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Welcome

Hello and thank you for thinking about studying at WKGS Sixth Form.

Sixth form years are an important and exciting stage in your life, preparing you for higher education and / or the world of work. So it's important to take the time to consider your options and choose the best environment for you.

Whatever your academic and career goals, we'll pave the way for success. As an accredited High Performance Learning World Class School, we'll equip you with the knowledge, skills and values you need to grow and thrive in an exciting, interconnected world.

We have high expectations of all our students, and we'll encourage you to think big. That's because we see no limits to your potential. With the right opportunities and support, you can achieve more than you ever thought possible, within and beyond the classroom.

Throughout your time with us you will grow in independence and resilience, supported every step of the way by our experienced teaching and welfare team. And as a valued member of a close-knit community that genuinely celebrates diversity and individuality, we'll encourage you to always be your true self.

Thank you for considering WKGS Sixth Form for the next stage in your academic and personal development. We hope to welcome you soon.

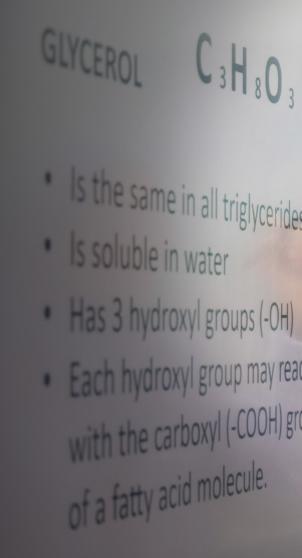
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Outstanding results

Our academic results are amongst the best in the country. In 2023, 82% of A-Level grades were in the A^* - C bracket, with 66% between A^* - B.

Whatever your goals, we'll help you to achieve the results you need to get there.





Hannah Paulsen

Results: Biology A*, Chemistry A,

Maths A.

Next Step: University of Leeds to

study Medicine.

What did you enjoy most about WKGS Sixth Form?

I've made so many new friends and really enjoyed all of the subjects that I chose to study. It's been such a different experience to my old school - my two years here have flown by so quickly!

Shezza Savir

Results: English Literature A^* , History A^* ,

Next Step: University of Bristol to study Law.

What did you enjoy most about WKGS Sixth

Form? I've been given so many opportunities to get involved in different aspects of sixth form life,



A wide range of

courses

It's often difficult deciding what you want to study, but with 28 different A-Level courses to choose from you'll be sure to find the right combination of subjects for you. This includes subjects not offered at GCSE, such as politics, economics and psychology.

Whether you're eyeing a career in astrophysics or accountancy, dentistry or design, our broad curriculum will help you to build a unique pathway.

You can opt to study four subjects, but we recommend you study three plus an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). To help you find the right path, you can start with four subjects then drop one at any time.

Please refer to our accompanying Course Guide for full details on all subjects and information about EPQ.





Nbigail Beech

Results: Business A*, Biology A, Geography A.

Next Step: University of Leeds to study Business Management.

What did you enjoy most about WKGS Sixth Form?

I've had fantastic support throughout my time here and enjoyed great relationships with all of the teachers. I also had the opportunity to be Head Girl which was really fun and challenging.

Nihmat Ndedigha

Results: Economics A*, History A*, Maths A.

Next Step: Queen's University Belfast to study Law.

What did you enjoy most about WKGS Sixth Form?

I've really enjoyed the independence and freedom that sixth form gives you, and the support and guidance from the teachers to help you get the most



Our students go on to study at some of the UK's top universities, or begin apprenticeships with leading employers across a wide range of industries.

We have a professional careers advisor in school every Tuesday offering one-to-one appointments. You'll also have access to Unifrog, a great platform that allows you to compare and apply for universities or apprenticeships.

Each year we welcome past pupils, employers, apprenticeship providers and universities to speak to students about different post-18 options, run workshops, support university applications and conduct mock interviews. We can also help you to secure a placement for a week of work experience.

Working together, we'll ensure that your time at WKGS Sixth Form is a springboard for your future success.



Emily Williams

Results: Maths B, Further Maths C, Chemistry C.

Next Step: Degree apprenticeship with Sellafield, working in Operational Research Engineering whilst studying Maths.

What did you enjoy most about WKGS Sixth Form?

There's a real community feel. I've really enjoyed all of the music events and house events I've been involved in, taking part in lots of shows and competitions. It's not all about the grades here.

