

Welcome to the New Year 12 Information Evening

To find a little bit more about how our Sixth Form works

To find out what students can do to prepare for year 12

To meet tutors and begin the enrolment process

The Sixth Form Team

- ❑ Head of Sixth – Mr Wright
- ❑ Head of Years 12 and 13 – Ms McCutcheon
- ❑ Year 12 tutors:
 - Mr Bliss – **12R**
 - Ms Nnyanzi/Mrs Thobhani - **12O**
 - Ms Chambers – **12Y**
 - Ms Hargrave/Mrs Bennett – **12G**
- ❑ Enrichment co-ordinator: Mr Pitchforth

What is different? **Your timetable**

- Your subjects are taught in blocks which means you will have a whole morning or afternoon for each subject

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:45 – 09:15	ACE/Assembly	ACE/Assembly	ACE/assembly	ACE/Assembly	ACE/Assembly
09:15 – 12:35	Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
12:35 – 13:105	Lunch and Travel				
13:15 – 15:15	Block D	Block E	Block A	Block B	Block C

GCSE English Language and Maths re-sit programme – in line with DfE guidance, timetabled for 3.5 hours per week for English and 4 hours per week for mathematics.

Away schools: Operate similar blocked timetable so wide range of choice if subjects clash at Rooks Heath.

Subject Blocks

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:15-12:35	Block A BTEC H&Sc (Single) BTEC Creative Digital Media Production (Single) English Literature Further Mathematics Latin	Block B BTEC Business (Double) BTEC Applied Science (Double) Criminology L3 Chemistry Computer Science Geography	Block C GCSE Mathematics GCSE English Language Business Studies Economics Mathematics Media Studies	Block D BTEC Business (Double) BTEC Applied Science (Double) History Physics Psychology	Block E BTEC Sport (single) Biology Fine Art Mathematics Sociology
1:15-3:15	Block D BTEC Business (Double) BTEC Applied Science (Double) History Physics Psychology	Block E BTEC Sport (single) Biology Fine Art Mathematics Sociology	Block A BTEC H&Sc (Single) BTEC Creative Digital Media Production (Single) English Literature Further Mathematics Latin	Block B BTEC Business (Double) BTEC Applied Science (Double) Criminology L3 Chemistry Computer Science Geography	Block C GCSE Mathematics GCSE English Language Business Studies Economics Mathematics Media Studies

Subjects in red are two-year courses – there is no option for you to drop them after one year

Individualised Curriculum Pathways

	Year 12	Year 13
AS/A levels (Average GCSE grade of 6.5 or above)	4 AS levels External assessment for AS subject being discontinued Internal assessment for AS subjects being continued	3 A levels All externally assessed
AS/A levels (Average GCSE grade of below 6.5)	3 AS levels Internal assessment for AS subjects being continued	3 A levels All externally assessed
BTEC level 3 and/or Criminology	Either one BTEC Diploma and one BTEC Extended Certificate (or Criminology). Or, three BTEC Extended Certificates (possibly including Criminology). Internal and external Assessment throughout year 12	Continue the same courses as year 12. Internal and external assessment throughout year 13
Combined AS/A level and BTEC L3 or Criminology	Equivalent of 3 or 4 AS levels (depending on APS at GCSE)	Equivalent of 3 A levels

GCSE English Language and Maths resit opportunities for students who do not achieve at least a grade 4 in year 11.

Rooks Heath Sixth Form: Minimum Entry Requirements

To study **A levels** you need to achieve a minimum of 6 GCSEs at Grades 9-5 including both Maths and English Language

