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Welcome to Hailsham Sixth Form...

Thank you for taking the time to explore Hailsham Sixth Form and learn all that we stand for and believe in. We hope that this prospectus provides an insight into the care and support we provide the young people that join us, entrusting their future career and development goals to our thriving and aspirational community.

Hailsham Sixth Form clear focus is on providing an educational experience that allows our students to develop, both personally and academically, into mature, well-rounded, caring and confident young adults, equipped for the challenges ahead.

With us, you can expect academic and pastoral support at every step, and be challenged to be your very best every day. It's a simple message we promote here at Hailsham Sixth Form; to have complete belief in yourself and aspire to achieve your ultimate goals.

We recognise that Sixth Form will be amongst the most important periods of your lives, and here at Hailsham Sixth Form, you can navigate this as smoothly and successfully as possible – with plenty of happy memories along the way!

We look forward to hearing from you soon...

Simon Marsden

Simon Marsden - Head of Sixth Form



Hailsham Sixth Form embraces two fundamental yet hugely important principles; that our students receive the best support to be successful, and for student aspiration to be at the heart of all we do.

Our academic and vocational curriculum (that can be combined to suit all manner of student needs), caters to all levels of learners offering a wide variety of subjects. We find that passionate learners are successful, so if you are unsure as to which subjects to study, we encourage students to choose what inspires them. However, we appreciate that students don't always get it right first time, and change can be required - especially important when young people's futures are tied so closely to their subject choices. At Hailsham Sixth Form though, with an adaptable approach to timetabling and curriculum planning where our students are put first, we always find a way.

It is worth noting that those Year 11 students from Hailsham Community College who choose to stay on with us, are welcomed each year alongside students from all schools across East Sussex. Such a combination of wonderful young people creates an amazing mix of personalities and differing aspirations, driving forward the ethos of the Sixth Form and making it the vibrant and exciting place it is.

As an established Post 16 provider for over 40 years, we have a proven track record of student performance, with a reputation for absolute support and positive destinations. We are extremely proud of our learning community and the past few years have seen our students achieve high levels of success in our academic subjects, and outstanding levels of achievement in our vocational studies. Of equal importance is the fact that all our students move into sustained areas of employment, further training, or university placements once they finish their studies with us.

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- Supportive teachers.
- Excellent support and monitoring systems.
- Bespoke university & career guidance.
- Self-study environments provided for all students to engage in quiet, purposeful learning



Our Courses

At Hailsham Sixth Form we have a wide range of subjects on offer to students of all abilities. These include Level 3 courses such as Advanced Levels and a range of BTEC National qualifications. As part of the application process, we offer clear guidance on 'packages' of subjects that complement each other, as well as ensuring the courses our students take are the right ones to support their future ambitions.

A Level Courses

Advanced Level courses require students to complete two years study, with final exams at the end of Year 13 contributing towards the majority of the final awarded grade. Whilst there can be some elements of coursework involved, this does require careful considerations about which subjects are chosen - as well as playing to your strengths, you will also need to consider how they fit into your longer term plans.

BTEC Courses

At Hailsham Sixth Form we have a proven track record in delivering a number of high quality BTEC National courses with excellent outcomes. This vocational study programme, also delivered over two years, is both valued and recognised by employers and universities as being of equal value to A Levels. These courses are weighted far more towards practical skills of problem solving, research methods, the application of learnt theory in advance of using them in the outside world.

English Language and Maths GCSE Retakes

We provide exceptional support for those students who have just fallen short in achieving a grade 4 in either their English or Maths GCSEs. Bespoke sessions are added to students timetables, so that they may work towards achieving these qualifications and complete their suite of qualifications alongside their Level 3 studies.

