

**BIDDULPH**  
**SIXTH**  
**FORM**



# Welcome to Biddulph Sixth Form

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**I am delighted that you are interested in joining Biddulph High School Sixth Form in September 2015. You will be part of what is one of the most exciting Sixth Form developments in the area.**

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I want to assure you from the outset that every young person who walks through our doors will receive a first class deal. You will be genuinely valued as an individual.

Our prime focus is on quality teaching, learning and support for all of our students. We have picked the best techniques used at KS4 to achieve outstanding success and put them into a Post 16 context; in particular, target setting, assessments, pastoral support, enrichment opportunities and an emphasis on the quality of relationships between staff and students.

All our staff will do their utmost to ensure you achieve your potential during your time with us. For most people, being aged 16 to 19 is an exciting but challenging time in their lives. Taking on new responsibilities, managing your time, planning your courses and finding a route through all the possibilities that await you, are all things you will need help with. Our job is to ensure we put that personalised support in place so that you leave BH6 as confident and articulate young people, ready for the next step, whether that is work or higher education.

Sixth Form life should not just be about studying but must also provide opportunities for you to take part in sport, music, drama and dance, as well as visits to places in this country and abroad. This is what will help you develop as well educated

young men and women and I strongly urge you to take part in the many and varied enrichment activities that will be on offer.

We believe that the young people in the local area deserve the very best. BH6 is exactly that. Discrete Sixth Form facilities within the building and up to date technology are coupled with high quality staff who truly believe in you.

If you want to reach your potential and fulfil your ambitions, BH6 is the place for you.

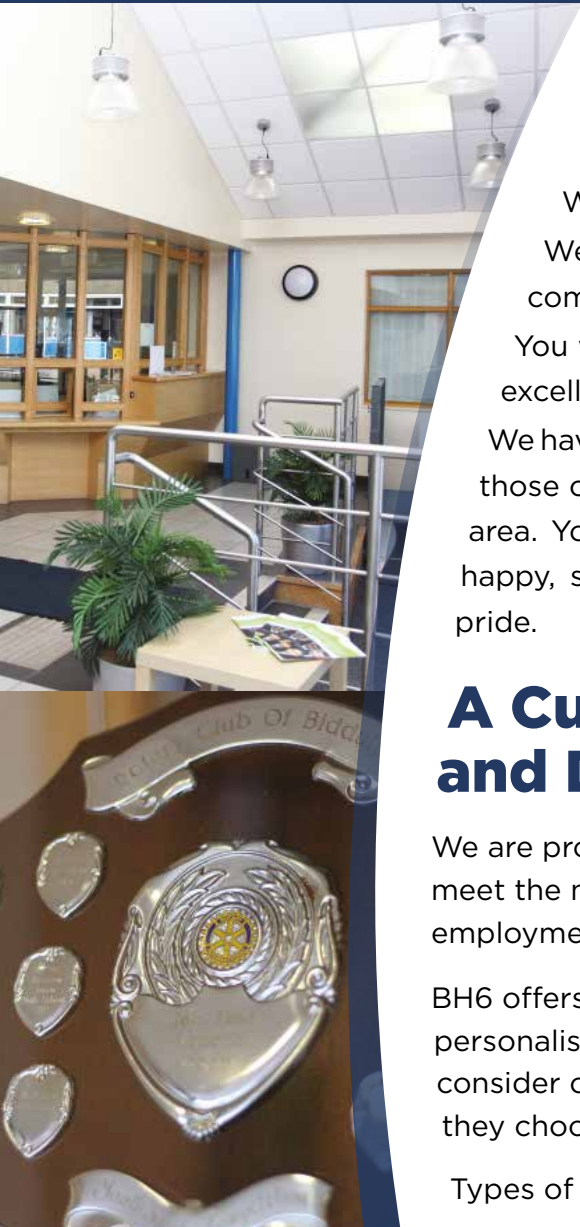
If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us; we will do our best to help you.



**S P Ascroft**  
*Headteacher*



**Mrs. C. Taylor**  
*Key Stage 5  
Learning Manager*



## Why choose Biddulph?

At BH6 students are at the centre of everything that we do. We are committed to putting your needs first.

We offer over 20 A-levels and applied courses allowing you to combine many subjects, giving you maximum choice and flexibility.

You will be taught by outstanding teachers who are committed to excellence and will offer you stimulating and challenging lessons.

We have a full induction programme tailored for all students, including those coming to us from Biddulph, other local schools or new to the area. You will be working with fantastic students who commit to a happy, supportive community which promotes respect, dignity and pride.

## A Curriculum of Choice and Diversity

We are proud to offer challenging, exciting and relevant courses to meet the needs of our students and the demands of university and employment.

