



Sixth Form @ Birchwood High School

your dreams, your future, our challenge



6th Form Vs College

6th Form

Level 3 Courses over 2 years

Higher Entrance Criteria

Smaller Classes



More formal setting

Closer Pastoral Care

Careers advice and guidance forms part of the curriculum

College

Start at Level 1 Courses

Wider Choice in types of courses

Class size will vary on course

Casual dress code

Tutor (normally subject focussed)

Careers Centre

Not always everyday



Where to go???



SAFFRON WALDEN
COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL



Hills Road
Sixth Form College
Cambridge



Making the right choice

- Do they offer the subjects you want to study?
- Class Size?
- Are students happy there?
- What wellbeing support is on offer and what are the wait times
- Do they offer work experience?
- What does careers support look like?
- How long will it take to get there and how much will that cost – a week, month, year?



Balance at Birchwood

Achieving your best



***Personal
Support***



***Enrichment
& Leadership***

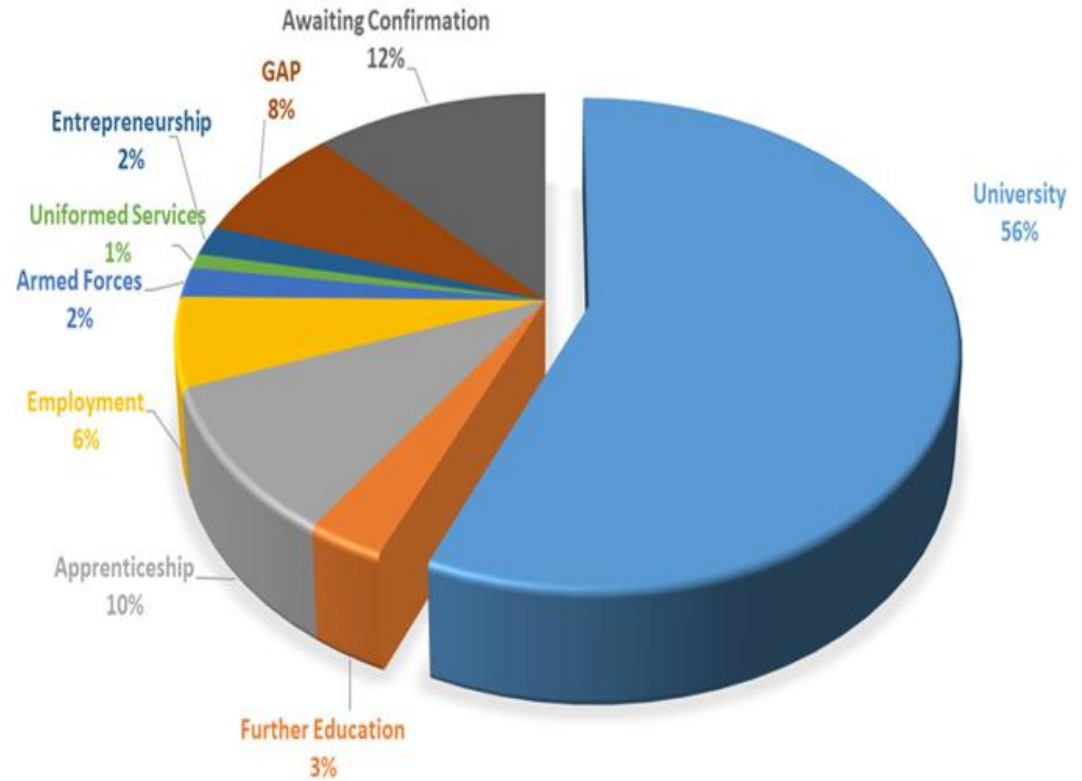


- ***Of the 20 highest performing GCSE students in 2021, 16 opted to continue at Birchwood***
- ***In 2022 14 (Yr13) are with us, 2 relocated, 2 to local schools and 2 out of catchment***
- ***In 2023 15 (Yr12) of the top 20 stayed at Birchwood***

