



NICHOLAS
CHAMBERLAINE
SCHOOL

VI Form Prospectus

Welcome to

Nicholas Chamberlaine



Welcome to our brand new, vibrant and friendly VI Form College where students thrive academically and personally.

We offer subjects and qualifications to support a wide variety of progression pathways, taught by expert practitioners who are deeply committed to helping you meet the demands of your studies. With an emphasis on supportive pastoral care you will be part of a form group with daily contact from your personal tutor to ensure you make the best of your time with us.

We work hard to ensure our students have access to a wide variety of opportunities after they leave. Over 80% of our students go to University with many being accepted into Russell Group universities. We have a comprehensive programme to support those students who wish to go into an apprenticeship and have helped students to achieve places in major companies such as PWC and Jaguar Land Rover.

When you leave our VI Form, you do so with more than 'just a set of grades'. Our students participate in a wide range of co-curricular activities and leadership opportunities; for example, through working in local primary schools, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, mentoring Year 7 students, paired reading schemes or by working with staff to run whole school events such as our Griffin Sports and Arts Festivals. Each year we also nominate a local charity and our VI Form Student Leadership team are responsible for raising money through a variety of events.

Nicholas Chamberlaine is a wonderful place to continue your education beyond year 11. We welcome students from outside the school and are happy to arrange for you to have a tour at any point in the school year.

We hope that you take the next step in deciding to become a part of our VI Form community.

Ms Ramsay
Executive Head

Mr Gilbride
Head of School

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*NCS VI Form is great. There is a
real family atmosphere where
everyone supports each other.*

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A Griffin Schools Trust

VI Form

When you join Nicholas Chamberlaine VI Form, you not only join our highly regarded school but you also become part of the Griffin Schools Trust (GST).

GST is a unique family of schools in the Midlands and the South East of England, each committed to providing an outstanding, independent-style quality of education for all students, predicated on breadth and excellence. We firmly believe that the quality of VI Form teaching should, wherever possible, at least equal if not exceed what is expected by universities.

At Nicholas Chamberlaine students develop the individual strengths and skills necessary to build the integrity, self-discipline, decision-making and resilience to secure their own success and that of others.

You will develop an understanding of your social responsibility and the scope you have to make a difference in your local community, and as world citizens.

At Nicholas Chamberlaine VI Form, you will join a community of young people who are ambitious, driven, hardworking, intellectually curious, and with a dedicated commitment to the wider community.

You will have the opportunity of working with students from other GST VI Forms at many different events including the annual Griffin Science Symposium, Griffin Sports Festival and Griffin Arts Festival as well as guest lectures and tutorials.

A Griffin Schools Trust VI Form education will enable you to achieve at the highest level, empower you to aspire and compete successfully in your chosen progression route.

Programmes of Study

We pride ourselves on our ability to offer learning pathways that will take you to the next stage in your life - be that university, a career or an apprenticeship. In keeping with our ethos of delivering bespoke education, our course offering includes both A-Levels and BTECs, allowing us to tailor a programme to suit each and every VI former.

A Levels

Advanced Level Qualifications are typically studied over a two-year period after the completion of GCSEs and are the most common pre-university qualification taken by students in England. Students usually select three subjects that particularly interest them and are relevant to their future career plans; those who would like to choose four are able to discuss this at their interview.

VTQs

Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQs) offer the equivalent academic weighting of traditional A-Levels and are highly regarded by universities, further education colleges and employers alike. They are designed to be more work-related and are particularly suited to students with a clear view of their future career.

GCSE Maths and English

This is offered where required for a student's successful progression to Level 3. Teaching & preparation will form part of your timetable if you did not achieve a Grade 4 English to Maths at the end of Year 11.

Alongside our curriculum programme we also offer a range of enrichment activities which include a Sports Leadership qualification, the Duke of Edinburgh scheme at silver level, mentoring schemes within the school as well as work placements in local primary schools.