Subject	Specific requirements
Ancient Greek	Grade 5 or higher in GCSE Ancient Greek
Art	Grade 5 or higher in GCSE Art or a related subject
Biology	A minimum of grades 665 at GCSE Triple Science (with at least a 6 in Biology) or a minimum of 66 in GCSE Combined Science
Business Studies	Grade 5 or higher in GCSE English Language and Mathematics and a Merit or higher for students who studied BTEC level 2 Business Studies
Chemistry	A minimum of grades 665 at GCSE Triple Science (with at least a 6 in Chemistry) and a minimum of 66 in GCSE Combined Science
Chinese (Mandarin)	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE Chinese
Computer Science	If you studied GCSE Computer Science a grade 5 or above is required in both Computer Science and Maths. If you haven't previously studied GCSE Computer Science a grade 6 or above is required in Maths.
Economics	Grade 5 or higher in both GCSE English Language and Mathematics
English Literature	A minimum of grades 6 in both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
Film Studies	Grade 5 or higher in both GCSE English Language and Mathematics
Geography	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE Geography or related subject
German	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE German
History	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE History or related subject
Latin	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE Latin
Mathematics	A minimum of grade 6 at GCSE Maths
Further Mathematics	A minimum of grade 7 at GCSE Maths
Media Studies	Grade 5 or higher in both GCSE English Language and Mathematics
Physics	A minimum of grades 665 at GCSE Triple Science (with at least a 6 in Physics) or a minimum of 66 in GCSE Combined Science and a minimum of a grade 6 at GCSE Maths. Students will also need to study A level maths
Politics	Grade 5 or higher in both GCSE English Language and Mathematics
Psychology	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in a GCSE Science and at least a grade 5 if students have sat GCSE Psychology
Sociology	Grade 5 or higher in both GCSE English Language and Mathematics
Sport and PE	A minimum of at least a grade 5 in GCSE PE

Studying AS/A level Mathematics

- The minimum entrance requirement is a grade 6 in GCSE mathematics.
- Students who achieve a 6 in GCSE mathematics are accepted onto AS/A level mathematics for a probation period which lasts until the year 12 mock exams at the beginning of December.
- During this probation period, students will need to study the equivalent of 4 AS/A level subjects.
- To pass their probation period and be allowed to drop their fourth subject, students need to pass, i.e. achieve at least an E grade in line with national AS level standards, two assessments (a base-line assessment in October and the year 12 mock in December).

BTEC Level 3 Entry Requirements

To study **BTEC level 3 Nationals and WJEC Applied Diploma qualifications**, you need to achieve a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grades 9-4 (or grade C and above) including either Mathematics grade 4 **and/or** English Language grade 4. You need at least a grade 3 in GCSE Mathematics to study any Level 3 subject.

Subject	Specific requirements
Applied Science	A minimum of grades 44 in GCSE Combined Science or a Pass at BTEC Level 2 Science

What is different? Collegiate High Schools

- Students will attend Collegiate High Schools such as Nower Hill as a guest student for subjects that we do not offer – popular courses include Law, politics and A level PE or to help solve clashes
- Do not contact the away school directly, there is an internal system in place which allows us to request places.
- Confirmation of places is unlikely before the start of term in September. Students will also receive starter information such as travel and enrolment guidelines at the start of September.
- Many away schools expect students to complete 'bridging work' before they enrol onto a course – available to download from the away school website.
- Students will have one morning and one afternoon at their away school per week.
- For the morning session they are at their away school, they do not register at Rooks Heath or attend their ACE session.
- Away schools treat students as one of their own and will expect them to follow their rules and regulations. Timings of events such as parent evenings, INSET days and mock exams will vary, and it is the away school's responsibility to keep parents and students informed.
- For absences, please contact the away school directly.
- For teaching and/or pastoral issues it is always best to discuss with the away school in the first instance but if you are not happy then do not hesitate to speak to either your tutor, Ms McCutcheon or myself.

What is different? Increased independence

- During your week you will have “free” periods – i.e. you have no timetabled lesson - we call it independent study time
- These sessions will be timetabled to be in the sixth form study room and it is compulsory to attend
- You will be expected to show evidence of how you plan and use this time by completing tracking sheets
- These sessions are supervised by a member of staff and follow the Pomodoro Technique – 25 minutes of silent work followed by a 5-minute break and repeat
- You are allowed to use this time to complete voluntary work which is relevant to your university or apprenticeship application
- **This time should not be used for paid work**

What is different? **Improved organisation**

- You need to ensure that you are ready to work and strive to do your best

How to achieve this?

- Bring the correct equipment to lessons including textbooks, ring files (at least one for each subject), paper, pens/pencils and specialist equipment such as calculators.

