

SIXTH FORM 2025-26





Mr Ashley Brown Head of sixth form

WELCOME

We are delighted that you are considering The Holgate Academy sixth form as an option for the next stage in your educational journey.

Our offer includes a wide variety of subjects and qualifications, along with numerous enrichment activities - all designed to help you feel confident and excited about joining us, no matter which secondary school you attended.

We are proud to provide an inclusive environment which caters for Level 2 and Level 3 students to support their further study needs and interests through a focused curriculum.

Our team of specialist teachers will offer support and guidance in your chosen subjects, whilst our dedicated tutors will work with you to build your confidence academically and personally.

Our pastoral provision will ensure you are given extra-curricular opportunities aimed at enriching your experience to ensure you get the most from your time with us - all of this will help to prepare you for the next steps, whether that be university, an apprenticeship, or employment.

Sixth form is a bridge to prepare you to take on a greater level of responsibility - it offers new freedoms not available in years 7 to 11 and you will be expected to take an adult approach to learning, managing your time, and meeting expectations.

At The Holgate Academy sixth form, we are committed to making everyone feel valued, included, and able to succeed. We look forward to supporting you to shape your future.

VISION AND VALUES



STUDY WITH US

We warmly welcome students from across Nottinghamshire to join us at sixth form. If you meet our entry requirements and are keen to progress and make the most of your education, then we would be delighted to meet with you.

Applicants will need to apply by our application deadline of 15 November 2024 followed by an invitation to interview.



Information on how to apply can be found on our website. Scan the QR code.

KEY

PASS RATE
100%
✓

IN APPLIED GENERAL (vocational qualification)

32%
DISTINCTION DISTINCTION*

(A-A*
EQUIVALENT)

100%

of students who applied to university accepted their offers

90%
MERIT DISTINCTION*
(C-A*
EQUIVALENT)

94%
SUCCESSFULLY
ACHIEVED
A LEVEL
QUALIFICATIONS



100%

pass rate in the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

> ALL HOLGATE SIXTH FORM STUDENTS LEFT HAVING SECURED EMPLOYMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION OR TRAINING

92%

accepted first choice offers

STUDENT LIFE





Opportunities

Students will have access to opportunities within and outside of lessons to learn and hone new skills, develop existing talents, and support them in life beyond sixth form. During form time, students take up a charity challenge – a team-based fundraising project to support chosen charities. We also welcome external speakers to weekly enrichment periods, to encourage thought-provoking discussion, reflection and independent research. Talks have previously included:

- safe driving
- drugs and alcoho
- safe sex and consent
- the importance of voting
- banking
- higher education, apprenticeships and post 18 options
- finance and financial responsibility
- workers' rights and responsibilities
- study skills
- employability skills





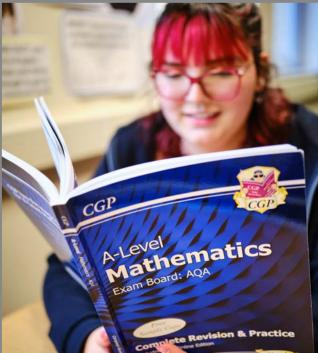


Extra-curricular

Extra-curricular activities boost mental wellbeing, enhance transferable skills, and give students the freedom to explore other interests and craft their talents. Our student-driven extra-curricular programme empowers individuals to create and lead their own groups, encouraging proactive students to turn their ideas into successful activities.