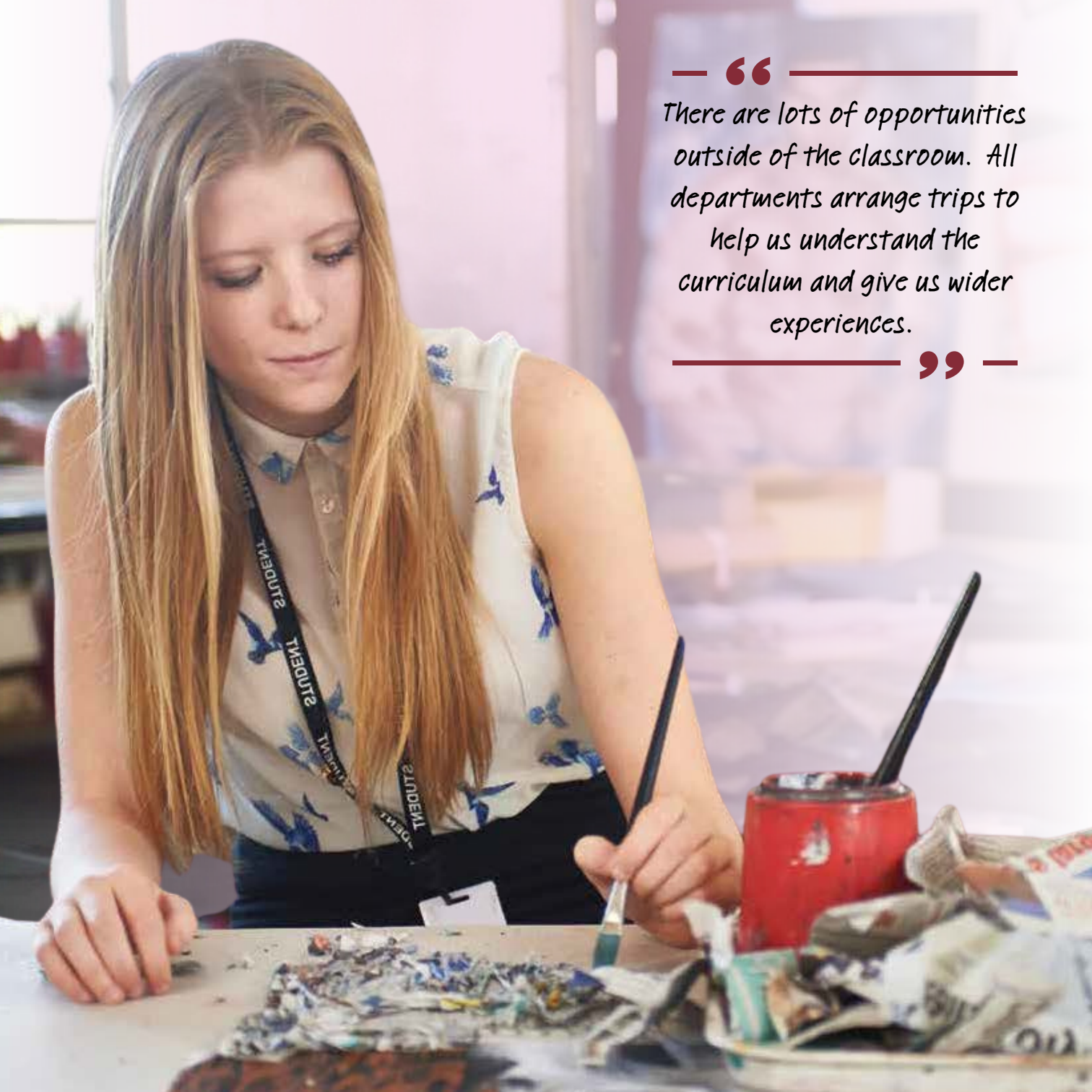
Full details on the Sixth Form Curriculum can be found within the supplementary information booklet.

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The pastoral support is brilliant. Ms Matwijiwksyi is amazing and is always available to help us. Her help and support are second to none.

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There are lots of opportunities outside of the classroom. All departments arrange trips to help us understand the curriculum and give us wider experiences.

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Extension and Enrichment

in the VI Form

Studying at Nicholas Chamberlaine VI Form involves more than focusing solely on academic excellence in the classroom. We expect and encourage students to develop their knowledge, interests and abilities through participation in a wide variety of opportunities.

Our VI Form students are supported and encouraged to apply for exciting and inspirational personal development opportunities, for example cutting edge architectural projects, city finance placements and Third Sector collaborations.

The range of enrichment activities offered to VI Form students is diverse and includes sports

trips and cultural visits among others which complement our programmes of study.

Being part of the school community is also an integral part of being a VI Form student. Our team of VI Form Ambassadors work proactively with the Head and Director of VI Form as a key part of our community. They support and guide our younger students through academic coaching, pastoral mentoring or by running clubs.

Our VI Form students are visible role models across the school, and take a vital part in the ongoing successes and development of Lammas School.

Where can VI Form take you?

We ensure that all students receive high-level preparation for university, higher degree apprenticeships, apprenticeships and the world of work.

University

At Nicholas Chamberlaine VI Form you will receive UCAS support from the VI Form Team to help you choose courses, write personal statements and prepare for interviews. We provide expert support and guidance for all, including Oxbridge and Russell Group candidates. We have a wide range of activities and resources to aid students in making the right choice when deciding their next steps in higher education. We have close links with university outreach teams and visit university and higher education fairs; we also host visiting speakers. The VI Form Team and VI Form Teachers are all available to give advice and offer individual help whatever your chosen progression pathway.

Apprenticeships

We offer effective and expert advice and guidance to enable students to investigate a wide range of pathways, including degree level and Level 3 apprenticeships. Students will have regular opportunities to meet with local and national employers and apprenticeship providers including work experience placements. We continually advertise and update opportunities to attend workshops and seminars and to access internships where they will be able to gain experience and information about apprenticeships and the wider world of work.

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The teachers are really supportive and help us with any extra support we need.