*"Hailsham Sixth Form has prepared me in so many ways
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second family here that I'm going to cherish forever"*

Anta, Year 13 Student



Entry Requirements

- To study 3 or 4 A Levels: GCSE Grades 9-4 in at least 5 different subjects preferably including English and Maths
- Biology / Chemistry / Physics: Minimum Grade 5 in exam component of chosen science subject
- English Literature: Minimum Grade 5 in English Literature
- Economics / Computer Science: Grade 5 in Maths
- Maths / Further Maths: Minimum Grade 6 in Maths
- Social Sciences: GCSE Grades 5 in both English & Maths

A student failing to meet the minimum entry requirements may appeal to the Head of Sixth Form if there are mitigating circumstances. We understand that talent and ambition is different for every student and we will never reject a student, or application without first trying to find solutions to proposed programmes of study.



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Rachel, Year 13 Student



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- To attend registration, assemblies & tutorials and any other reasonable appointments
- To be punctual to all lessons
- Active involvement in extracurricular and enrichment activities at Hailsham Sixth Form
- Assurance that part time work does not interfere with your studies and does not start before 5pm unless otherwise agreed by the Head of Sixth Form
- Part time work should not exceed 12 hours per week
- To maintain a full programme of study
- Attendance that is above 95%





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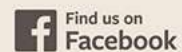
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Rosie, Year 13 Student

All about us

Hailsham Sixth Form is like one big family. We are small enough for you to be comfortable and your needs met, but also big enough for you to develop your independence and sense of self.

With this in mind, whilst your studies are of paramount importance, we understand the need to prepare you for young adult life. The environment you will find at Hailsham Sixth Form is one where you can be confident to express yourself, make a positive difference to our community and engage with wider world opportunities made available to you.

The value and importance of these opportunities is hard to understate, given the huge impact they have on our students. We therefore offer a range of extension and enrichment opportunities that cater for all our students, and that include;

- New York visit
- Ski visit to Italy
- Cinema / Theatre Visits
- Teaching Assistant Work
- Leadership Awards
- Year 12 Work Experience Week
- Sports Teams
- Kinetic Dance Company
- Debate Team
- Wealden Sixth Form Challenge Cup
- Student Council
- Drama Productions
- Rome & Barcelona Visits
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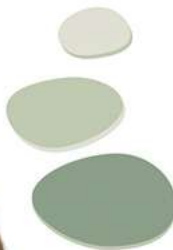
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It is important to us at Hailsham Sixth Form that students feel confident they know who to access if they are struggling in any way. Our Pastoral and Safeguarding teams are always on hand and available whenever a student should need them. We therefore offer our students a bespoke package of support to ensure that they achieve their potential and develop as fantastic members of the community. Our support includes:

A dedicated mentor:

Every student is assigned a mentor whose role it is to assist with any academic and pastoral issues that inevitably occur over the course of the college year. Every student meets regularly with their mentor and has access to them throughout the week. Where specific needs are identified, the mentor will put together an individual package of support.

A dedicated Safeguarding Team:

Students also have access to our specialist safeguarding team which consists of staff who are trained at a 'designated safeguarding lead' (DSL) level. Where concerns are raised, students and their families will receive support to full closure of any instances where school or outside agency involvement is required to keep our young people safeguarded and happy.

Links to wider services:

We are fortunate enough to liaise with specialist agencies to provide our students with a wide range of support. We work with external agencies such as Action Your Potential, the East Sussex Post 16 partnership, Steps to Success and the Widening Participation scheme amongst many others. We have also recently added an Educational Mental Health Practitioner to our Sixth Form team who is able to offer evidence based intervention. In addition to this, students will also have access to on-site counselling signposting and support, alongside a school nurse to ensure that all students' needs are met.

Financial Support:

The Sixth Form Bursary and Free Schools Meal allowance exists to enable students who have been identified as experiencing the greatest need for financial support to remain in education and work towards their goals. The fund provides assistance for travel, meals, trips and essential curriculum resources if you fall within the priority groups as identified in our college bursary policy.

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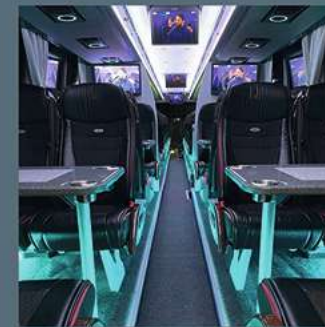
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