

# **BRAKENHALE SIXTH FORM**

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School**

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# Welcome to Brakenhale

**I would like to welcome you to Brakenhale School. Our Sixth Form is a key part of the school and the improvements in all areas of the school is mirrored within our Sixth Form.**

My firm belief as Headteacher is that education is a vehicle for change. Education opens doors and we will do our absolute best, every single day, to ensure you get the very best so that we can accelerate your life chances.

Post 16 education is such an important stepping stone to a young person's future. As we strive for the very best GCSEs grades for every single one of our students, we want them to continue their journey with us in the Sixth Form. This transition is important to us. Our teachers will ensure this is the case and that you continue to thrive in your chosen courses.

In recent years, the outcomes at Sixth Form have improved significantly. This summer, for example, three quarters of all BTEC

grades were awarded a Distinction or Distinction\*. These are the highest grades possible for these qualifications. The average grade at A Level was a C grade. Such outcomes have been a result of a number of factors: high quality teaching every day, the support and guidance our students are given along with the experiences and opportunities to prepare these young people for life beyond Brakenhale.

Sixth Form students are excellent role models for the rest of the school. Our Head Student team continually represents the school in a variety of different ways: as prefects, supporting younger students and working with the wider community. Other opportunities include leading a

club for younger students, Duke of Edinburgh award, trips to a London theatre and much more.

I look forward to welcoming you to Brakenhale Sixth Form and the opportunity for you to join our expanding, positive and successful community.

**Bhavin Tailor, Headteacher**







# Our Aim

**The Sixth Form's aim is for all of our young people to be the best version of themselves and achieve excellence in their chosen pursuits.**

As a member of our Sixth Form, you will be expected to value and to cherish learning, to embrace the full range of opportunities available to you and to engage fully in the life of the school and its community. Staff and students work together to cultivate an atmosphere of positivity and maturity, in order that our students are confident, independent, and happy during their time here at Brakenhale.

Essentially, we want our students to:

- be independent young adults who can manage themselves and their time effectively and maturely.
- be motivated to achieve as best they possibly can and to work hard to achieve excellence in their chosen pursuits.
- feel proud to be a part of our Sixth Form community and
- act as excellent role models for our younger students.
- engage fully in the life of the school and its community and embrace the full range of opportunities available to them.
- leave with a set of results that they are proud of through outstanding teaching and support.
- look after each other and be aware of their impact on everyone else involved in the Sixth Form. Everyone should aim to contribute positively to the lives of others.
- be happy in their time at Brakenhale Sixth Form and to feel supported, encouraged and part of something bigger than themselves.



"There are many things that I can say about this school. I love it when the teachers support each student, and sort out situations really nicely. Thank you to every staff member who has put 100% into their role!"

# Sixth Form Opportunities

**We want students to engage fully in the life of the school and its community.**

This will include being timetabled for approximately 30 hours of taught lessons a week alongside Tutor Time, Registered Study, Enrichment and PSHE.

This varied programme is designed so that students can become active and informed members of the global community. It is important that students have a community spirit and growth mindset if they wish to attend our Sixth Form as we believe in giving our students a range of transferable skills and experiences that will support them in securing the best University course or Apprenticeship.

As part of our Enrichment sessions students can opt to be

part of our Voluntary Community Service (VCS) scheme, where students offer their expertise in subjects they study to support those in the lower years. This helps develop our Sixth Formers' character, but also gives them the opportunity to include their work in their personal statements when applying for universities or jobs. We will broaden our enrichment offer each year but some of the sessions currently running are: curriculum support; board games; learning to cook and playing sport. There are several trips organised across the year including: careers fairs, Safe Drive Stay Alive, University trips, alternative curriculum trips, UCAS fairs and many external speakers

who come to deliver sessions on different areas of expertise such as finance and saving, applying for universities, apprenticeships and much more. We also offer the Arts Award, Sports Leadership, and the highly regarded Extended Project Qualification.







# Leadership

**We want our students to be aspirational for themselves and our younger students to aspire to be them.**

In order to encourage our students to be as aspirational as possible we place a strong emphasis on leadership throughout their time in Sixth Form.

Our Sixth Form students are expected to be leaders in terms of their behaviour, attendance, appearance and positivity of mindset. There are also more

formal opportunities for leadership through joining the Student Leadership Team. These are esteemed positions within the whole school that enable them to make meaningful contributions to their community and strengthen the interpersonal skills required for success after school.

Our Sixth Form students take

their responsibilities very seriously and are valued as individuals, and as such **'Students are extremely complimentary about the sixth form. They feel highly valued and respected.'**

(Ofsted, 2019).