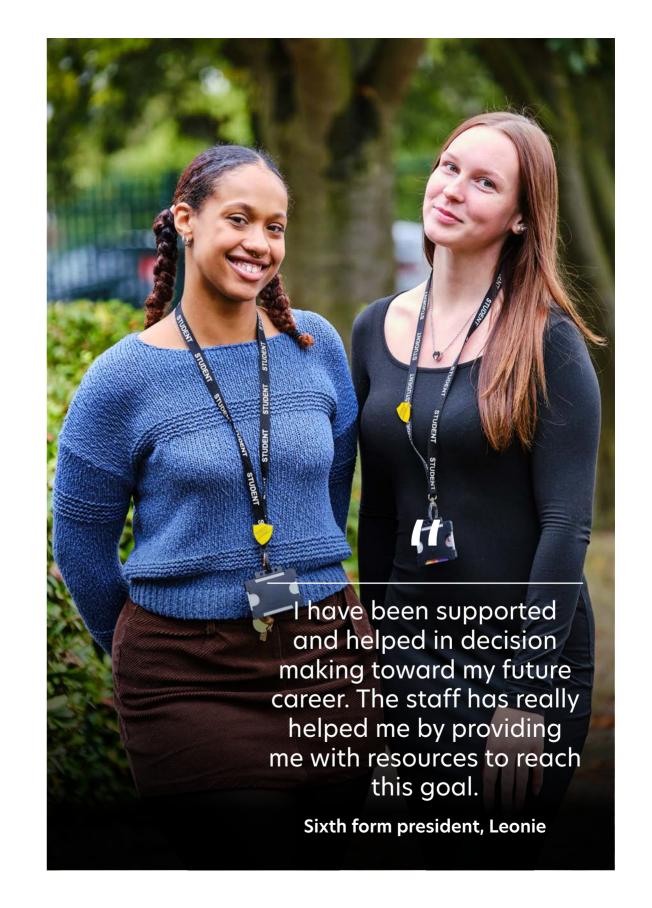
Previous clubs have included:

- debate club
- psychology club
- footbal
- film club
- coding/programming
- LGBTQI+
- drama





PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



Work experience

In year 12, you will complete work experience related to your career of choice or the education pathway you wish to follow. You will be expected to select, apply and interview for roles, representing yourself and The Holgate Academy sixth form in a prepared, professional and business-like manner.

Our team of experienced careers and employability staff will support students to prepare for work experience as well as hold mock interviews. Students have undertaken a range work experience over the years and see the benefit of first-hand experience in the working world.





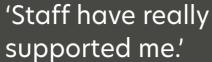




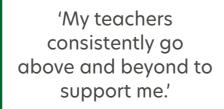


Mock interviews

We run mock interview days in conjunction with our partners from local businesses. This provides students with first-hand interview experience from industry specialists. Interviews are provided specifically to professional roles and study courses relevant to future interests and destinations. Interviewees provide feedback including areas for consideration to support students going forward.







TARGETS AND PROGRESS

We encourage all students to be ambitious and realistic. Your personal tutor will work with you to set targets that stretch you academically and strengthen your skill set. They will meet with you regularly to review your progress and support you where required. We also offer academic tutoring as an additional support to get students where they want to be.





'IT WAS THE VARIETY

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OFFER WHICH

APPEALED TO ME!

'The support
I had from my
teachers helped
me feel confident
when choosing
my options,
knowing what
was right for me.'

Core maths and further maths

Students are invited to apply for supplementary courses in core maths or further maths. These will run to AS level and will be in addition to the three main subjects.

YOUR STUDY OPTIONS



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Applied law

This course will provide you with a basic introduction to the legal sector including criminal law and civil law. In addition to specific legal content, you will develop transferrable and higher-order skills that are highly regarded by universities and employers.

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This course provides an excellent route into a career in the legal sector. This can be through higher education (degrees in business and law) or through an advanced apprenticeship in legal services.

Art

A level

This course supports students to explore their creativity and encourages investigation and experimentation of materials and media. You will develop your knowledge about new concepts and build your own style and methodology.

The course covers sustainability, forms of presentation, together with a focus on historical and contemporary themes. This course will support students wishing to study art, design and illustration at a higher level.

*We welcome high-quality portfolios of independent work to be submitted for consideration before application for students who did not study GCSE art. All supporting portfolios to be submitted on GCSE results day.

Biology

level

An interesting and inspiring course. A level biology will nurture your passion for this specific science subject. You will learn about a wide variety of topics covering biological molecules and cells, how organisms adapt and relate to their environments, the transfer of energy between organisms, together with studving elements of genetics, populations. evolution and ecosystems.

The course lays the groundwork for further study and careers in areas such as biological sciences, animal sciences and medicine.

