



**Gosforth
Academy
Sixth Form**

**Sixth Form Welcome Evening
23rd September 2026**

An Introduction - The Sixth Form Team



Miss Bonello
Head of Year



Mr Wilkinson
Assistant Head of Year



Mrs Walton
Competitive Applications
and EPQ Coordinator



Mrs Carter
Progression Manager

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Head of Sixth Form (and DSL)	Mr Snowdon
Head of Year 12	Miss Bonello
Assistant Head of Year 12	Mr Wilkinson
Competitive Applications and EPQ Coordinator	Mrs Walton
Careers Leader & Progression Manager	Mrs Carter
Rugby Programme Manager and Lead Coach	Mr Van Vuuren
Post 16 Admin	Tania Bolam

The Sixth Form Team – Tutors



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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 and communication with:
 - Departments
 - Parents
 - External Agencies
- Qualified School Counsellors.
- Wider Safeguarding and Support Team.



Sixth Form Students at GA

- Worker
- Learner
- Helper



The School Day

- Registration and pre-school activities.
- Silent Study.
- 'Free' Periods and Personal Study.
- Timetabled contact time:
- 12 Periods/subject/cycle in Year 12.
- 13 Periods/subject/cycle in Year 13.
- Free gym membership and access.
- Food service available in Sport@Gosforth and Common Room.
- Students are allowed to leave site after break – but we expect exemplary behaviour in the community.



Sixth Form Facilities

- Post 16 Learning Resource Centre.
- Universal access to the Cousins Library during Silent Study.
- Common Room and newly installed Deli Bar.
- Breakout Spaces and Study Pods.
- Sport@Gosforth Café.
- Dedicated computer/study rooms.
- Free access to the school's Gym after Period 2 every day and after school two days per week.



Wider Opportunities

- Volunteering opportunities in/out of school – Progression Week (community projects), reading mentoring, Open Evenings etc.
- Variety of sporting opportunities, including rugby, squash and netball.
- Community Award - recognising achievements.
- Student Union, clubs, teams and societies.
- Charity events and fundraisers.
- Duke of Edinburgh.
- Hoppings School.
- World Challenge.
- EPQ and Higher Sports Leaders qualifications.





Creating Futures

CAREERS EDUCATION, INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE (CEIAG)

Creating Futures at Gosforth Academy



Gosforth Academy

Newcastle upon Tyne



At Gosforth Academy, our ethos of **Creating Futures** is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to helping every student make informed, ambitious and confident decisions about their next steps, whatever pathway they choose.



We work closely with universities, colleges, training providers, employers and apprenticeship organisations to ensure students have access to high-quality information, guidance and opportunities.

Whether your future plans include university, further education, T Levels, apprenticeships, employment, training programmes or a combination of pathways, we are here to help you find the route that is right for you.





WHAT DOES CEIAG STAND FOR?

CEIAG means **Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.**



OUR SUPPORT

The Progression Hub provides impartial information, advice and guidance to support students in planning their future. This includes support with:

- ✓ University and higher education applications
- ✓ College and sixth form applications
- ✓ T Level pathways
- ✓ Apprenticeships, including Higher and Degree Apprenticeships
- ✓ Employment opportunities and recruitment processes
- ✓ Training programmes and alternative progression routes
- ✓ Personal statements, CVs and application forms
- ✓ Interview preparation and assessment centres
- ✓ Labour market information and career planning



Students can get support throughout their time in school. In Year 11, they will have a 1:1 appointment with a careers advisor, and in Sixth Form, they will be able to speak with Mrs Carter, also a qualified advisor.

MEET THE PROGRESSION HUB TEAM



Our CEIAG & Progression Manager, **Li-Am Carter** (li-am.carter@ga.newcastle.sch.uk), leads our programme of careers education and progression support.



Within the Progression Hub, Li-Am works closely with our **Competitive Applications & EPQ Co-ordinator, Anne Walton** (anne.walton@ga.newcastle.sch.uk), who supports students applying for highly competitive university courses, including Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and other early-entry programmes.



PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Our extensive careers and progression programme includes:

- ✓ Individual careers guidance appointments
- ✓ Group careers and progression workshops
- ✓ Visits to universities, colleges and further education providers
- ✓ Employer encounters and workplace experiences
- ✓ Links with apprenticeship and training experiences
- ✓ Targeted assemblies and progression events
- ✓ Careers education through registration and tutorial programmes
- ✓ Up-to-date labour market information
- ✓ Alumni networking and mentoring opportunities
- ✓ Delivery of the Competitions Applications Programme
- ✓ Tracking of student destinations and progression trends
- ✓ A fortnightly Progression Bulletin for students and parents, showcasing progression opportunities, careers events, super-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities



Destination Data

Destination	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Higher Education	246	240	216	215	251	247
Gap Year	38	34	27	30	32	45
FE / College	3	7	11	3	1	1
Art Foundation	9	8	12	8	7	6
Apprenticeships	10	19	15	15	14	7
Employment	8	16	24	18	4	6
Senior Rugby Academy (Falcons or Red Bulls)	0	1	0	2	1	3
Other	1	0	16	3	12	13

Progression Notices

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This bulletin is comprised from information sent to the school from various employers, training providers and additional sources.

We endeavour to get the most current information out students, and to facilitate as a school where possible.

There may be times when a provider requires a member of staff to attend these opportunities with students, and this is not always possible. We send out opportunities regardless, as students often find it useful to have details for specific opportunities so that they can follow providers online and subscribe to mailing lists.

Scroll below for deadlines and how to apply, book early to avoid disappointment!

If you are missing lessons to take part in any of these events, ensure you let your tutor know so they can authorise your absence. Also, let your subject teacher know so you can catch up on any missed work.

This week's notices at a glance:

Activity
1. Routes into Policing – Sunderland Uni online course
2. Crime, Careers <u>an</u> Criminology – Sunderland Uni online course
3. Discover Social Work, Care and Community in person – Sunderland Uni
4. Deep Dive into Post 18 options – Unifrog series for students and parents
5. Social Mobility Foundation – Application Process for Aspiring Professional Programme
6. Apprenticeship event – Turner and Townsend
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Thursday 19 November: 5pm - 6:30pm online.

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Join us for an informative and inspiring event to discover how a [Professional Policing](#) degree can prepare you for a rewarding career.

You'll gain an in-depth understanding of the Professional Policing degree. This includes course content, learning opportunities, and the wide range of career pathways it can support. This event is an excellent opportunity to hear from our expert academics, all of whom have extensive policing experience. You'll learn how studying at university can help you:

- Build knowledge, confidence, and professional skills
- Prepare to enter the workplace, by gaining a strong platform for future success.

This session will give you a clear insight into what a Professional Policing degree can offer and how it can support your long-term career goals. It's ideal whether you're exploring your options after college or considering a career change.

Key Highlights:

- Course Overview: Learn about the core modules and how these connect to real-world policing and law enforcement roles
- Career Pathways: Discover various career options in policing
- Admission Requirements: Get information about entry criteria, application processes, and support available
- Interactive Q&A: Ask questions and receive answers from experts in policing and criminal justice fields
- Guided Insight: Our expert Professional Policing academics are all former police officers. They'll share their knowledge and experience based on real-life [encounters](#).

Join us and take the first step towards an impactful career in policing!

Book your place

We welcome school group bookings from Year 12/13 as well as individual sign-ups.

For more [information](#) please contact events.recruitment@sunderland.ac.uk

2. Crime, Careers and Criminology

Students will learn to think like a Criminologist and apply their investigative skills whilst learning about career pathways into this sector.

Provided every two weeks.

Outlines current and upcoming opportunities that are available to students.

Categorised to support choice.

Inclusion and Specialist SEND Support

- Students with previous support in place in terms of SEND or EAA should speak to Tutors if this has not already been disclosed.
- Referral System.
- Mrs Ramsay (previous Sixth Form Tutor and HLTA) is responsible for coordinating additional support where necessary.
- Available for drop-in support sessions every Wednesday in the Sixth Form area.



