deputy Headteacher from 2018. I also write as a parent of a son who currently attends our Sixth Form, which gives me both professional and personal insight into what truly matters at this crucial stage of education. I am deeply committed to ensuring that every pupil at Heathcote Sixth Form thrives, feels supported, and leaves us exceptionally well prepared for their next steps.

At Heathcote Sixth Form, our core purpose is to provide an excellent education that opens doors. We deliver a broad and rigorous academic curriculum taught by subject specialists who are passionate about their disciplines and ambitious for their pupils. Our Sixth Form outcomes place us in the top 25% of schools nationally, reflecting the strength of our teaching, academic support, and high expectations. As a result, our pupils consistently progress to a wide range of highly competitive destinations, including Russell Group universities, Oxbridge, medicine, and other elite pathways, alongside high-quality apprenticeships and employment.

Academic success is complemented by a strong careers and enrichment programme. Pupils benefit from tailored guidance on university applications, personal statements, interview preparation, and admissions tests, alongside meaningful work experience and employer engagement. Our enrichment offer is designed to develop confident, articulate, and well-rounded young people, with opportunities including leadership roles, academic societies, volunteering, trips, and wider cultural experiences that strengthen applications and broaden horizons.

I am fortunate to work alongside a highly committed and expert staff team, all of whom share the same ambition: to ensure that every pupil feels safe, valued, challenged, and supported to achieve their very best. We see education as a partnership between school and family, and we value open, honest communication. If concerns arise academic, pastoral, or personal, we encourage families to work with us so that pupils are supported through both successes and challenges.

As a parent myself, I often ask a simple question: "Is this good enough for my child?" If the answer is yes, then it is good enough for your child too. We are relentless in our pursuit of excellence and will not settle for anything less than the very best provision for our pupils.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and to welcoming you to Heathcote Sixth Form, where ambition is nurtured, wellbeing is prioritised, and futures are shaped.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sonia Close'.

Sonia Close
Headteacher

Director of Sixth Form

Dear Prospective Parents and Pupils,

Welcome to Heathcote Sixth Form, where your future takes centre stage! We are proud to offer a vibrant, dynamic, and supportive environment that empowers pupils to achieve their aspirations and prepare for an exciting future.

Our academic results reflect the dedication of our pupils and staff. In 2025, 28% of A-Level grades were A*-A, 55% A*-B, and 77% A*-C, placing Heathcote in the top 25% of schools nationally for progress and top performing sixth form in the borough. These outcomes demonstrate our commitment to helping every pupil reach their full potential.

We provide a bespoke curriculum, tailored to individual ambitions, including a combination of A-Level and BTEC pathways. Our dedicated Sixth Form building, complete with a fully staffed Learning Resource Centre open from 8am to 5pm, offers a professional and nurturing space where pupils can thrive as independent learners.

What makes Heathcote Sixth Form truly special is our extensive enrichment programme, designed to inspire, challenge, and prepare pupils for life beyond school.

Highlights include:

- The Envision Programme: Developing leadership and teamwork through impactful social action projects.
- The Realising Opportunities Programme: Offering mentorship and guidance to help pupils access leading universities.
- The Zurich Kickstart Mentoring Programme: Connecting pupils with industry professionals to gain real-world insights.
- Inspiring trips: Including our recent Berlin visit and a US trip planned for 2026.
- Opportunities to excel: Through the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Bar Mock Trial Competition and Debate Club.



We're equally proud of the strong sense of community and leadership that defines our Sixth Form. Pupils play an active role in school life, from volunteering and fundraising to leading initiatives such as food drives for local charities. These experiences shape them into confident, compassionate, and ambitious young adults, ready to take on the world.

Our pastoral care is second to none, ensuring pupils feel supported at every step of their journey. Whether aiming for competitive university courses like Oxbridge or Medicine, securing top apprenticeships, or entering the workplace, our dedicated team is here to help pupils achieve their goals.

At Heathcote Sixth Form, you'll find a warm, inclusive, and aspirational environment where you can discover your passions, develop your talents, and create your future. We can't wait to welcome you into our community!

Yours faithfully,
Hibo Elmi

Assistant Head - Director of Sixth Form



VISION & VALUES

Encourage

We encourage our pupils to take pride in their learning and community, to work hard, be kind, display good manners and achieve to the best of their abilities. Pupils are expected to seek and embrace feedback and show good manners, understanding and mutual respect for each other and demonstrate excellent behaviour at all times.



Challenge

We challenge our pupils to push themselves, take responsibility for their learning, to be resilient to failure and to self-regulate their behaviour. All our staff and governors are determined that all pupils confidently strive for success, with an inspired drive for the most vulnerable to achieve their goals, and expect them to be present and punctual.