Entry requirements

Grade 4 in English language Four other grade 4 (or equivalent) or above

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in art*

Entry requirements

Two grade 6s in science Grade 5 in maths

Spec: National certificate - 601/9042/5

Examination board

Pearson

BTEC

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/applied-law

Examination board

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Spec: 7242/7202

AQA

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/art

Spec: 7401/7402

Examination board

AQA

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/biology

Business

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Unlock your potential in the world of commerce with A level business. This comprehensive course covers essential topics such as marketing, finance, management, and entrepreneurship, equipping you with the skills and knowledge to thrive in a dynamic business environment.

With a mix of theoretical learning and practical projects, you'll gain valuable insights into real world business scenarios. Prepare for higher education or jumpstart your career prospects with a qualification that can open doors to endless opportunities.

Chemistry

level

The course will develop vour interest in and enthusiasm for chemistry. You will study organic and inorganic chemistry, discovering molecules used for fuels and medicine. finding out how these can be enaineered and adapted, learning about elements and compounds. and expanding your knowledge of physical chemistry - the fundamental laws of nature that govern everything we are.

The course is a mixture of theory and practical, developing your skills and knowledge. Onward destinations for students at higher education include science-based subjects such as medicine, pharmacology and chemical engineering.

Criminology

applied certificate and diploma

You will have the opportunity to link criminological theory to real-life criminal cases. and learn of the reasons why people commit crime. You will develop your knowledge of the criminal justice system and investigation process, and broaden your understanding and opinions of justice, crime, punishment, and the various agencies involved in these processes.

Criminology is an interesting and diverse course that could lead you to further study or a career in social sciences and social work, legal professions, law, psychology or journalism.

Entry requirements

Merit or grade 4 in GCSE business

Entry requirements

Two grade 6s in GCSE science Grade 5 in maths

Certificate: 601/6249/1

Spec: H032/H432

Entry requirements

GCSE grade 4 in English
GCSE grade 4 in maths or science

Spec: 7132

AQA

Examination board

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/

sixth-form/courses/business

Examination board

OCR

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/chemistry

Diploma: 601/60248/X

Examination board

WJEC

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/criminology

Digital media

Cambridge

Digital media is designed to build on your ICT knowledge and skills to support a continuation of vour studies or career in creative digital arts. The course will develop understanding through topics such as media products and audience, production and planning. and the creation of a product. The practical element of the course gives you the opportunity to develop a product, starting from identifying the target audience, to legalities associated with product development. and the creation and deployment of the product. In previous years, some students have extended their studies to focus on specific areas such as TV production, media scripting, and marketina a product.

Entry requirements

Grade 4 in English. ICT grade 4 or above is desirable

English language

This course will enable vou to understand where English has come from, how it has changed over time, how we learn it, and how it is used. There is the opportunity to discover a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts, with ample opportunity to display your developing creative and imaginative writing skills. developing how you use language to persuade. inform, instruct, and entertain.

The course deepens students' understanding of language acquisition and how communication can vary according to gender, social circumstances, occupation, and regions. An engaging and exciting course for students looking to follow pathways in media, journalism, law, academia or literature.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in English language

English literature

English literature is the study of how we engage with and think about the world - cultures, human relationships, history, and the history of ideas. This course will enable you to extend and deepen your appreciation of literature, including its changing traditions, and apply your knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation, critically and creatively across texts. You will also explore ideas and actively discuss these with other students, developing your interest in and enjoyment of literature.

Students who are looking to study further or consider a career in teaching, law, history, media, literature or journalism, should consider this interesting and engaging course.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in English literature

French

The study of languages has a broad educational value. Language is central to human understanding. This French course develops communication and grammar skills together with an ability to analyse, interpret, and evaluate texts and spoken language.

The following areas are explored during the course: social issues and trends, artistic culture, political life, grammar, with the option to also study French literary texts and film.

Geography

Geography will allow you to understand and interpret our changing world, considering complexities of interactions between communities. and the role we have as alobal citizens. You will study elements of physical geography such as water cycles, coastal systems and hazards to the environment, together with human aeography covering alobal systems and governance, population and the environment, and changing places.

