

# Sixth Form at Gosforth Academy



# Sixth Form Team – Specialised Support

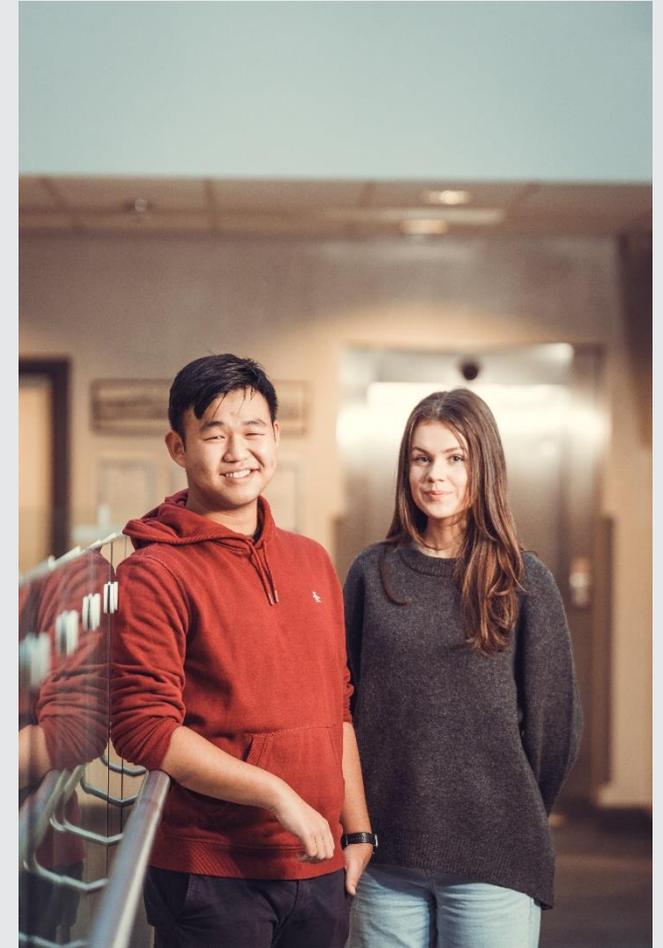


Deputy Principal: Post 16  
Learning Managers  
Progression Managers  
Personal Tutors



# What is Gosforth Academy Sixth Form like?

- Inclusive
- Diverse
- Welcoming
- Supportive
- Ambitious
- Aspirational



Freya and Josh: Head Girl and Head Boy

# Comprehensive Choices

- Wide range of A Level courses
- Level 3 BTEC and Cambridge Tec Diploma courses
- Level 2/3 Access for A Levels course
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Rugby Academy: ACE & DiSE
- Resit GCSE English and Maths



# Entry requirements

- Four grade 4s at GCSE or equivalent for Level 3 courses.
- Four grade 3s at GCSE or equivalent for Access for A Levels.
- The Bridging Course enables you to make informed choices.
- Check entry requirements carefully for each course: GCSE grades, GCSE courses and APS (see prospectus).
- It is possible to mix and match A levels and Vocational courses.

# Advice to students

- ‘Take subjects you actually enjoy.’
- ‘Thoroughly think about what subjects you’re taking.’
- ‘Don’t think about not continuing because you don’t like school now. It is a very different experience when you are studying subjects you enjoy...it’s more interesting and rewarding studying what you’ve chosen for your future.’

# Advice to parents

- Be supportive
- Listen more than you talk
- Be aware of your own biases and aspirations
- Be the guide at the side, not the sage on the stage



When you hear which A Levels your child has chosen

# Sixth Form Facilities



- Sixth Form Library
- Sixth Form workrooms
- Common Room
- Breakout space
- Sport@Gosforth Cafe
- Free use of the Sport@Gosforth gym

# Extracurricular Opportunities

- Debating Society
- Feminist Society
- Music
- MedSoc
- Duke of Edinburgh
- World Challenge
- MFL Exchanges and Trips
- Charity Activities – e.g. Hoppings School and Food Bank collections
- Student Union
- Sport



# Progression Activities

- Careers fair
- Alumni & career insight talks
- A wide range of work and university related trips
- Other supported provider events and programmes
- Work experience
- One to one support and guidance from in-house progression manager



# Exam Results and Destinations 2023

- Overall Average Grade: B-
- 85% AAB or higher
- 7% A\*
- 26% A\*-A
- 55% A\*-B
- 26% Distinction\*
- 77% Distinction\*-Distinction
- 91% Distinction\*-Merit
- 268 students (82%) secured university / conservatoire places
- 30% of all students and 36% of those progressing to university went to Russell Group universities
- Medicine & dentistry: 7 students
- 5 successful Oxbridge students

# The Purpose of the Bridging Course:

- Find out about the courses you may want to study.
- Become familiar with:
  - The environment/facilities.
  - The teaching staff and methods.
  - Some of the other students who may take similar courses.
  - Additional opportunities that are available.
- Understand the challenge that Sixth Form study provides.

Gosforth Academy  
Sixth Form  
Bridging Course 2022



Create your future!



# Key Dates 2024: Admissions Process

## Internal Students

- Progression appointments for all Year 11s: 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Offer letter by 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Bridging Course: 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Enrolment: 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## External Students

- Complete enquiry form by 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- Progression appointment 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February
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‘Use free periods wisely.’

My daughter’s 6<sup>th</sup> form tutor has been fantastic this term. Returned my call straight away when I had an issue and my daughter feels confident in talking to them, something she has struggled with in the past.

‘Do well in your GCSEs.’

‘Take it seriously from day one – it’s easy to fall behind with content if you don’t stay on top of it.’

Grateful how settled and secure my son feels. Really motivated to learn.

‘It’s more relaxed than normal school but you still have to work hard.’

‘It’s more different than you would think from main school:

- more chill
- more trust
- closer student teacher relationship
- smaller classes.’

‘Have enough clothes.’

Extremely happy with the school. My son has thrived at GA.

‘Don’t get too stressed if you don’t understand things.’

‘Be organised and work hard.’

‘Take advantage of opportunities and experiences.’

‘Get enough sleep.’