Succeed

We succeed when all pupils enjoy their learning and reach their academic potential in all areas; leaving Heathcote as thoughtful, caring and honest citizens fully prepared for the next stage of their life – whether that be in education, training or employment. We succeed by letting them do so in a comfortable and safe environment and culture where they take a proactive role and develop socially.



Our Curriculum

At Heathcote Sixth Form, we pride ourselves on offering a broad and inclusive curriculum designed to meet the needs and ambitions of every pupil. Whether your goal is to attend a top university, secure an apprenticeship, or step into the world of work, we provide the pathways and support to help you achieve your dreams.

Our Sixth Form offers an extensive range of A Level and vocational courses, giving you the flexibility to tailor your education to suit your career aspirations and interests. From the sciences to the arts, from Business Studies to Health and Social Care, our curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire every individual.



*“The school provides a broad and balanced curriculum. ... The curriculum pinpoints the key knowledge that pupils should learn.
Ofsted February 2024”*

What sets Heathcote apart is our inclusive mixed approach, allowing pupils to combine both A Level and BTEC vocational courses. This means you can create a personalised programme of study that plays to your strengths and prepares you for your next steps. Whether you're combining Biology and Chemistry for a career in Medicine or mixing BTEC Business with A Level Economics to pursue a future in Finance, we ensure your learning journey is as unique as your ambitions.

At Heathcote Sixth Form, we don't just prepare you academically – we help you grow as a confident, resilient, and independent individual ready to thrive in life beyond school. With state-of-the-art facilities, expert teaching, and an inclusive, supportive community, Heathcote is the ideal place to unlock your potential and create your future.

Enrichment

At Heathcote Sixth Form, we believe that learning goes beyond the classroom. Our wide range of enrichment opportunities is designed to develop your skills, broaden your horizons, and prepare you for life beyond school.

1. Envision Programme

Gain leadership skills and make a difference in your community through the Envision Programme. Work on real-world projects that tackle social issues, helping you develop teamwork, communication, and problem-solving abilities – all while building your CV and university applications.

2. Zurich Kickstart Mentorship

Through our partnership with Zurich, pupils benefit from tailored mentorship by industry professionals. This unique programme offers insight into the world of business, personalised career guidance, and opportunities to build a professional network.

3. Realising Opportunities

For pupils aspiring to higher education, Realising Opportunities provides invaluable support. This national programme partners with leading universities to offer mentoring, skills workshops, and preferential consideration for university applications.

“The enrichment at Heathcote Sixth Form has been amazing. From leadership roles to inspiring trips, I’ve gained skills and experiences that have prepared me for the future. – Year 13 Pupil”

4. Clubs and Societies

Our Sixth Form offers a variety of clubs and societies to suit all interests. Whether you’re debating global issues in Debate Club, showcasing your creativity in Art Society, or honing your fitness in Sports Club, there’s something for everyone.

5. Trips and Visits

We believe in learning through experience, which is why we offer exciting trips and visits to inspire and enrich. Recent highlights include a Social Sciences trip to Berlin, cultural visits to Krakow, and plans for an upcoming trip to New York in 2026.

Our enrichment programme ensures every pupil leaves Heathcote Sixth Form as a well-rounded individual, equipped with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to succeed in their future endeavours.

Pupil Leadership

We want our Sixth Form pupils to play a key part in supporting the wider school and act as ambassadors for the School, both internally and in the wider community. Led by our Senior Head Pupils and Deputies, our team of Ambassadors form the school council and take ownership of leadership opportunities, from subject areas and charitable events to volunteering.

Our Sixth Formers are role models for younger pupils, embodying our values of Encourage, Challenge, Succeed. We also encourage pupils to take up volunteering across the school and the local community. All Year 12 pupils are selected to support wider enrichment activities during their first term, including providing assistance in departments and lessons, which helps develop leadership and other essential skills.

Success

Our Sixth Form results continue to go from strength to strength, with significant improvements in our outcomes year on year. These achievements are built on exceptional pastoral support and our unwavering commitment to helping every pupil achieve their full potential.



Pupil	Subjects				Destination
Raegan	Economics A*	Geography A*	Psychology A*		University of Nottingham: Industrial Economics
Gizem	English Language A*	Psychology A*	Sociology A*	EPQ A	Queen Mary University of London: Law and Politics
Zain	History A	Maths A	Psychology A*	EPQ A	UCL (University College London): Psychology
Phoebe	English Literature A	Politics A	History A		University of Cambridge: English
Teddy	Biology A	Chemistry A	Psychology A*		Queen Mary University of London: Medicine
Mollie	Maths A	Biology B	Psychology A*	EPQ A	University of Oxford: Psychology and Linguistics
Gabi	Geography A	Psychology A	Sociology A*		Gap year
Megan	Politics A	History A	Sociology A		University of Sheffield: Law

A hallmark of Heathcote Sixth Form is our personalised careers programme, which ensures pupils are well-prepared for their next steps. Whether progressing to university, securing apprenticeships, or entering the workplace, our pupils consistently achieve outstanding outcomes. At Heathcote, success is more than just results – it’s about shaping confident, ambitious individuals ready for the future.