Exciting practical investigations are a crucial and interesting part of the course, with the qualification leading on to a wide range of careers and further study that could be in conservation, politics, teaching, transport and logistics.

Health and social care

The extended certificate in health and social care will develop knowledge, understanding, and skills that will prepare students for progression to undergraduate study. It covers equality, diversity and rights, health and safety, anatomy and physiology, personcentred approaches. mental health, long-term physiological conditions. public health strategies. sexual health, nutrition, and lifestyles.

The course is made up of examined and nonexamined parts: you will have to demonstrate applied theory and practical knowledge relevant to health and social care learnt from vour studies.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 or above in French

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in geography

Entry requirements

Grade 4 in English, maths and science

Spec: 601/7259/9	Spec: 7701/7702	Spec: H072, H472
Examination board	Examination board	Examination board
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Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/digital-media Find out more at:

www.holaate-ac.ora.uk/ sixth-form/courses/Englishlanguage

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Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/Englishliterature

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Examination board

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Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/French Spec: 7036/7037

Examination board

OCR

Find out more at:

AQA

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/geography Find out more at:

Examination board

Spec: 05831

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/health-andsocial-care

History

History enables you to develop an understandina of the past and provides you with an overview of change and continuity of human history. You will learn about three key periods in time - Tudor England, Germany from 1918 to 1945, and the Middle East from 1895 to 2000. Developing understanding of the social, historical and political significance of these periods, you will also gain skills of analysis and interpretation in an intellectually challenging course.

These key techniques are suited to careers in history. law, journalism, politics and social sciences - to name just a few.

Maths

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Maths is a wide-ranging subject that can be used in a number of different education and career pathways. Our course focuses on three main categories - pure maths, mechanics and statistics. Within each of these areas, you will develop a sound understanding of the techniques and principles associated with kev elements of maths and how these can be applied.

Students who have completed this course have moved on to study maths at a higher level as well as careers in statistics, engineering, accountancy and science.

Performing arts

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A practical and creative aualification, the performing arts course allows you to show your creative flair for actina. together with giving you the tools, techniques and theory to better your understanding of the subject. You will discover the works of key practitioners and why they are so important, develop core physical and vocal skills for live performance, work in groups to devise original pieces, and interpret and update classic performance texts.

The course prepares you to move on to pathways in acting, theatre, media, television and journalism.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in history

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Grade 6 in maths

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Grade 4 in drama or grade 4 in Enalish

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Photography

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Photography is a popular course with students who want to extend their knowledge of different art forms. You will have the opportunity to develop a wide range of photographic skills ranging from experimental image making, studio, location and digital. You will produce a portfolio of practical work that shows a wide range of high-quality images that you have created. Future pathways and careers include professional photography, art and design, web development, media and iournalism.

*We welcome high-quality portfolios of independent work to be submitted for consideration before application for students who did not study GCSE art or photography.

Entry requirements

Grade 4 in art or photography*

Physics

This course will challenge vou intellectually by placing you in an active role in the consideration of phenomena and the physical world around us. Over the duration of the course, students will become more adept at problem solving and develop analytical skills that increase the overall enjoyment of the subject.

This physics course will provide a mixture of theory and practical skills to further enhance your understanding as you look at topics such as particles and radiation. mechanics and materials, nuclear physics, electricity and fields. The course will develop your interest in and enthusiasm for the subject and open up routes to further study and careers associated with physics.

Psychology

If you are fascinated by people and human behaviour, then psychology is for you. You will develop an understanding of leading approaches and key research areas in the science of mind and behaviour. During the course you will examine a wide range of topics including memory, social influence, schizophrenia and forensic psychology. You will also develop your communication, analysis and evaluation skills.

Knowledge and skills developed through studvina psvchology can be applied across a wide range of pathways including the arts, social sciences and traditional sciences, leading to careers in psychology, law, medicine, nursing, teaching and social work.