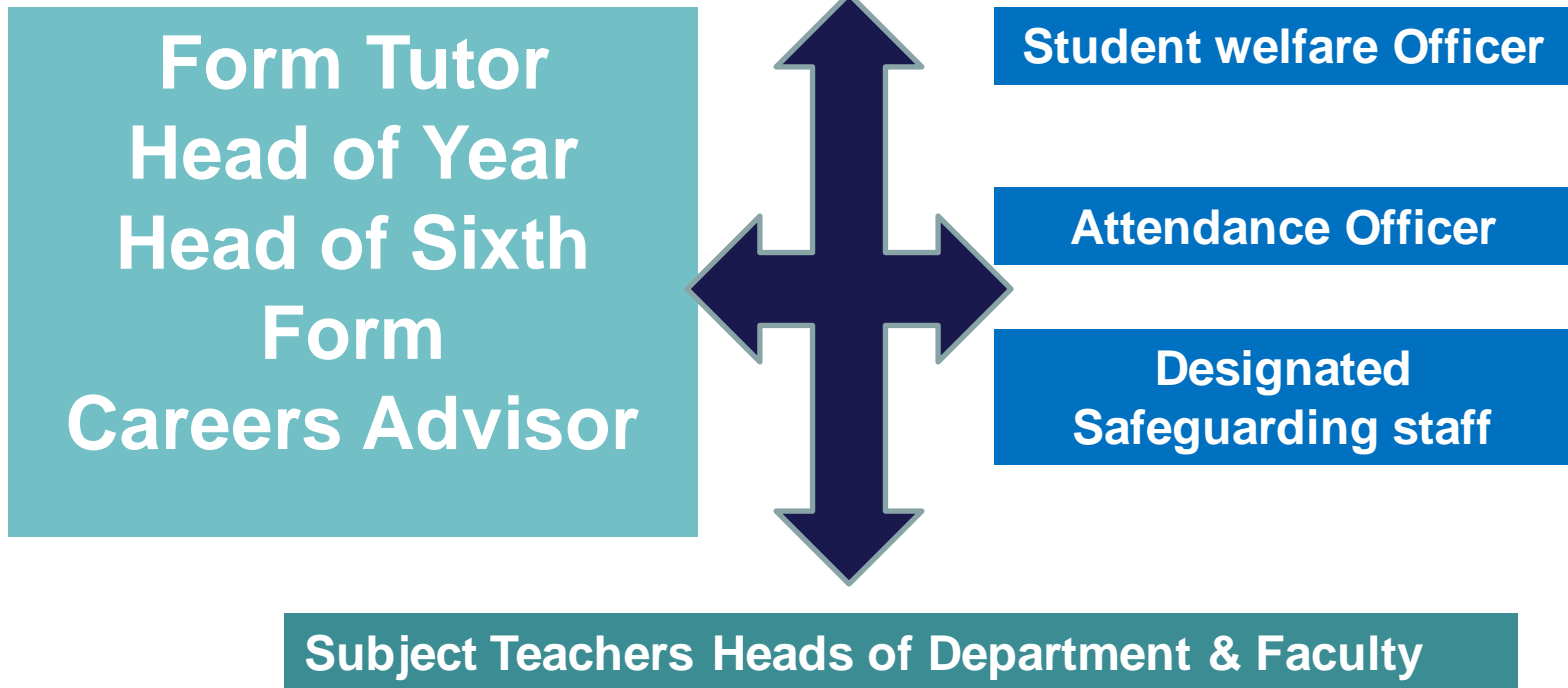
"Our most academic students stay and are successful"



