

BRIDGEWATER SIXTH FORM

The Gateway
To Your Future





WELCOME TO BRIDGEWATER SIXTH FORM

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Peter Close

WELCOME FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

The Sixth Form at Bridgewater aims to give you all the opportunities and support that will be required throughout this important stage in your life and help you make informed choices about your future and the most appropriate direction for you to move in once you leave school.

We believe that all our students have fantastic potential and it is our job to ensure, through excellent teaching and unrivalled pastoral care and guidance, that each student's potential is realised.

Welcome and thank you for your interest in our Sixth Form.

Judy Damm.

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

The ethos of our Sixth Form is simple – hard work and independent learning in an environment which is friendly and inclusive. We offer the intimacy of small classes, together with individual careers guidance and exceptional one to one support throughout the UCAS process.

Our aim is to help students to reach their full potential, both academically and personally, and to equip them with the skills and qualifications needed to make a smooth transition into the next stage of their life, be that university, an apprenticeship or employment.

Sixth Form is one of the most exciting and transformative times in your life – we very much hope that you will join us and benefit from all that Bridgewater has to offer.

S.E. Nutter



Why Choose Bridgewater?

Small class sizes across a wide range of subjects.

Highly qualified experienced teachers including many senior examiners.

Outstanding individual academic performance.

Exceptional UCAS guidance and support.

Outstanding pastoral care.

Careful and well managed guidance for the transition from GCSE to A level.

Full enrichment programme.

A range of scholarships available including academic, music, performing arts & sports.

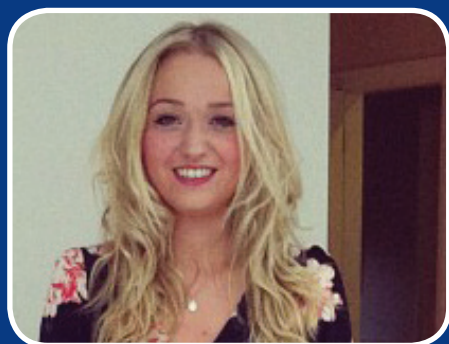
Consistently placing students in the university of their choice.

Enrichment & Life Skills Opportunities

- ✓ Play an active role in the life of the whole school community including the opportunity to become part of the School Leadership Team
- ✓ Opportunities to show initiative and develop your leadership and interpersonal skills
- ✓ Regular presentations from outside speakers on topics such as careers, personal finance and social issues
- ✓ Independent Learning Project
- ✓ Weekly debates
- ✓ Work Experience Opportunities
- ✓ Supporting younger students
- ✓ Organising Fundraising and Charity Events
- ✓ Expeditions
- ✓ Organising school events such as the Talent Show and Fashion Show
- ✓ Leading Assemblies
- ✓ The Apprentice competition
- ✓ Residential Trips & Foreign Exchange Opportunities
- ✓ Sporting Opportunities

Student Profiles

JADE BEATY



Completed A levels in English Language, Religious Studies and Theatre Studies in 2010.

Graduated from Lancaster University in 2014 with a first-class Honours Degree in Contemporary Arts and Theatre Studies. Currently working in London, at one of the world's largest PR companies, as an Account Executive.

"I really loved being a part of Bridgewater Sixth Form. It was a fun and happy place to be and every day we were encouraged to be the best that we could. Looking back, I realise how special it was to learn in such small classes. Sixth Form helped make the transition into University easy and relaxed. To top it off, I made a lot of very special friends in Sixth Form, who I am still in touch with today."

JAMES WILDE

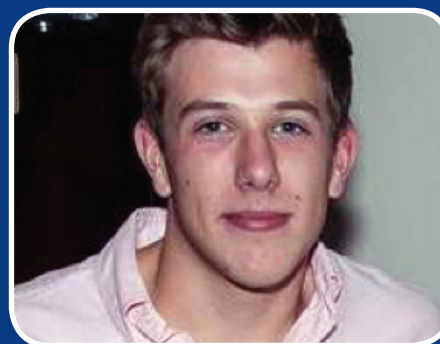


Completed A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics in 2011.

Currently studying for a Masters Degree in Chemistry at the University of Manchester.

"During my time in the Sixth Form, I learnt the importance of dedication, determination and independent working, qualities which have helped me ever since."

PETER CLOSE



Completed A levels in Maths, Physics and Geography in 2012.

Currently on a year's placement in industry as part of his Mechanical Engineering Degree at Sheffield Hallam University.

"I enjoyed the close knit community at Bridgewater, especially in the Sixth Form, which gave me the confidence and foundations to go on and work for one of the world's largest companies in my industry."

FFION KILBY



Completed A levels in Art, History and Religious Studies in 2013.

Currently studying Art at Manchester Metropolitan University.

"For me, the relationship between the teachers and the students is the best part about Bridgewater school. They helped me with the decision to follow what I loved doing at university and without their support over the years, I wouldn't have achieved the grades to enable me to do this."