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Entry requirements

Entry requirements

Two grade 6s in science and grade 5 Grade 5 in science and grade 4 in English and maths

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Examination board	Examination board	Examination board
AQA	AQA	AQA
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sixth-form/courses/physics

Sport

Level 3 extended certificate

BTEC sport gives students with a keen interest in sport to undertake further study to develop their knowledge and skills in this area. The course will challenge students to apply learning to real-life scenarios, and extend learning to study anatomy and physiology, fitness training and programming, healthy lifestyle, professional sporting development and fitness testing.

The course mixes theory and practical sessions and allows you to research and formulate your own conclusions, ideas and opinions on sporting topics.

Entry requirements

Grade 4 in physical education or merit in BTEC Level 2 for sport

Spec: (360 GLH) 601/721

Examination board

Edexcel

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/sport



Extended course offer

The following courses are part of our extended course offer in partnership with National Church of England Academy.

Applied science

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The course is designed to support students who wish to follow a pathway in science and combines well with study in biology, chemistry, physics and maths. You will learn about the principles and application of science, with a hands-on emphasis on learning about scientific procedures, investigations and techniques.

For students wishing to go into the fields of forensic science and maths, or look towards a career as a science technician, this is a superb course to take alongside other subjects.

Computer science

offer - A level

course

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The course will enable you to analyse problems and critically evaluate solutions in a changing world. You will learn about computer systems, hardware, software and data exchange. together with a practical topic on evaluation of algorithms and developing programming techniques. Contemporary computer science issues such as the legal, moral, cultural and ethical issues associated with computer systems are also explored.

Students can move on to higher education courses relating to computer programming, systems analysis, as well as take up professional roles in web development and STEM related industries.

Design technology product design

Students on the design technology course learn kev skills and knowledge of manufacturing processes and materials to produce usable and aesthetically pleasing products. You will learn about everyday objects and the technology used to produce them, developing and producing vour own designs. The course gives you the opportunity to show off vour abilities to meet a brief in an imaginative manner, researching design and production issues, proposing solutions

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This is an exciting and creative course to support students who are aspiring to careers in architecture, product design, industrial design and engineering.

and ideas to manufacture

solutions to a high quality.

Entry requirements

GCSE grade 4s in science and maths

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE maths

Spec: H046/H446

Examination board

Entry requirements

Grade 5 or above in resistant materials, graphic design or product design

Spec: NC419

Examination board

Edexcel

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/appliedscience

OCR

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/computerscience

Spec: 8DT0

Examination board

Edexcel

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/designtechnology

German

offer - A level

Part of our extended course

The study of languages has a broad educational value. Language is central to human understanding. This German course develops communication and grammar skills together with an ability to analyse, interpret, and evaluate texts and spoken language.

The following areas are explored during the course - social issues and trends, artistic culture, political life, grammar, with the option to also study German literary texts and film

Religious studies, philosophy and ethics

A level

of our extended

Religious studies is beneficial to those who want to debate and discuss religious issues from a variety of perspectives, including non-religious viewpoints. You will develop your knowledge about the philosophy of religion and debate the existence of God. look at the impact of religion around the world, how the ethics of religion affect society, and how religious thought has developed and changed throughout history.

The skills gained are valuable for a range or careers and further education courses including clergy, teaching, politics, law, medicine and social services.

Sociology

The study of sociology will enable you to develop your understanding of society in a disciplined way. The course covers issues that shape how our society functions, is governed, and how this affects both individuals and groups of people. You will learn about the relationship of family to social structure and change, the role and function of education alongside class and the economy, together with topics on beliefs, crime and reliaion.

Future pathways and careers have included law, social and public services, prison and rehabilitation work, as well as roles within the criminal justice system.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 or above in German

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in religious studies,

philosophy and ethics, or grade 5 in English

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in English

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Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/German

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/religiousstudies

Find out more at:

www.holgate-ac.org.uk/ sixth-form/courses/sociology

Additional study

Extended project qualification (EPQ)

The majority of year 12 students will complete the extended project qualification (EPQ) as part of their ongoing development and study. The EPQ is highly valued by universities and employers as it demonstrates the ability to apply evidence-based research and present information in formal and/or creative ways.

