

## A welcome from our Head Girl

Hello, I am Phoebe Chenery, the Head Girl at Highdown. I have been at Highdown since the start of year seven and it was quite an easy decision to continue my studying into the sixth form. I am currently studying A-Level History and Psychology but also a BTEC in Sport - one of the great things about the sixth form is that they allow you to do a wide range of courses that some colleges may not offer or allow. Even though we are part of a school you still feel that you are your own little community, we are also very lucky to have the sixth form facilities, with a great study centre and library, and all the sports facilities as well.

The teaching at Highdown sixth form as well is very different to any other college. The teachers are there with you every step of the way and really treat you like independent adults at the school. It really feels like they are preparing you for your future and really want to see you succeed. If you had any concerns about your work the teachers would be there to help you.

I really hope you enjoy your time at Highdown and feel a part of our community.

Thank you.



## A welcome from our Head Boy

Hello, I am Charlie Hayward, and I am the Head Boy here at Highdown. I started attending Highdown in Year Seven with Phoebe and have enjoyed every single second from my first ever lesson to my last GCSE exam. It thus wasn't a difficult decision to choose where I would be studying for my A-Levels. Like Phoebe I am taking A Level history, but I'm also taking biology, chemistry, and a level 3 certificate in mathematical studies. The teachers here at Highdown are so supportive and really help you transition from taking your GCSEs to your A Levels. Their enthusiasm for their subjects makes it a lot easier to motivate yourself when it comes to studying.

Although the academic side plays in large part in how great sixth form life is here at Highdown, there are still other factors in play. Phoebe mentioned how the Highdown sixth form feels both integrated into the main school, but also like it's own little community, and I think this is epitomised by Café Six, which serves delicious food and drink exclusively to sixth-formers and staff. One of the best things that Highdown does for its sixth formers, is offer them the chance to join in on a number of enrichment activities that can really make your university personal statement stand out. For example, I've submitted several articles to the Highdown Herald (our student run newspaper), and both me and Phoebe have started a first-aid course run by our school nurse.

All of this means that Highdown is one of the best places you can study to take your A Levels, and I hope you enjoy your time here as much as I've enjoyed mine.

Thank you.

