

BRAKENHALE SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

PROSPECTUS

AIM HIGH | BE KIND | TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in attending Brakenhale Sixth Form. Our Sixth Form is driven by high ambition for every student.

We have designed a supportive yet challenging environment where students, whether they pursue an academic or a vocational pathway, are equipped to progress to top universities or secure competitive apprenticeships.

At Brakenhale, our longstanding mantra with our Year 11 students is that we know you best. This deep understanding allows us to support students effectively as they move into Sixth Form life.

Sixth Form students also have access to their own bespoke Study Centre and Common Room facility to support both focused study and wellbeing. We also offer a huge variety of cultural experiences to prepare students for adulthood and continue to develop their character.

We warmly welcome any potential student to visit and see firsthand what makes Brakenhale Sixth Form the ideal place to take the next steps in your education.

Camilla Douglas
Headteacher





GREENSHAW LEARNING TRUST

We are a proud member of the Greenshaw Learning Trust, a 'family' of like-minded schools that collaborate to provide mutual support, share their good practice and learn from each other, whilst retaining and developing their own distinctive character.

WELCOME TO OUR SIXTH FORM

Choosing Brakenhale Sixth Form means joining a friendly and focused community dedicated to your success. Our experienced teachers are passionate experts in their fields, committed to inspiring a genuine enjoyment of their subjects and preparing you thoroughly for life beyond school.

For many students who join us from Year 11, the transition into Sixth Form is strengthened by the fact that we know you best. This familiarity helps us guide you into more independent study and ensure the support you receive is personalised and effective.

We offer a broad and balanced range of academic and vocational courses designed to suit various ambitions. Every student benefits from regular personalised academic support and dedicated pastoral care, which helps you settle in and thrive. This supportive environment is key to our consistent record of excellent student outcomes.

Our pastoral team also provides practical guidance as you plan your next steps. Whether you are aiming for a top university, including Russell Group institutions, exploring competitive degree apprenticeships, or preparing for an exciting career, we will help you explore all pathways open to you.

At Brakenhale, we work with you to develop independence, confidence, and a sustainable work ethic. With focused guidance tailored to you as an individual, you will be well equipped to reach your full potential.

The Sixth Form Team





OUR VALUES

Every aspect of Sixth Form life at Brakenhale is guided by our commitment to three vital principles: Aim High, Be Kind, and Take Responsibility. We believe that embodying these principles empowers students to succeed not only in examinations but as well-rounded members of society.

These core principles translate into high standards across the board. We ask for focused, high-level effort in all lessons, consistent politeness and consideration for everyone in the community, and active engagement with your own learning journey.

In return, we offer an ambitious academic programme and a warm pastoral system that treats every student as an individual. Because so many of our Sixth Form students come from our main school, we are able to draw on the strong relationships already formed. Quite simply, we know you best.

Sixth Formers also have opportunities to apply their values through formal leadership positions, such as becoming Head Students or serving as Senior Prefects.

We believe in rewarding maturity, responsibility, and consistent effort. Through our privilege system, students who demonstrate strong attendance, positive behaviour and commitment to their studies may leave school during designated wellbeing hours. This reflects the trust we place in our students and supports the development of independence.



OUR STUDY PROGRAMMES

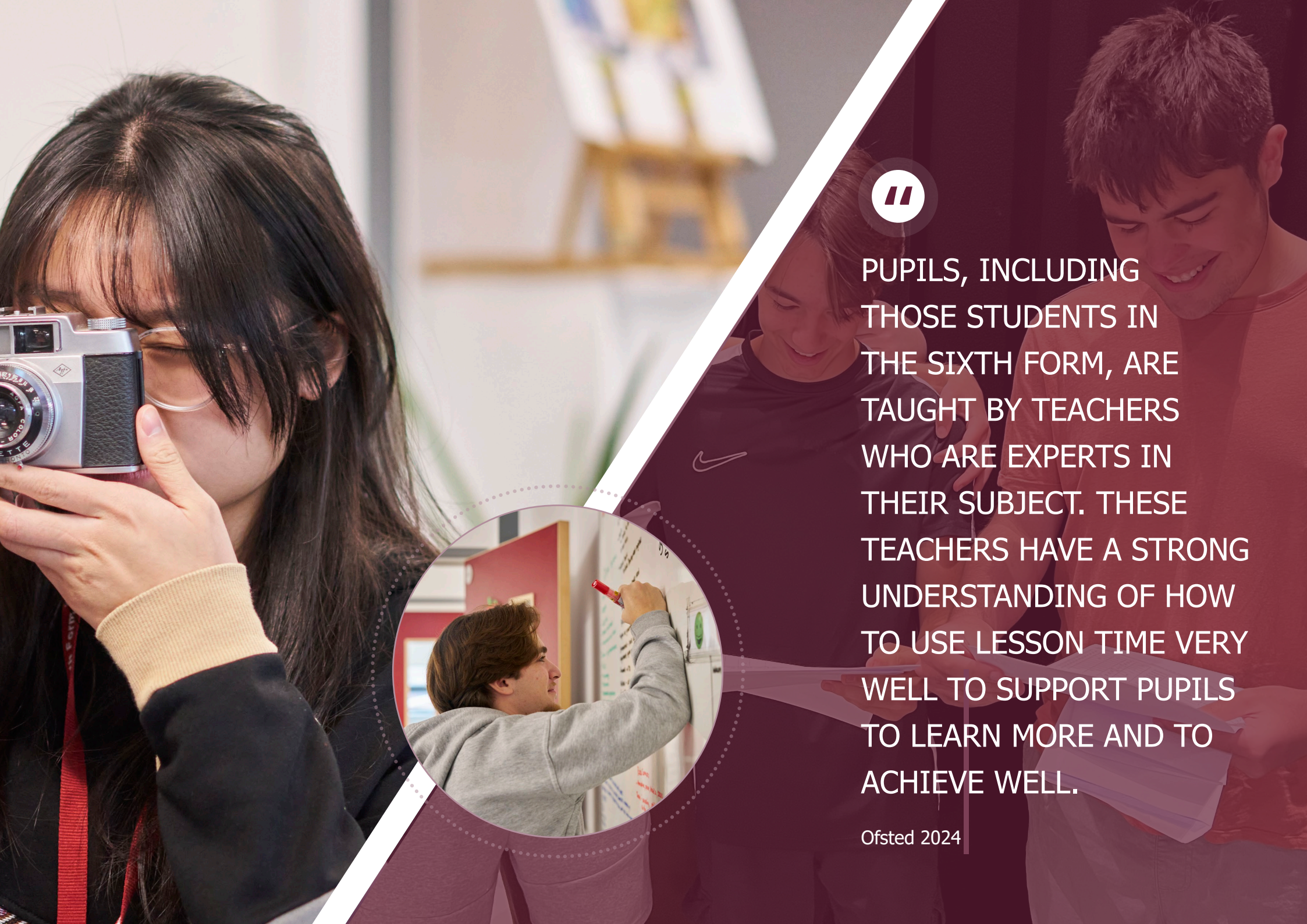
The majority of our students follow a course comprising three A Level subjects or equivalent.