There are lots of transferable skills to be gained from studying an EPQ and it will give you the opportunity to choose your own topic area to research, ideally linked to your future studies or career aspirations. You will produce either a 5,000 word research dissertation or develop an artefact alongside a research report. You will then plan, research, develop and evaluate your project throughout the year.

Successful past dissertations include business marketing, psychological and biological research into Alzheimer's and autism, causes of the Spanish Civil War, causes of the 2008 economic crash, and the development of paramedic science and dentistry. Examples of excellent artefact EPQ projects include architectural design, jewellery making, photography, creative writing and computer programming.

The EPQ will give you a sense of achievement and be looked on favourably when included on UCAS applications as well as job applications.

Arts Award Gold

Some students will be given the opportunity to undertake Arts Award Gold instead of the EPQ, with support provided by trained and dedicated staff. This qualification requires students to engage in developing a new artistic skill and can result in 16 UCAS points to further bolster applications. Students must research and actively engage within the artform they choose to develop and should showcase their developed skills at the end of the project.

Artforms are not limited and can include anything students wish to develop. This may include:

- painting
- pottery
- film
- music
- poetry
- animation
- fashion design

All students have access to careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) to support with pathways and decisions around applying for apprenticeships, work experience and university. All students are welcome to use our one-to-one careers service, with year 13 receiving dedicated mock interview preparation so they feel prepared and confident in their next steps. Year 12 have access to year-round UCAS support including the opportunity to attend UCAS events.

Student welfare and guidance

We have a dedicated team of post 16 staff who specialise in providing a rounded package of support for all students within our care to support with mental health and wellbeing.

Mrs Rawdin – our pastoral welfare manager – provides emotional and study support.
Mrs Wiggington – our academic mentor – provides academic support for students.

SMSC

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC) is embedded throughout the curriculum, enrichment and tutor programmes.