What is different? Sixth Form Dress Code



Rooks Heath Sixth Form

Rooks Heath Sixth Form Dress Code:

*Sixth Form students are role models for younger students and are expected to set an example to the rest of the school through their smart dress. Like any working, professional environment we expect students to adopt a mature, sensible approach which reflects the high standards of the school. All matters of uniform, dress and appearance will be considered in a way that upholds the intent of the Sixth Form Dress Code to promote a positive, inclusive and professional ethos. The final decision lies with the Sixth Form Team in liaison with the Headteacher; **students will be sent home to change if they are in breach of the dress code.***

What is not different? Our high expectations of you

- **Attendance**

(100% is the expectation)

- **Punctuality**

(100% is the expectation)

- **Hard work**

Your teachers are going to give you lots of work to complete plan to spend at least 4 hours per subject per week on homework

- **Co-operation**

Work with your teachers, they are fundamental to your success

Supporting students: **Tracking**

At the beginning of Year 12 all students are given a Minimum Target Grade based on their GCSE grades.

Approx. GCSE grades	Minimum Expected Grades (A level / WJEC / BTEC)
7, 8 and 9s	A*/ A – Distinction* / Distinction
Mainly 7, some 6s	B – Distinction
Mainly 6s	B/C – Distinction / Merit
6 and 5s	C – Merit
Mainly 5s	C/D – Merit / Pass
5 and 4s	D – Pass

'More Able' category of students reset, based on GCSE grades

Supporting students:

Tracking and Early Intervention

- Being on the right course is very important
- Swapping courses is not encouraged
- 42-day contract (1st September - 12th October) – during this period students have the opportunity to change courses
- The first Tracking Point will be completed w/c 7th October
- Under-achieving students and parents/carers meet with the Head of Sixth to discuss ways forward (reports, detentions, catch up sessions, dropping a subject)
- 4 further Tracking Points during the year to help identify students who need extra support

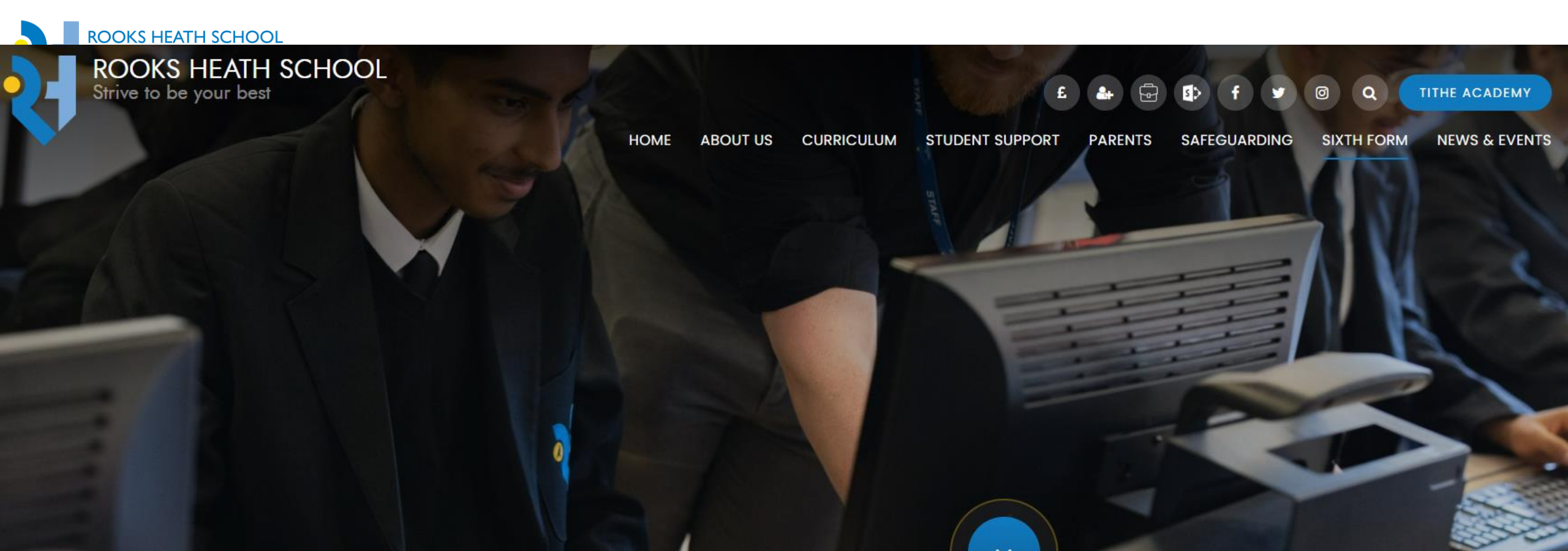
Preparing for the Sixth Form

Taster Work:

