



**Gosforth
Academy**

Sixth Form at Gosforth Academy

The Sixth Form Team

- Deputy Principal: Post 16 (& Safeguarding Lead): Mrs Blackburn
- Head of Year: Mrs Bradley
- Assistant Head of Year: Ms Spiropoulos
- Competitive Applications and EPQ Coordinator: Mrs Walton
- Progression Managers: Mrs Carter and Mr Limbrick
- Rugby Coach: Mr Patton
- Post 16 Admin: Philippa Pattison

Pastoral support system

- Team of specialist non-teaching tutors
- Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year
- Comprehensive tutorial, registration and assembly programmes
- Close monitoring of attendance, attitude to work and progress
- Liaison with parents and external agencies
- School counsellor
- External safeguarding adviser

Support and guidance for next step

- Progression Managers to provide impartial information, advice and guidance: Mr Limbrick & Mrs Carter
- Established links with universities: local and further afield
- Annual UCAS conference, open days, student shadowing, Medlink
- Rigorous support system for UCAS
- Specialist support for early UCAS applicants: Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science: Mrs Walton

Sixth Form Facilities

- Post 16 Library
- Common Room
- Breakout space
- Sport@Gosforth café
- Dedicated computer/study rooms
- Gym (after period 2 each day)

Extra curricular opportunities

- Student Union, Duke of Edinburgh, Hoppings School, World Challenge
- Volunteer work in school: peer mentoring, reading mentoring
- Variety of sporting opportunities, including rugby
- Community Award recognises achievements
- Progression Passport
- Student Union
- Clubs, teams and societies
- Charity events and fundraisers
- Tutor Cup

Lunch

- Hot and cold food service available in Sport@Gosforth
- Students are allowed to leave site after break – but we expect exemplary behaviour in the community

Lockers

- Locker keys were distributed on Thursday of last week.
- If your child would like a locker (and missed the deadline), you need to ask your child to speak to their tutor.
 - There will be an opportunity for you to still pay via IPay (£10 for a shared locker and £20 for sole use) and for them to get a locker

Communication

Students

- Check day board in Common Room for messages
- Notices in registration.
- Frog App and Instagram feeds
- Assemblies in Hall once per fortnight

Parents

- Contact your son or daughter's tutor: email or phone
- Parents should sign up for School Gateway and iPay (dataupdate@ga.newcastle.sch.uk if you need further information/help)
- Website, texts, emails
- Letters via ParentComms.

Visitors

- Parents or other visitors should make an appointment if they want a face to face meeting
- Please sign in at main reception when you arrive at school for a meeting
- During review days, we ask you to meet your son or daughter in main reception before attending the review appointment

Behaviour and other routines

- Pyramid Code applies for those that need additional support to manage their time and independent learning
- ID badges must be worn at all times & students swipe in and out when entering or leaving school
- No phones out except in Sixth Form spaces: expect them to be confiscated (returned at 3.30 that day)
- Independent Learner Award

Silent Study and Interventions

- Silent study: period 1 & 2 each day
- Students may only leave site after break (extended to end of period 3 in run up to exams)
- Staff may offer revision and booster classes, sometimes in holidays as well as after school

Initial Judgement

- Students will complete an initial assessment in each subject.
- These are to check that students are on suitable courses.
- If a student fails any initial judgement assessment, they will have a meeting with Mrs Bradley or Ms Spiropoulos to discuss if they should continue with the course or swap to another subject. A parent/guardian may be invited to this meeting, depending on how many subjects a student fails.
- There was/is the option to change courses – W/C 15th September and at IJ (W/C 13th October). Course changes can only take place during these weeks.

Medication and First Aid

- Prescription medication stored/issued from First Aid room opposite Main School Student Reception
- Students may carry and administer their own medication
- Contact Mr James Mitchell – school wellbeing manager

Attendance

- Good attendance is crucial to maximise chances of success
- Parents to ring the Sixth Form absence line each day: 2559040
- Medical appointments etc – note to tutor in advance
- Authorisation of absence is at the principal's discretion
- Absence below for students below 90% will not be authorised unless we have medical evidence
- Traffic light letters keep you up to date with attendance
- Parents can also see attendance & other data through School Gateway
- Detention will run for those with poor punctuality
- Independent Learner Award – must be above 95%

Why is good attendance important?

Year 13 A Level Results 2025

- Average grade for students on or above 90% attendance: B+
- Average grade for students below 90% attendance: C+

Key Dates

- 24/9 - Year 12 Welcome Evening for Parents
- 29/9 – 10/10 - Initial Judgment Assessment Window
- 13/10 – 17/10 - Course Change Week
- 17/11 – 28/11 - Progress Assessment 1 Window
- 8/12 – 12/12 – Year 12 Reviews
- 2/2 – 13/2 - Progress Assessment 2 Window
- 11/3 – Year 12 Parents' Evening (face to face)
- 20/4 – 24/4 – Year 12 Mock Exams (after Easter hols – may run to 30/4 if needed)
- 3/6 – Higher Education Evening (for parents)
- 8/6 – 12/6 – New Year 13 Reviews and Reports
- Work Experience Week – week beginning Monday 29th June
- 13/7 - 17/7 – Progression Week

The Sixth Form Team: Tutors

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If you have any questions, please contact your child's tutor.