Subject Combinations

Career Path	Recommended Subject Combinations
Medicine	Biology, Chemistry, Maths or Psychology
Engineering	Maths, Physics, Computer Science or DT: Product Design, Further Maths
Law	History, Politics, English Literature, Economics
Architecture	Art, DT Product Design, Maths
Business/Finance	Business Studies, Economics, Maths, Further Maths
Computer Science/IT	Computer Science, Maths, Physics or BTEC IT
Teaching	English Language, Psychology, Sociology or Health and Social Care
Nursing	Biology, Health and Social Care, Psychology
Sports Science/PE	Physical Education, Biology, BTEC Sport, AAQ Applied Science, Human Biology
Journalism	English Language, Politics, History, English Literature
Psychology	Psychology, Biology, Sociology, AAQ Applied Science or AAQ Human Biology
Sociology/Criminology	Sociology, Psychology, Politics,
Politics/International Relations	Politics, History, Economics
Environmental Science	Geography, Biology, Chemistry, AAQ Applied Science
Art & Design	Art, DT: Product Design, Computer Science
Sports Coaching	BTEC Sport, Physical Education, Psychology
Health & Social Care Professions	Health and Social Care (BTEC), Biology, Psychology, AAQ Applied Science
Economics/Accountancy	Economics, Maths, Business Studies, Further Maths
Forensic Science	Biology, Chemistry, AAQ Applied Science



Courses & Entry Requirements

Full A-Levels:

Pupils require 5 Grade 5s including English/Maths and the individual subject requirements (see below)

Art	Grade 5 in Art + Portfolio.
Business Studies	Grade 5 in Business Studies (desirable but not essential) + Grade 6 in English and Grade 5 in Mathematics
Biology	Grade 6 in Combined Science or Biology. + Grade 6 in English and Mathematics
Chemistry	Grade 6 in Combined Science or Chemistry+ Grade 5 in English and Grade 6 in Mathematics
Computer Science	Grade 6 in Computing (or equivalent). + Grade 5 in English and grade 6 in Mathematics
DT: Product Design	Grade 6 in DT (desirable but not essential) + Grade 5 in English and Mathematics Subject .
Economics	Grade 6 in both English and Mathematics.
English Language	Grade 6 in English Language
English Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English literature
Geography	Grade 6 in Geography + Grade 6 in English.
History	Grade 6 in both History + Grade 6 in English.
Maths	Grade 7 in Mathematics
Furhter Maths	Grade 7 in Mathematics
Physical Education	Grade 6 in Physical Education + Grade 6 in Combined Science or Biology. Subject cannot be taken with BTEC Sport.
Physics	Grade 6 in Combined Science or Physics + Grade 6 in Mathematics
Politics	Grade 6 in English + Grade 6 in History or Citizenship
Psychology	Grade 6 in Science+ Grade 6 in both English and Sociology (if taken) and grade 5 in Mathematics
Sociology	Grade 6 in English + Grade 6 in Sociology (if taken)

Entry Requirements

Mixed A-Level and BTEC Pathway

Level 3 Vocational course in combination with one A Level.

5 Grade 4s including English and Maths

- Meet subject entry requirements for A-Level subject(s)

Vocational Pathway

5 Grade 4s including English and Maths

BTEC Business Level 3
Extended Diploma
(equivalent of three A-
Levels)

Grade 4 Business Studies
GCSE or P2 Level 2 BTEC

BTEC Sport Level 3
Diploma
(equivalent of two A-
Levels)

Grade 5 in GCSE Physical
Education or P2 BTEC Level
2 Qualification in Sport

AAQ IT Level 3
Diploma
(equivalent of One A-
Levels)

Grade 4 IT GCSE or P2 Level
2 BTEC

AAQ Health & Social
Care

Pass (P2) Level 2 BTEC

AAQ - Applied Science

Grade 4 Combined Science
GCSE

AAQ - Human Biology

Grade 4 Combined Science
GCSE or 4 in Biology GCSE



Sixth Form Timeline

Application

Application

The deadline for application is 6th March 2026. Please scan the QR code for application form link.



References

Heathcote will take up confidential references with your current school

Interviews

We will interview shortlisted applicants between 9th - 20th March 2026. Internal applicants will be interviewed the week beginning 2nd March 2026.

Offers

April 2026— Offers will be made to successful applicants.

Induction Day

29th June 2026 - Those pupils who receive an offer will be invited to attend an our offer holder day

Results day & Enrolment

Thursday 20th August 2026 GCSE results day & Day 1 of enrolment for all offer holders.
Friday 21st August 2022- Day 2 enrolment

Scan the QR code to download our Sixth Form Prospectus





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