- In order to make sure you are on the right course taster work has been provided for each sixth form subject
- Available in SharePoint for year 11 students in Megamenu> My Subjects> Registration> Year 11> 6th form Taster Work

Bridging work:

- More challenging subject specific work that is available via the Sixth Form area of the school website (see next slide)
- Students should complete this work after GCSE results day when they know the courses they will be starting in year 12
- Students have to complete this before the start of year 12 and hand in on induction day at the beginning of September



SIXTH FORM > BRIDGING WORK

BRIDGING WORK

AS Ancient Greek

AS Biology

Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form

Admission to the Sixth Form

Applying to University

Bridging Work

Preparing for Sixth form: **Work experience**

All year 12 students complete a week of work experience in the Summer term – the school employs a company to help place students, but we do encourage self-found placements.

- Gaining work experience whilst in the sixth form is an important opportunity for all students.
- Community work is extremely rewarding and can be carried out in a variety of areas such as charity shops, nursing homes and youth clubs. This is advantageous to the UCAS process and in applying for jobs.
- Over the summer, look into any opportunities that may be available.

Work Experience for dentists, medics and vets

- To be successful you must demonstrate that you have the right motivation to study on these courses and understand the realities of life as a dentist, doctor or vet.
- Any relevant work experience will help to achieve this so you must be politely persistent in trying to get some.
- If you are thinking of applying to dentistry or vet medicine/science you should consult the websites of the universities you might consider applying to and check their work experience requirements: some are very specific and extensive, and your application will be rejected if you do not meet them.
- For medicine, most universities place less emphasis on having clinical work experience in hospitals because they recognise how hard this is for many students to get, especially as many hospitals and GP surgeries will only take students over 18. You will be at a significant advantage however if you can show a “long term commitment to a caring role” such as volunteering in a care home, nursery or charity shop.
- You should contact your own and other local dentists, GPs, and hospitals; and local vet practices, farms, stables, animal charities and even zoos. Be flexible and be politely persistent; you may not get a response today, but the same provider might have capacity to help you in a few months’ time. Many successful applicants will tell you how many letters they wrote with no reply; showing resilience is an essential skill in the whole application process and indeed in your intended career.

Textbooks and laptops

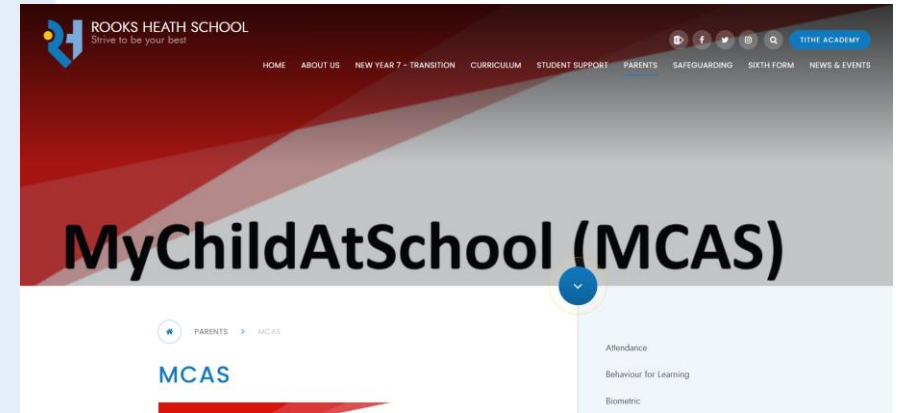
- For most subjects, you need to buy a textbook to accompany the course
- You will be provided with a list of which books to buy at GCSE results day

Laptops and tablets:

- **Option 1:** Sixth form students are allowed to bring their own device (tablet/laptop) to school (BYOD) and you will be provided with a BYOD contract to sign in your enrolment pack.
- **Option 2:** Only for BTEC Health and Social Care, Business and Applied Science students – borrow a school laptop. A copy of the agreement form is in your enrolment pack and requires a £100 deposit which is returned at the end of use.