BH6 offers a diverse range of courses to ensure that there is a personalised and inclusive approach for all students. Students should consider carefully the range of courses that we offer and ensure that they choose courses to suit their needs.

Types of qualifications...

### A Level

*Choose from 20 subjects.*

We recommend that students wishing to follow the A-Level 'route' have at least 5 higher grade (A\*-B) passes at GCSE. In addition, each subject's specific requirements must be met.

Assessment within A Levels involves both examinations and the completion of coursework.

### BTEC Level 3

*Choose from 8 subjects.*

We recommend that students wishing to follow the BTEC 'route' have at least 5 higher grade (A\*-C) passes at GCSE including English Language and Maths.

Assessment within BTECs is through the completion of portfolios and coursework

### Traineeship

The opportunity to study English and Maths, complete a work based skills programme, complete work experience and improve interpersonal skills.

To continue onto this 'route', students must demonstrate a commitment to their studies and have a good behaviour and attendance record.

\*One year programme for current BHS students only\*

# When choosing courses we encourage students to consider carefully five key questions:

## 1. Are you interested in studying the subject?

You will be studying the subject for 5 hours a week plus homework for the next one or two years, so it is important you choose carefully.

## 2. Do you know what the subject involves?

This prospectus is only a starting point. Ask subject staff and Sixth Form students what the subject involves.

## 3. Have I got the ability to be successful within the subject?

The 'course requirements' section indicates the basic requirements for success within a subject area. This information is based upon the experience and knowledge of staff delivering the courses.

## 4. Is my combination of subjects sensible?

There is more to choosing your courses than just 'what you fancy'. The subjects should be a compatible combination for a future job or further study and this must be carefully researched and considered. Research job criteria on the Internet via the National Careers Service (<http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/Pages/Home.aspx>) and look at university requirements via UCAS ([www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)).

## 5. What combinations of subjects can I choose?

We are happy for students to combine A level and BTEC studies or choose to follow just one pathway to follow. We encourage all students to select the equivalent of four qualifications of four qualifications in their first year of study.





## **Achieving Your Potential**

All students need support and guidance in order to reach their true academic and career potential. All students are set challenging target grades against which they are continually tracked and monitored. Comprehensive support is available to support the students, including:

- Three Progress Check Reports are sent home during the academic year to ensure that progress is continually reviewed and appropriate action implemented to ensure success.
- A full academic Report is sent home mid way through the year to ensure that students and parents are fully aware of how success can be achieved.
- Parent Consultation Evenings are held to discuss progress.
- Form tutors regularly review progress through 1:1 meetings and target setting for improvement and development.
- A specialist Sixth Form Progress Manager mentoring students who have been identified as requiring additional support to achieve their potential.
- Subject staff working in close conjunction with parents, students and Sixth Form tutors to ensure that progress is reviewed and action implemented swiftly to achieve success.
- A dedicated Sixth Form Supported Study facility supervised by staff to support independent study.

## **Support and Guidance**

Biddulph Sixth Form students belong to a tutor group and will meet the Tutor during morning and afternoon registration. This contact allows continuity for students and provides them with help, support and guidance on issues that affect young people.

The IAG programme delivered by Sixth Form Tutors on a weekly basis provides a comprehensive programme of support to promote students' well-being and interest in the world around them. It enables students to form reasoned responses to religious, health and citizenship issues and prepares students for Post-18 choices including support with the University Admissions Process (UCAS) and applications for possible career opportunities.

The Enrichment programme provides a range of opportunities and experiences which support students to acquire knowledge, develop skills and gain confidence to support their academic work. A comprehensive programme of activities supports students in undertaking University visits, considering gap year opportunities, completing relevant work experience, visiting University and job fairs and engaging in work with local universities and employers to develop skills for the future.

## Skills beyond the Classroom

We encourage our students to take part in a range of extra-curricular activities. Although academic qualifications are the main reasons for returning to the Sixth Form we do place great emphasis on the development of the individual students in terms of personal skills and experience.

Sixth Form can be an important stage in the development of personality as well as mind. Employers and tutors look for people who can contribute to the social, cultural and perhaps sporting life of a company or institution.

## Widen Your Horizons

Most subject areas provide additional learning opportunities through visits to conferences, theatres and exhibitions both in this country and further afield. International opportunities are also available to enable students to gain insights into other countries and develop memories that will last a lifetime. Such opportunities include a leadership programme with our partner school in India and a week in Paris provides an opportunity for students to develop their understanding of Business across Europe.





## Student Experience

What the students say...

There are many opportunities available for you to develop as a person in preparation for university or the world of work.