Behaviour Expectations and other Routines

- Pyramid Code applies to those who need additional support to manage their time and independent learning.
- ID badges must be worn at all times, with students swiping in and out when entering or leaving school.
- No phones out except in Sixth Form spaces - expect them to be confiscated (and returned at the end of that day).
- Independent Learner Award.



Silent Study and Interventions

- The academic challenge of a Level 3 programme is a significant step up from GCSE study – students should expect to have to work more in their own time.
- 'Free Periods' should be considered as 'Study Periods' to partially reduce the study time needed at home.
- Designated study areas with desks, supervised quiet spaces and computer access available.
- Supervised Silent Study - Period 1 and Period 2 every day (extended to end of Period 3 in run up to exams). Students may only leave site after break.
- Staff often offer intervention, revision and booster classes before, during and after school as well as in some school holidays.

Visitors to Gosforth Academy

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



Channels of Communication

Students	Parents
• Check day board in Common Room for messages. • Assemblies in Hall once per fortnight.	• Contact your son or daughter's tutor: email or phone. • Parents should sign up for School Gateway and i-Pay (dataupdate@ga.newcastle.sch.uk if you need further information or help).
• Teams and Instagram feeds. • Notices in registration.	• Website, texts, emails. • Letters via ParentComms.

Attendance

- Good attendance is crucial to maximise chances of success.
- Parents to ring the Sixth Form absence line each day: 0191 255 9040.
- Medical appointments, etc. – note to tutor in advance.
- Authorisation of absence is at the principal's discretion.
- Absence for students with less than 90% attendance 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 attendance so important for Sixth Form Students?

- Year 13 A Level Results 2025
- Average grade for students on or above 90% attendance: B+
- Average grade for students below 90% attendance: C+



Lockers

- Locker keys will be distributed next week.
- Sixth Form students who would like a locker need to ask your child to speak to their tutor. There will be an opportunity for you to still pay via i-Pay.
 - £10 each for a shared locker (plus a £5 deposit).
 - £20 for an individual locker (plus a £10 deposit).



Medication and Health whilst at School

- Prescription medication can be stored/issued from First Aid Room opposite Main School Student Reception.
- Students may carry and administer their own medication where appropriate.
- Contact Mr Mitchell – School Wellbeing Manager.



Initial Judgement

- Students will complete an Initial Judgement (IJ) Assessment in each subject. These ensure that students are on the most suitable courses for them, based on an assessment, attendance to each subject and general attitude to learning.
- If a student fails any IJ Assessment, they will have a meeting with Miss Bonello or Mr Wilkinson 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.
- Course Change Week (last week) and the IJ process (21st September – 9th October) act as important . Course changes can only take place during these weeks.

● Key Dates and Events

Date	Event
23rd September 2026	Year 12 Welcome Evening for new parents and carers
25th September 2026	Year 13 photographs
16th November 2026	Year 13 Parents and Carers Conference (face to face)
19th November 2026	Careers Convention
7th - 15th December 2026	Year 12 Parent/Carer Review Appointments (with Post 16 Tutor)
7TH JANUARY 2027	OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE SIXTH FORM STUDENTS
18th - 22nd January 2027	Year 13 Parent/Carer Review Appointments (with Post 16 Tutor)
1st - 5th February 2027	Year 11 Progression Appointments (Gosforth Academy students)
1st - 11th February 2027	Year 13 Mock Exams
8th - 11th February 2027	Year 11 progression Appointments (new students)
10th March 2027	Year 12 Parents/Carers Conference (face to face)
15th March 2027	Year 13 Parents/Carers Conference
19th April - 30th April 2027	Year 12 Mock Exams
10th June 2027	Post-16 Progression Evening (new Year 13)
14th - 18th June 2027	Year 12 (new Year 13) Parent Review Appointments (with Post 16 Tutor)
25th June 2027	Year 13 Leavers Ball
28th June - 2nd July 2027	Year 12 (new Year 13) Work Experience New Year 12 Bridging Course
12th July - 16th July 2027	Year 12 (new Year 13) Progression Week
12th August 2027	A Level & Level 3 Vocational Results Day
19th August 2027	Sixth Form Enrolment Day (new entrants for September 2027)



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