Keeping parents informed

- My Child At School (MCAS) allows you to monitor your child's homework, behaviour, timetables, punctuality and attendance. It is important that you provide up to date contact information so that it provides easy communication between school and home.
- MCAS sign up information is found in the parent's section of the school website:
<https://www.rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk/page/?title=MCAS&pid=183>
- Two reports are sent home – Spring & Autumn
- Parent consultation evening
- Other key dates will be provided to you in the parent/carer information sheet



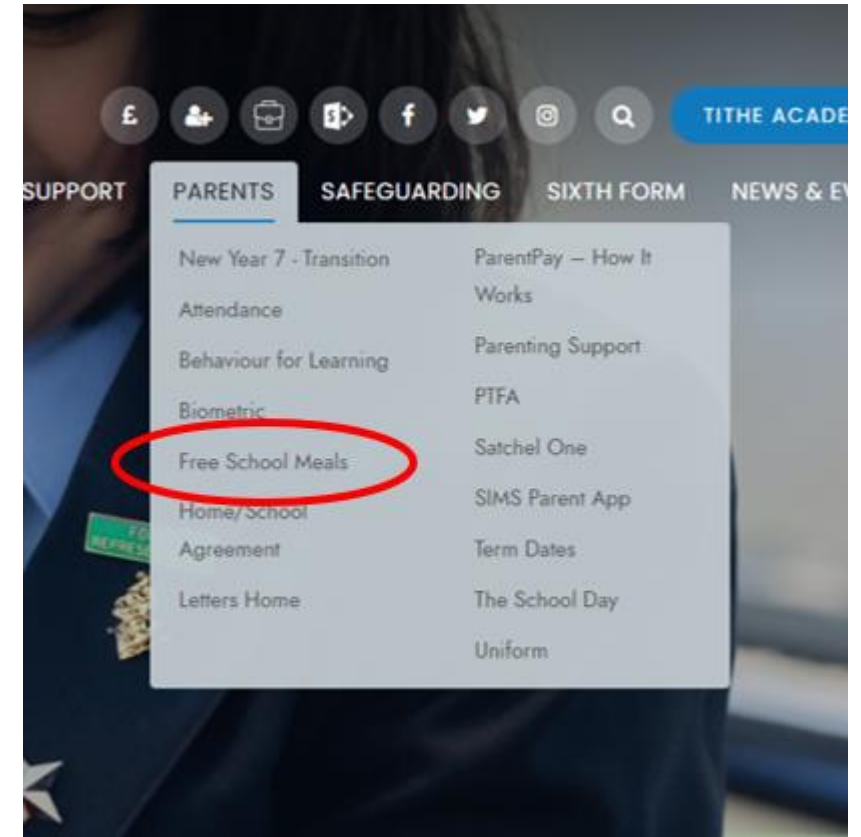
Supporting students: 16-19 Bursary Fund

<https://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund>

- If you are eligible for free school meals or your personal circumstances have deteriorated recently you could get a bursary to help with education-related costs
- A bursary is in-kind benefits that can be used to pay for things like:

Textbooks, equipment specific for your course, educational trips, transport and meals

- You must apply by first successfully applying for Free School Meals (even if you have been receiving free school meals in year 11) and then completing the 16-19 bursary application form.
- Apply for FSM via the website and follow the online link.



Preparing for Sixth Form: **Enrichment**

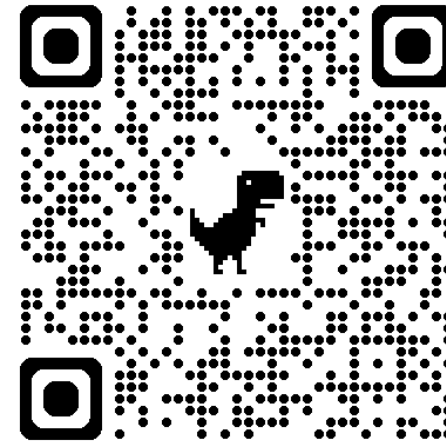
Enrichment:

- We provide a wide variety of enrichment opportunities for our sixth formers.
- Enrichment develops students and enhances their learning and opportunities.
- This looks favourably in employment and university applications.