Biddulph High Sixth Form offers many extracurricular opportunities. I have had the opportunity to travel to both New York and Kenya and both were a phenomenal experience. I would definitely recommend joining Biddulph Sixth Form.

Most of my friends have also stayed on in the Sixth Form and so as well as the academic side, there is also an enjoyable social side.

The courses available allowed me to mix both A-Level and BTEC courses so that we can achieve our potential.

The staff teaching within Sixth Form not only encourage you but also give you a bit of a nudge when you are not giving your best; I'm not sure you would get this level of support elsewhere.

I loved the opportunity to travel to Kenya and it has inspired me to work harder and achieve my dreams.

The staff are so supportive and always have time to offer assistance.

## Our Values and beliefs

- **Achievement, Success and Excellence** – a focus to improve standards of achievement to better the lives of students and a desire for success through high expectations and aspirations.
- **Respect, Dignity and Pride** – a community which is based on respect for every individual, openness, trust and pride in all we do.
- **Learning, Creativity and Innovation** – a drive to pursue effective learning for all students through first class teaching and support by teachers every lesson, every day.
- **Relationships, Collaboration and Teamwork** – students and staff working together. Working in partnership with parents / carers to ensure that all students are able to become responsible and valued members of society.
- **Positivity, Enthusiasm and Fun** – shown by and towards all students at BH6.



## The Future

We believe that the education of our students is essential in providing them with a foundation from which they can move forward and achieve their dreams. We aim to equip them with an education which will engage and inspire them to move into a world beyond school with knowledge, understanding, skills and qualities that lead to success and opportunities for all. Last year, 75% of our Sixth Form leavers' went on to gain places at their first choice university. We have a tradition of securing places at the top universities including Oxford and Cambridge, on prestigious courses such as medicine and veterinary and throughout our local partnership universities. Furthermore, our students are supported in achieving apprenticeship opportunities at leading companies and jobs both locally and nationally.

The help and support that the staff offered on a day to day basis was unlike any other college and we were always encouraged to strive for our personal goals. During my time within the Sixth Form, my confidence grew through the responsibilities I had and the groups I was involved in, something which I will always value. Although applying to university was a tense time, I was always reassured of my options by the Sixth Form staff. I am now studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol and loving every minute of the course!

**Beth Lythgoe, Head Girl, 2011-12.**

It is safe to say that I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Biddulph Sixth Form. The quality of teaching and endless support from the staff at BH6 enabled me to pass my exams and get to where I want to be. I am delighted that I am now at Manchester Metropolitan University studying Sport and Exercise Science.

**Beth Fallows, Senior Prefect, 2013-14.**

Taking on 4 A-Levels is not the easiest of tasks, especially with those subjects being Mathematics, Physics, Business studies and Further Mathematics. However, the teaching and support that I received during the 2 years I spent at Biddulph Sixth Form meant that I came out with the results that secured me a place in the Siemens Finance and Commercial Academy, for which only 8 people out of the country were selected. Now, I have been working at Siemens for 2 months and am studying towards a CIMA qualification. I never saw myself going to university although I still applied as a backup plan. Looking back, I wouldn't have done anything different as I am now a member of an immensely successful organisation with unlimited career prospects which could see me travelling the world.

**Tom Jones, Head Boy, 2011-12.**



## A message to parents

The best institutions work with parents/carers to make sure that their son/daughter is on track to achieve success. We believe that we are not only accountable to the student for the quality of what we do, but also to the parents and carers.

We recognize that you, the parents and carers, have a vital role to play in supporting your son/daughter to succeed in their studies. Regular reports and parents' evenings will provide direct communication on the progress of your son/daughter, along with their form tutor who will provide a direct link into the Sixth Form.

## Becoming Part of Biddulph Sixth Form

### Current Biddulph High School Students:

Students will be invited to complete an application form followed by an individual interview (January - March) to discuss their intentions Post-16. Following completion of the Post-16 interviews, all applications will be considered (April) and successful applicants will be invited to a 'Sixth Form Induction Week' in June.



**Enrolment begins on the 20th August (GCSE results day)**

### External Applicants:

Each year we have a number of students join us from schools within the local area. If you wish to be considered for a place within Biddulph Sixth Form, please contact Mrs Taylor (Key Stage 5 Learning Manager) for an application form.

Once completed application forms have been received, students will be invited to an interview to discuss their application and successful applicants will be invited to a 'Sixth Form Induction Week' in June.

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All documents are available on the Biddulph High School website [www.biddulph.staffs.sch.uk/6th-form](http://www.biddulph.staffs.sch.uk/6th-form)

All applications and enquiries to:

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