Norat Ndedigha

Results: Biology A^* , Chemistry A^* , Maths A^* .

Next Step: Cardiff University to study Dentistry

What did you enjoy most about WKGS Sixth Form?

There are so many opportunities to take part in extracurricular activities. We had lots of people

Beyond the academic

Outside the classroom you'll have endless opportunities to try new things and build valuable life skills. We devote one afternoon each week to enrichment activities, where staff and external providers help students to engage in our 5 ways to wellbeing: connect, be active, keep learning, give and take notice.

You can try a range of physical activities such as self-defence, yoga, football, walking, running, dance, fitness, tennis, netball, cricket, basketball or working out at the local gym. You'll have opportunities to organise community projects that tackle local and global issues, like reducing

food waste, visiting residents in care homes or raising awareness around period poverty. And you can choose from a long list of recreational pursuits including gardening, cooking, art, mindful colouring or photography.

Some students use their weekly enrichment time to support future career opportunities, such as teaching English as a foreign language, participating in the Bar Mock Trial Competition or the Young Reporter Scheme. Others volunteer at local primary schools, care homes and charity shops.



Lead and inspire

Throughout your time with us you'll have exciting opportunities to gain invaluable leadership skills.

Our head prefect team is made up of ten students, leading a team of approximately fifty prefects and other representatives who take on various leadership and mentoring roles across the school.

The school's House system is largely run by student officials who organise and lead the multiple events that take place each year. Sixth Form students opt to lead clubs and societies, such as debating, creative writing, LGBTQ+, robotics and chess.

You will also get the opportunity to gain a Student Leadership Award in Year 12, and there are a wide range of trips, workshops and competitions that give you the chance to take positions of responsibility that will help to boost your skills, confidence and CV.



Supporting you all the way

You'll enjoy a lot of independence here, but this will always be balanced with structure and personalised support.

Our Heads of Year move with their year groups, supporting students throughout their time at Sixth Form. Your form tutor will be your first port of call for help. They will spend time getting to know you and support you pastorally and academically. Our Pastoral Assistant will meet with you on a one-to-one basis and also provide study support and advice.

We will closely monitor
your progress throughout
Sixth Form, helping out whenever
necessary. You will complete transition work
in Year 12 to help us ensure that your chosen
subjects are the best ones for you.

We offer specialised support in the form of our Wellbeing Manager, Safeguarding Lead, Special Educational Needs Coordinator, and Examination Officer.



Fantastic facilities

As well as modern classrooms, our dedicated sixth form block includes a common room complete with kitchen and social / study space, and a computer suite.

Additional sixth form study areas, computer rooms and an extra kitchen facility are located in other parts of the school. You'll also be able to work in the library during free lessons, and make use of the careers library.

Whether you need a quiet place to study or somewhere to hang out with friends, you'll find a perfect space.

As well as full use of our IT facilities, you can bring your own device and connect to our wi-fi network. We have a business dress code in line with modern workplace practices, helping you to feel relaxed but still professional.



Settling in

Whether you attended West Kirby Grammar School or you are joining us for the first time, Sixth Form is a new start for everyone.

We hold a familiarisation day in July, giving new and existing students the chance to get to know one another, meet key staff and explore the school and Sixth Form facilities.

At the start of the year we have an induction day where you will spend time in your new form with your form tutor. We keep form groups small, to around twenty students, and mix existing and new students to help everyone feel part of our community from day one.

During the induction day you can also participate in team building exercises that will help you to quickly make new friends and settle in.





As well as developing skills as a resilient and enterprising learner in the classroom, we'll help you to explore and uncover your unique skills and talents, to dream big and make the most of opportunities to enrich the curriculum and contribute to the school community.

Our ethos is built around our six core values:

- Community
- High Expectations
- Opportunity
- Innovation
- Curiosity
- Endeavour



Sixth Form

Bursary

We don't want anyone's progress to suffer due to monetary constraints, so students who are struggling financially are encouraged to apply for a bursary. The funding can be used for travel fares, books and uniform.

There are two levels of Bursary payment dependent upon family circumstance. Full details and application forms are available on our website.





Redefine Your Possible

Apply Today

Whatever your academic and career goals, we'll help you to break through barriers and achieve things you never imagined.

Apply for your place at WKGS Sixth Form today at: sixthform.wkgs.org