Student Profiles

RUTH SLATER



Completed A levels in Geography, Psychology and Spanish in 2013.

Currently working towards a managerial role with Macdonald Hotels via an apprenticeship.

"Bridgewater Sixth Form provided me with the confidence and skills that were easily transferred into the workplace."

KATIE WEBSTER



Completed A levels in English Literature, Geography and History in 2013.

Currently studying English Literature at Lancaster University

"The atmosphere of the Sixth Form is very similar to that of a campus university. The small class sizes are just like a seminar and the teachers allowed us to take charge of our own learning; something which is essential at any top university!"

BETH TYSON



Completed A levels in History, Physical Education and Religious Studies in 2013.

Currently studying History & International Relations at Loughborough University.

"Bridgewater Sixth Form helped me to develop existing skills such as communication and teamwork, whilst allowing me to acquire additional skills and experience brand new opportunities including the 'Bridgewater Apprentice' competition and the Outlook Expedition to Borneo."

MITCHELL SETON



Completed A levels in Religious Studies, History and English Literature in 2014.

Currently studying Philosophy at Lancaster University.

"The support at Bridgewater was, above all, the key to my success. Teacher support isn't confined to the classroom at Bridgewater; you can simply talk to them after class or knock on their door - they are always willing to offer guidance."

Admissions

You are warmly invited to attend our Whole School Open Day in November, plus the subsequent Sixth Form Open Evening which is specifically focused on the Sixth Form and designed to give you more information on individual subjects and the many opportunities we offer.

You will be asked to complete an application form indicating your chosen four subjects. These initial choices are open to review until the application deadline, when the construction of our subject blocks within the timetable will be made on the basis of your choices.

Our admission requirement is a minimum of five GCSEs graded A* to C, including English and Mathematics. In addition, students will normally be expected to obtain a B grade or better in their chosen subjects.

The deadline for applications is the end of February. Beyond this point, we will do our best to accommodate any changes or late applications within the existing curriculum.

Bursary places are available on application and a range of scholarships are available including academic, music, performing arts and sports.

We welcome applications from overseas students as we are a highly trusted Tier 4 sponsor and accredited with the British Council's International School Award at Intermediate Level.



"My years at Bridgewater helped me immensely in preparation for the next stages of my adult life. The teaching staff were brilliant and really help you every step of the way in achieving your goals: their passion meant that I was able to excel in every aspect of my subjects". **Angelina Kelly**

Your Bridgewater Experience

The Sixth Form at Bridgewater School is preparation for life, university or employment. We will guide you every step of the way by giving you:

ACADEMIC CONFIDENCE

Regular reviews on your work and working methods so you can begin to evaluate your own strengths and weaknesses.

Realistic and progressive targets to meet so that you can feel confident in your ability to rise to a challenge.

SKILLS

A carefully structured enrichment programme including presentations on study skills and interview techniques from staff and visiting speakers.

Opportunities to demonstrate your talents and develop your leadership skills (e.g. running a charity

event, being part of the leadership team, taking part in the Apprentice or an expedition).

Confidence to speak, negotiate and consult assertively.

GUIDANCE THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Thorough preparation for UCAS applications from day one to results day and beyond.

Extensive, individual support with personal statements giving Bridgewater students a competitive edge.

HELP IN SHAPING YOUR FUTURE

Individual careers guidance in school.

Information on university open days, careers workshops and conferences.

Regular talks from outside speakers on careers, higher education and apprenticeships.

*Recent destinations of Sixth Form leavers include the **Universities** of Manchester, Lancaster, Durham, Cardiff, Loughborough, Edinburgh, Sheffield, Exeter, Salford, Imperial College London, Birmingham and Chester.*



" Having the honour of running the Apprentice programme with the Bridgewater 6th form is truly inspirational. Over the past few years I have spent quality time with a number of these amazing young people and it is clear that the staff and support at Bridgewater 6th form is exceptional. The close community spirit and freedom to be yourself is one of the reasons why I enjoy being part of the team. The Apprentice programme gives all students the opportunity to further their life skills and includes real life interviews, public presentations, responsibility and ownership of problems and the importance of teamwork. The Apprentice boardroom can be an intense environment but rewarding for everyone who takes part."

Scott Brenchley, CEO Tactus.



"Pushing you every step of the way are your teachers! Whether it's helping you run your own charity event, supporting you academically or finding you suitable work experience, they will always be there to help you follow your dreams for the future."

Mitchell Seton



If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs Sharon Minta, the Head of Sixth Form, who will be happy to arrange a meeting and a tour of the school.



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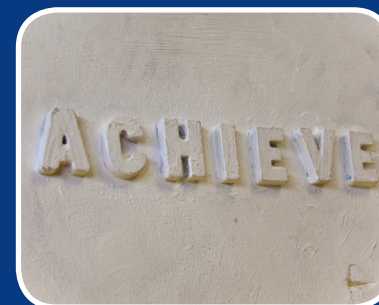
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