We offer a broad range of subjects, combined with excellent teaching and a comprehensive programme of academic and personal support, to ensure students have the best possible chance of gaining places at top universities and competitive apprenticeship schemes.

Private study plays a key role in Sixth Form life. For every hour spent in lessons, students complete one hour of rigorous private study. This expectation helps students develop the discipline needed for success in further education and the workplace.

Further details on subjects and entry requirements can be found on our website.





PUPILS, INCLUDING THOSE STUDENTS IN THE SIXTH FORM, ARE TAUGHT BY TEACHERS WHO ARE EXPERTS IN THEIR SUBJECT. THESE TEACHERS HAVE A STRONG UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO USE LESSON TIME VERY WELL TO SUPPORT PUPILS TO LEARN MORE AND TO ACHIEVE WELL.

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SUPPORT

At Brakenhale, we pride ourselves on the quality of support and guidance that we offer. We have an experienced and dedicated Sixth Form leadership team. In addition to the Head of Sixth Form, students are supported by a team of tutors and a Sixth Form Manager with oversight of the Private Study area.

Our aim is to ensure that students are well supported throughout their time at Brakenhale, given advice and guidance when needed, and provided with all the information required to make informed decisions about their future. For students joining us from Year 11, this support is strengthened by the fact that we already know you and understand how best to help you thrive.





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THEIR FUTURE.

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THE SIXTH FORM CENTRE

The Sixth Form is based within a dedicated part of the school. This area includes two study rooms with ICT facilities and other resources essential for effective study, alongside a wellbeing room and a social area for exclusive Sixth Form use.

Lessons take place across the school site, and the Study Centre is open before and after school each day for private study. Members of the Sixth Form team are based in this area, ensuring there is always someone available if you need support or guidance.

Students also have access to our excellent sports facilities, including a fitness and weights suite promoting physical wellbeing alongside academic progress.





THE SIXTH FORM STUDY AREA IS AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTIVE TO SUCCESSFUL STUDYING AND PROVIDES A SUPPORTIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR US TO THRIVE SOCIALLY AND ACADEMICALLY WITH PEERS.

Sixth Form student



CHARACTER EDUCATION

At Brakenhale, we recognise that success extends beyond grades. Alongside excellent academic teaching, we offer a strong Character and Skills Education Programme. Students are encouraged to develop attributes such as leadership, independence, and teamwork, ensuring they are fully prepared for their next steps.

Students have opportunities to make an impact within the school community and beyond, including involvement in Model United Nations, World Challenge, school council, and a wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities. These experiences help students build confidence, broaden their horizons, and develop skills that prepare them for life after Sixth Form.

We provide excellent facilities to support this broad range of interests, including drama and dance studios, a welcoming school library, and outstanding sports provision. PE is embedded in the timetable, and students take part in a chosen sport during this time.





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PROGRAMME HELPS STUDENTS
DEVELOP THE PRACTICAL SKILLS
AND PERSONAL QUALITIES NEEDED
TO THRIVE AS RESPONSIBLE,
CONTRIBUTING ADULTS IN SOCIETY.

Sixth Form Tutor

FUTURE DESTINATIONS

Following their time at Brakenhale, students pursue a variety of paths. The majority continue their education at university, some choose a foundation course, others enter their chosen profession or take apprenticeships, and some opt for a gap year to broaden their experience or reflect on their future direction.

We have a dedicated team to help students consider and pursue their futures. Throughout their time with us, students receive advice, information, and guidance about their options. We also offer a comprehensive careers programme, with interview and exam preparation for Oxford and Cambridge, and we attend a wide range of university and career fairs, whilst also using the online platform Unifrog to support students with their post-18 decisions. We encourage attendance at open days, work experience, and engagement in super-curricular opportunities to help students stand out.

Students applying to university benefit from very high levels of support from our Sixth Form team, who ensure that choices are aspirational and that applications are highly competitive. As a result, the majority of students leaving the school last year secured places at university, an apprenticeship, or full-time employment.





HOW TO APPLY

Thank you for your interest in applying to Brakenhale Sixth Form.

For more information on subject choices and how to apply, please visit:

www.brakenhale.co.uk

For further details, please contact our Sixth Form team:

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