# University and Careers

**We want all our young people to have all available doors open to them and to be able to make fully informed decisions about their next steps. The world of work is competitive and we want our students to have the academic and personal qualities to enable them to be happy and successful.**

We run a comprehensive University and Careers programme throughout Year 12 and 13 that takes into account the broad and competitive array of opportunities that are now available to young people. The vast majority of our students make applications to Higher Education and gain offers to study subjects such as: Maths; Medicine; Performing Arts; Computer Programming and Business Managements from top institutions including Oxbridge

and Russell Group Universities. We recognise that University is not for everyone and so we also support students in their applications to Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships and employment. We are incredibly proud that recently our students have secured highly competitive Higher Level apprenticeships with Vodafone and Merlin. OFSTED remarked "Leaders encourage students in the sixth form to be aspirational and ambitious. Consequently, the number of sixth-form students

applying for and securing places at higher education is increasing." Our recent successes of students attending the likes of Oxford, Warwick, Cardiff, Royal Holloway, London Goldsmiths, Manchester and Reading all confirm the aspirations and talents of Brakenhale Sixth Formers. We have also fostered wonderful relationships with 'blue chip' companies such as Microsoft and Hitachi proving our commitment and experience in securing the best quality destinations for our students.

“Students behave impeccably.  
They are excellent role models for  
younger students in the school.”

“Leaders encourage  
students in the sixth  
form to be aspirational  
and ambitious”



# Pastoral Care and Support

**We want students to feel happy, motivated and supported.**

Students have a dedicated tutor group and a tutor who is their main point of contact. Each morning tutor session is planned to engage students in global issues and current affairs, support students' pastoral needs and set them up for a successful day.

Students take part in brain pumping Monday, weekly debates about issues in the news, fun quizzes and Assemblies as well as learning the driving theory content for the theory exam should they wish to learn to drive.

Any study or personal issues are picked up through the positive relationships we build with our

students. Alongside their form tutor, students can also speak to any member of the dedicated Sixth Form Team. As a team we ensure that attendance is closely monitored, work is completed, registered study is attended, expectations are met and opportunities are offered. These

aspects all synchronise to ensure that young people leave the Sixth Form ready for the next stage of their life journey.





# SIXTH FORM

WHERE FUTURES ARE MADE



## Privilege Pass System

**We work hard to develop maturity and independence in our students.**

As a school based Sixth Form we follow the same schedule and timetable of the main school. When students are not in lessons they are expected to be in Registered Study working through independent tasks that have been assigned by their class teachers to aid and support their learning.

To develop maturity and independence

amongst our Post-16 students we operate a privilege pass system which is designed to encourage students to achieve academic excellence and reward those who are showing a great attitude towards their studies. Students who are being awarded top grades for attitude to learning, quality of work and deadlines and who are punctual with above 95% attendance are

rewarded with more opportunity to manage their own time and operate more independently.





**"The sixth form is highly inclusive!"**

**"Students are extremely complimentary about the sixth form. They feel highly valued and respected."**

**"Students demonstrate exceptional engagement and positive attitudes."**

**"What an amazing morning we had with your sixth formers. Bright, engaged, thoughtful, funny, wise – and that's just the half of it!"**



## Final Thoughts

**We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form and the students we are fortunate enough to work with.**

Thank you for your interest in our Sixth Form. We are delighted you are considering a place with us.

Entry to Sixth Form in September 2024 is now open and we welcome applications from both internal and external students. There are three stages to the process:

1. Complete an online application form before the deadline on Monday 15th January at 4pm.

2. We will then contact you to arrange an interview with a member of the Sixth Form. This is a great opportunity to discuss the courses you have chosen, and why you have picked them.

3. If you are successful, you will be made a conditional offer, which you can confirm once you receive your GCSEs.

We will use the email addresses provided on the application form for communication with any external candidates.

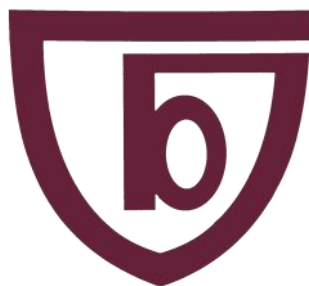
If you do have any questions please do let us know on [Sixthform@Brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:Sixthform@Brakenhale.co.uk).

**Alexis Manlay, Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form**



**"The impact of teaching on students' progress is very strong. Teachers have very high expectations, they plan courses that encourage students to be independent. Furthermore, teachers provide students with extremely valuable guidance..."**





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