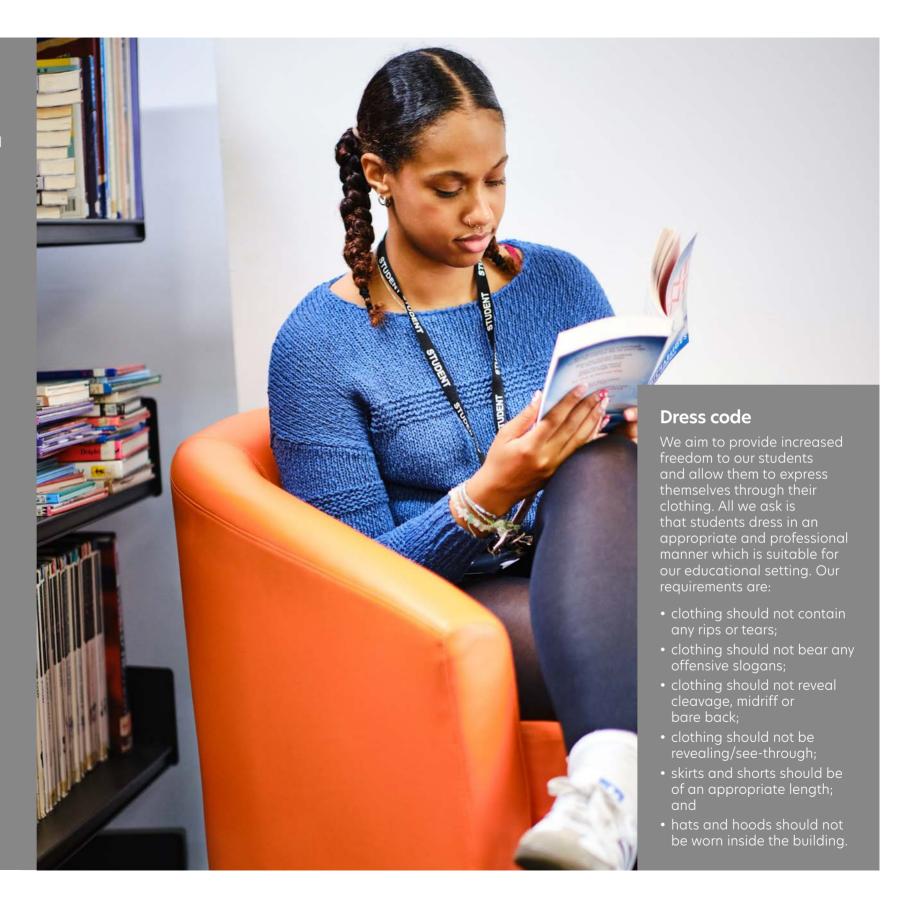


Entry requirements

To study three Level 3 qualifications in year 12, we expect students to have achieved a minimum of five grade 5 qualifications at GCSE in subjects relevant to their choices at sixth form.

Where applicable, students must also meet any individual subject entry requirements. These can be found in the course list pages.

Please note - we reserve the right to withdraw any courses where the minimum number of students required to deliver subjects has not been met.



Come and visit us

One of the best ways to find out if The Holgate Academy sixth form is the right choice for you is to come and visit us. We love to meet prospective students and to see how we can support them in their studies.

We hold an annual open evening every autumn term.
Booking can be made online via our website.

Apply online

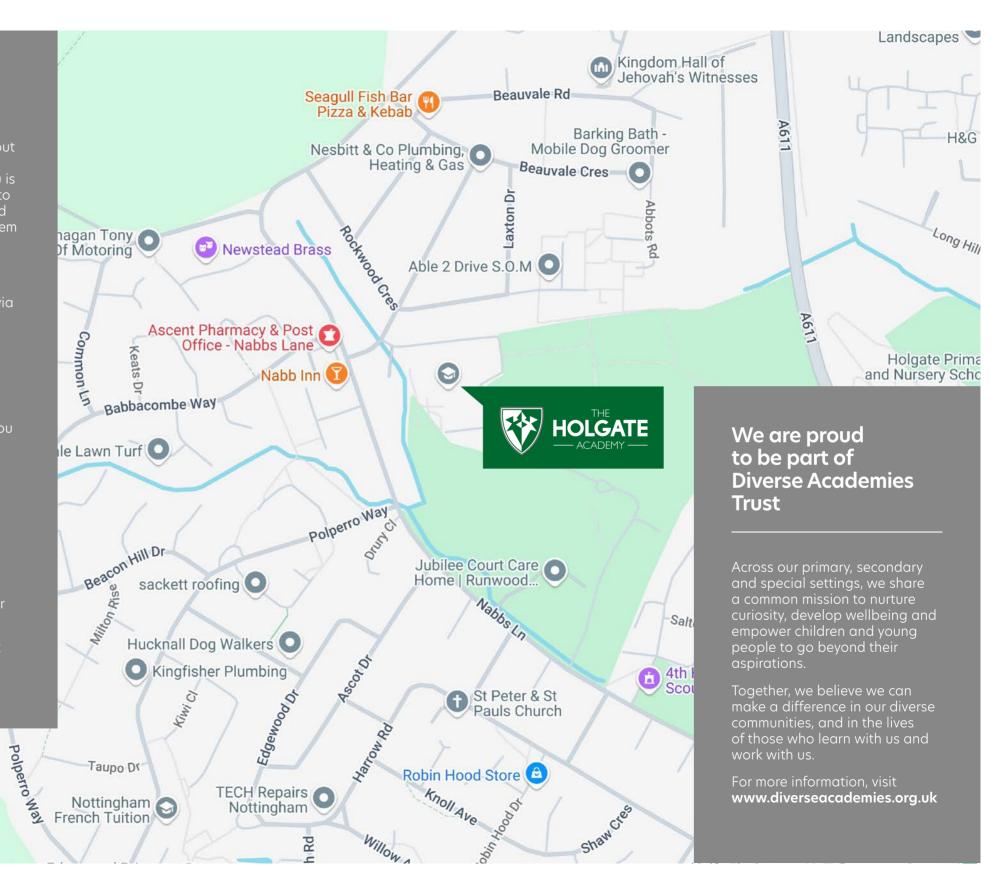
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