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Work Experience

All Lower VI students complete work experience. This enables students to develop their understanding of the world of work and their own employability skills, whilst trying out a possible career pathway. For many students this will confirm their direction whilst for some this may highlight that it is not the field for them. We work exclusively with a specialist information and guidance organisation throughout the year to develop insights into careers and to increase employability skills. We continually advertise internships and work experience placements as they become available throughout the year. We facilitate an impressive programme of speakers who can offer insights into different career options.



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Facilities

We are thrilled to present our brand-new facilities, meticulously designed following extensive discussions with our students.

Our innovative space radiates a distinct university feel, fostering an environment conducive to academic achievement and personal development.

The new facilities include:

- a reference library, curated to cater to diverse interests and academic pursuits.
- purpose-designed study areas, carefully crafted to support both independent study and collaborative learning, empowering students to excel academically.
- and a kitchenette.

These facilities stand as a testament to our dedication to delivering a comprehensive educational experience, empowering students to thrive in a stimulating and supportive setting.



Financial Support

At Nicholas Chamberlaine we appreciate that there may be extra costs associated with staying on to VI Form. These will include books, equipment, smart business wear and possibly travel costs.

Help and support for eligible students is available through:

VI Form Bursary

The VI Form receives bursary funding from the Department of Education to provide financial assistance to students who meet certain eligibility criteria. There are two types of bursary:

Discretionary Bursaries

Students who are in receipt of free school meals or whose household income is less than £21,000 per annum are entitled to apply for a discretionary bursary. This can be used to pay for a wide range of items including travel costs, meals, business wear, trips and university visits.

Vulnerable Student Bursaries

To be eligible for the vulnerable student bursaries of up to £1,200 per year, students must be in one of the following vulnerable groups:

- In care
- Care leavers
- In receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit in their own right

The application process for both types of bursary will be explained in detail during the VI Form Induction.

Free School Meals

Eligible students will continue to receive free school meals.

Further Information

If students or parents/carers have any queries regarding financial support the school offers, please contact the Finance Officer or the Director of VI Form.

Next Steps

Attend the VI Form Open Evening - check our website for details. You will have the opportunity to talk to the VI Form Team and students to ask questions and gain an insight into what it will be like to be a VI Former at Nicholas Chamberlaine.

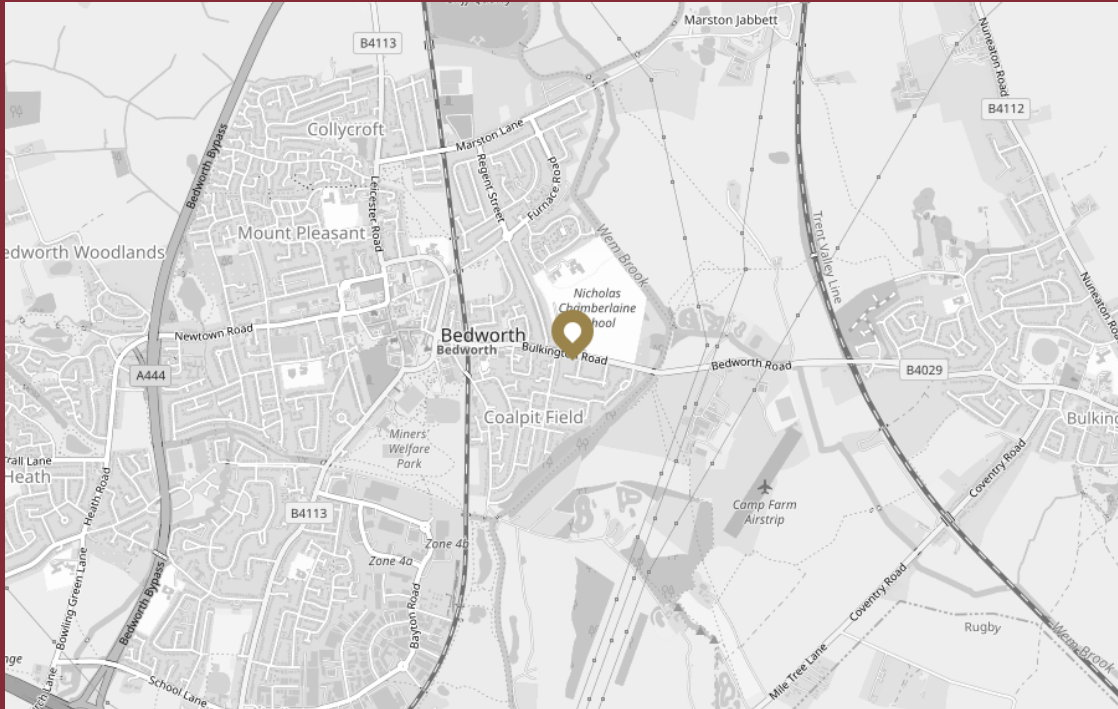
Complete the online application form, all details are available on the website under the 'How To Apply' section. If your application is successful, we will invite you to an informal meeting to discuss your application.





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