



WELCOME TO HIGHDOWN



The school of choice for parents in Reading: where success is **desirable, demanded and achieved.**





Exceptional A Level Success



- **21.4%** of A Levels earned an **A* or A** grade.
- **Over half** of all A Levels secured **A*-B** grades.
- Average grade for **vocational subjects** was **Distinction**

WHAT REALLY MAKES HIGHDOWN'S SIXTH FORM GREAT?



Why Highdown?

Mr. Prior, Head of Sixth Form

- Over 300 students and a team of 13 mentors
- Wide range of courses at Level 3
- Academic monitoring and pastoral support
- Timetabled weekly enrichment sessions
- Strong track record in supporting High Achievers
- Range of leadership opportunities



What does studying in the Sixth Form involve?

- 3 (sometimes 4) 'Level 3' subjects studied for two years
- Timetabled Independent Learning sessions
- A focused CCC programme in mentor periods to support academic, social and personal progress
- Timetabled weekly 'Enrichment'
- Developing a wide range of supercurricular experiences to impress university admissions tutors and employers



Types of course

A Levels

- English Literature, English Language and Literature
- Maths, Further Maths, Core Maths
- Economics
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Psychology, Sociology
- History, Politics, Philosophy
- Geography

More A Levels

- Business Studies
- Computing
- Art, Photography, Textiles
- Drama and Theatre,
- Music, Music Technology
- French, Spanish

Vocational Courses

- Level 3 – Digital Media
- Level 3 – Sport



Course Requirements

- Minimum is 5 passes at GCSE, including English **and** Maths
- Subjects usually have their own specific entry requirements
- EPQ and Core Maths available



Academic and Pastoral Support

- Learning Mentor
- Supervised Study Room
- Independent Learning Sessions
- A focused induction programme to support academic, social and personal progress
- Sixth Form Welfare Lead
- Promotion of a wide range of supercurricular experiences to impress university admissions tutors and employers
- 16-19 Bursary support

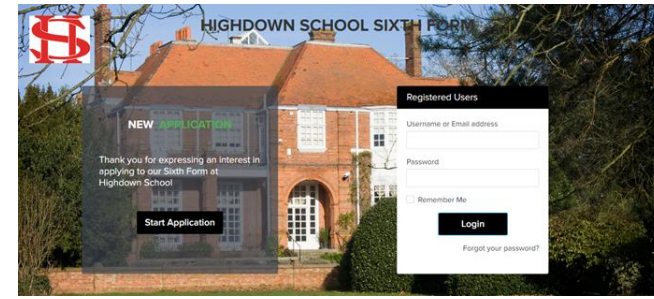


Life after Highdown

- Advice and guidance from mentor team
- Aiming High group set up in autumn of Year 12 to raise aspirations towards Russell Group applications
- Support students in applying for Sutton Trust and Oxford summer schools
- Oxford University trip
- Liaison with outside support – including ‘Pathways’ evening in September of Y13
- Mock interview programme
- Guidance and support for competitive subjects and Oxbridge candidates



The Application Process



- Online application forms available from 5th November, and due in by 5th December 2025
- Interviews January to March
- Provisional offers made following interviews
- Induction at the end of June 2026
- Enrolment day on 20 August 2026



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