Opportunities include:

- ✓ Student Leadership Programme
- ✓ The Department Assistance Programme
- ✓ The Paired Reading Programme
- ✓ Mark Evison Foundation
- ✓ 1 week Work Experience

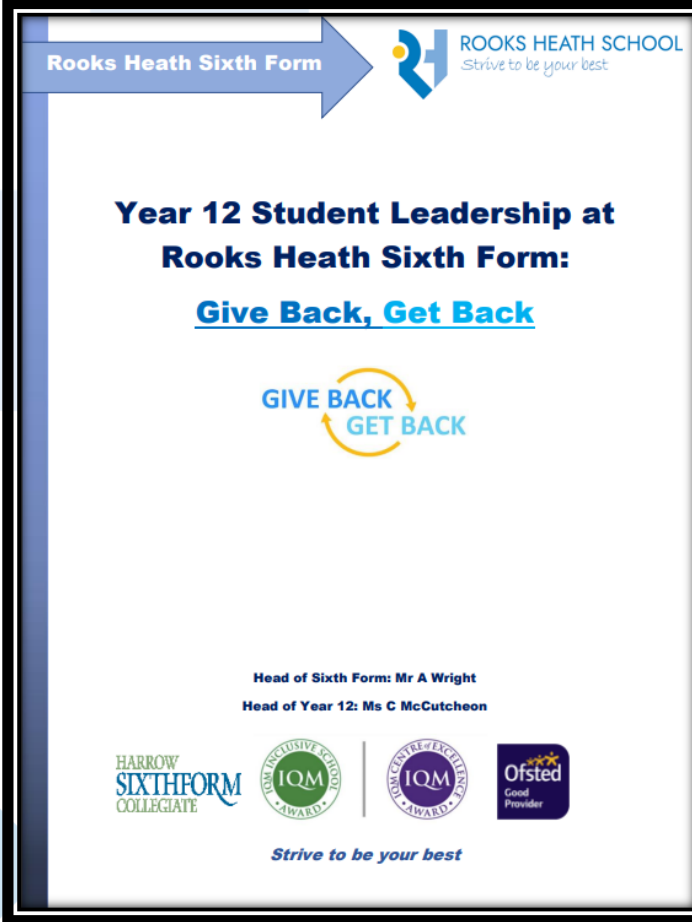
To learn more about what we offer, please see the website:



Preparing for Sixth Form: Student Leadership

The Student Leadership Programme

- The Student Leadership Programme is designed to equip a students with a broad variety of transferable skills to enhance their employability profiles and in enhancing their university applications.
- The programme provides them with invaluable experience to enrich their skillset post-18.
- We encourage you to have a look at the guide which can be found via the QR code or through the website, so you can start thinking about which opportunity you may be most suited to.
- We will be encouraging applications from students early in the Autumn Term.



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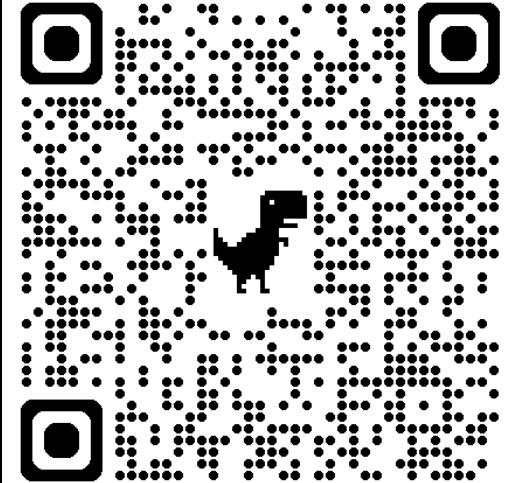
**Year 12 Student Leadership at
Rooks Heath Sixth Form:
Give Back, Get Back**

GIVE BACK
GET BACK

Head of Sixth Form: Mr A Wright
Head of Year 12: Ms C McCutcheon

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GCSE results day and Year 12 Induction

- **GCSE Results Day/Year 12 enrolment day:** Thursday 21st August
- Look out for either a **green** or **yellow** enrolment form in your results envelope. Please sign and hand in the green form before you leave.
- If you have a yellow enrolment form, then you must speak to a member of the sixth form team before you leave as we have had to make changes to your offer.
- Students new to the school can attend between 11:00 and 12:30, please bring with you your exam results!
- **Tuesday 2nd September:** 9:00 – 12:00am
- **Year 12 induction:** Assembly in the theatre followed by tutor time including photograph for your school ID.
- **Thursday 4th September:** Year 12 teaching begins at 8:45am (in tutor rooms)

Thank you for attending

I forgot to mention our A level value-added score for the 2024 exams was +0.41 which puts Rooks Heath top in the whole of Harrow, including independent schools, and in the top 100 schools nationwide.

We look forward to seeing you on results day.

Should you have any queries in the meantime, please email the Sixth Form at contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk

You will now have some time to meet your tutors.