Destination of Year 13 Students 2023



Support and Welfare





Students view of 6th form

- *Sixth Form is far better than Year 11 – you are treated as an adult and given much more responsibility*
- *I chose the 3 subjects I wanted to specialise in and, as a result, I have enjoyed learning about them to a higher level*
- *It's a lot harder than GCSEs but I enjoyed being challenged and was by my teachers supported all the way!*
- *My advice would be to get involved – in everything – I loved my time in the Sixth Form but the more you put in the more you get out*
- *Keep on top of things – don't let deadlines slip*
- *Go and see your teacher if you need help – they're always there for you*





6th Form Leadership Team



6th Form Working Group Member



House Captain



Mentor



Subject Prefect



6th Form Council

Everyone
contributes
@
Birchwood



Supporting the Curriculum



Super Curricular

- Extended Project Qualification
- Online Courses (MOOCs)
- BSET Education Programmes
- Duke of Edinburgh Award (Gold)
- Sports Clubs
- Fitness Centre
- Work Experience
- Trips and visits
- Ski & City break to USA





Curriculum Offer

- Students will typically study for 3 qualifications, either at A level or BTEC. Some students will study a combination of the two

A LEVEL New specifications for all subject are now **LINEAR** –

This means that the final examinations are take at the end of the two year course.

There no longer exists an AS / A2 split, as in previous years

Much greater focus on exam content and preparation – less focus on coursework

- **BTECs** will have a greater focus on coursework and continuous assessment. They are equivalent qualifications. Double BTECs require double the teaching time and workload of single BTECs.
- English and Maths resits – Examination only. November / June. Must achieve a Grade 4 or above or will need to resit
- PSHCE
- Enrichment
- Work Experience – Compulsory for all students - July



Grade GCSE	Grade BTEC Level 2 (Business, ICT, Construction, Health & Social Care)
9	
8	<i>DISTINCTION</i>
7	
6	<i>MERIT</i>
5	
4	<i>PASS</i>
3	
2	
1	

Total Point Score - calculation

Subject	Grade	Points
English Language	7	7
English Literature	6	6
Maths	5	5
History	4	4
Media	7	7
Science	4	4
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French	6	6

Total = 43

Total Point Score Calculation

- The changes to numbered grades for all subjects at GCSE means we will operate a total points system for calculating baseline entry into sixth form.
- This is straightforward, easy to understand and used across other BSET schools.
- Best 8 subjects added together to get a Total Points Score



Curriculum Plans

Curriculum Plan 1 Best 8 Total Point Score 48+ (Average Level 6+)

A-Level 1	A-Level 2	A-Level 3	A-Level 4	(A-Level)
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Plus enrichment and additional qualifications

Curriculum Plan 2 Best 8 Total Point Score 42+ (Average Level 5+)

A-Level 1	A-Level 2	A-Level 3 or Single Level 3 BTEC	Additional Supporting Qualification
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Plus enrichment and other qualifications

Curriculum Plan 3 Best 8 Total Point Score 34+

Level 3 BTEC Double / Single	Level 3 BTEC Double / Single	A-Level 3 or Single Level 3 BTEC	Additional Supporting Qualification
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Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport

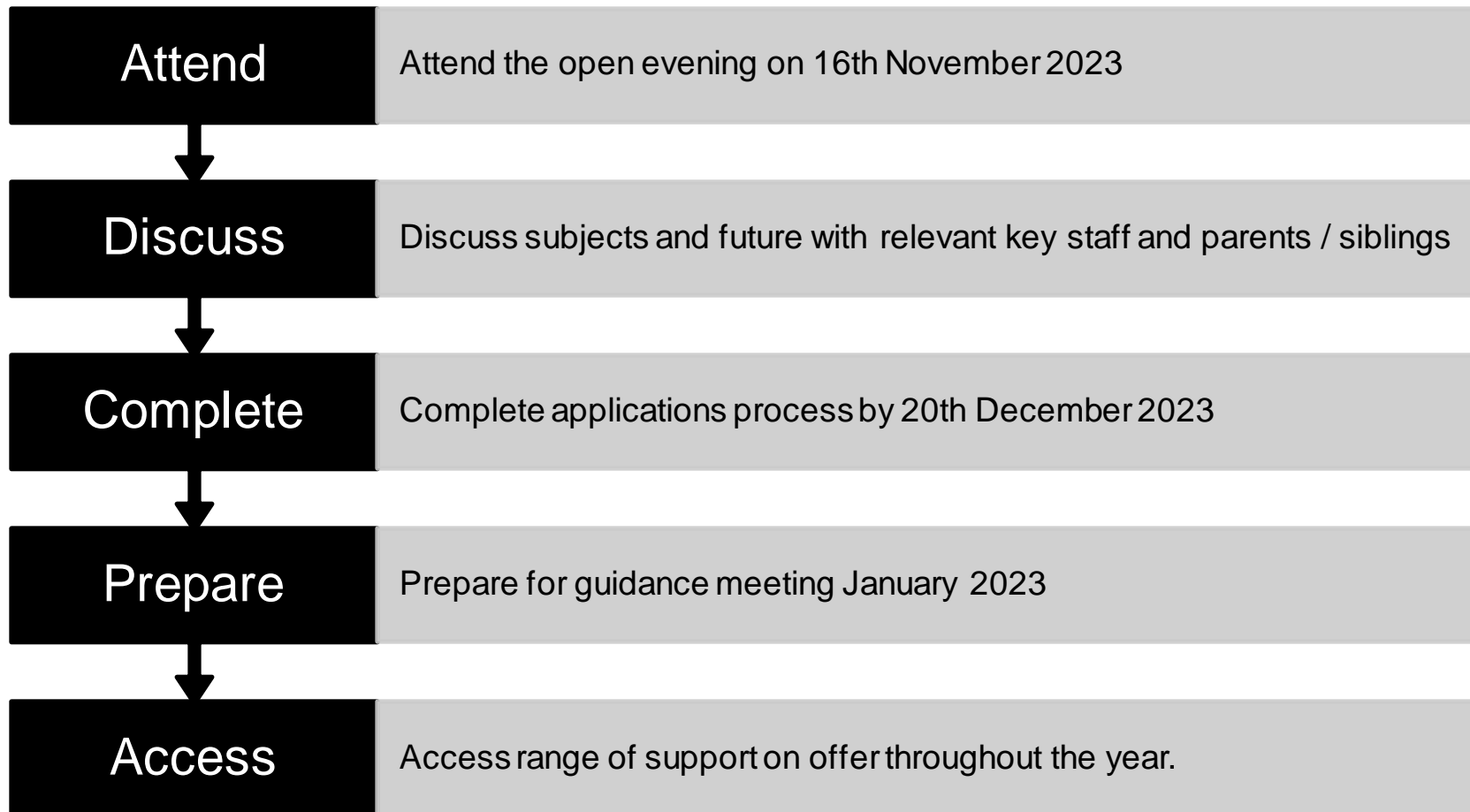
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Subject Offer

A Level	A Level	A Level	BTEC
Art	German	Sociology	Business
Biology	History	Spanish	Sport (Diploma & Extended)
Business	Maths	?	?
Chemistry	Further Maths	?	?
Computer Science	Core Maths	?	
Drama	Media Studies	?	Business
Economics	Music	?	ICT
English Lang.	Philosophy (RS)	?	Performing Arts (Dance)
English Lit.	Physics		?
Film Studies	Physical Education		?
French	Politics		
Geography	Product Design		
	Psychology		



Process





Key dates

16th November – 6th Form Open Evening

20th December – Deadline for 6th Form applications

January 2024 – 6th Form Guidance meetings

February 2024 – 6th Form offers

May / June 2024 – Final Exams

July 2024 – 6th Form Induction Day 1

22nd August 2024 – Results & acceptance

September 2024 – Start 6th Form (Induction Day 2)





Thursday 16th November
Birchwood High School

6th Form

Open Evening

5:30pm – 8:30pm



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