

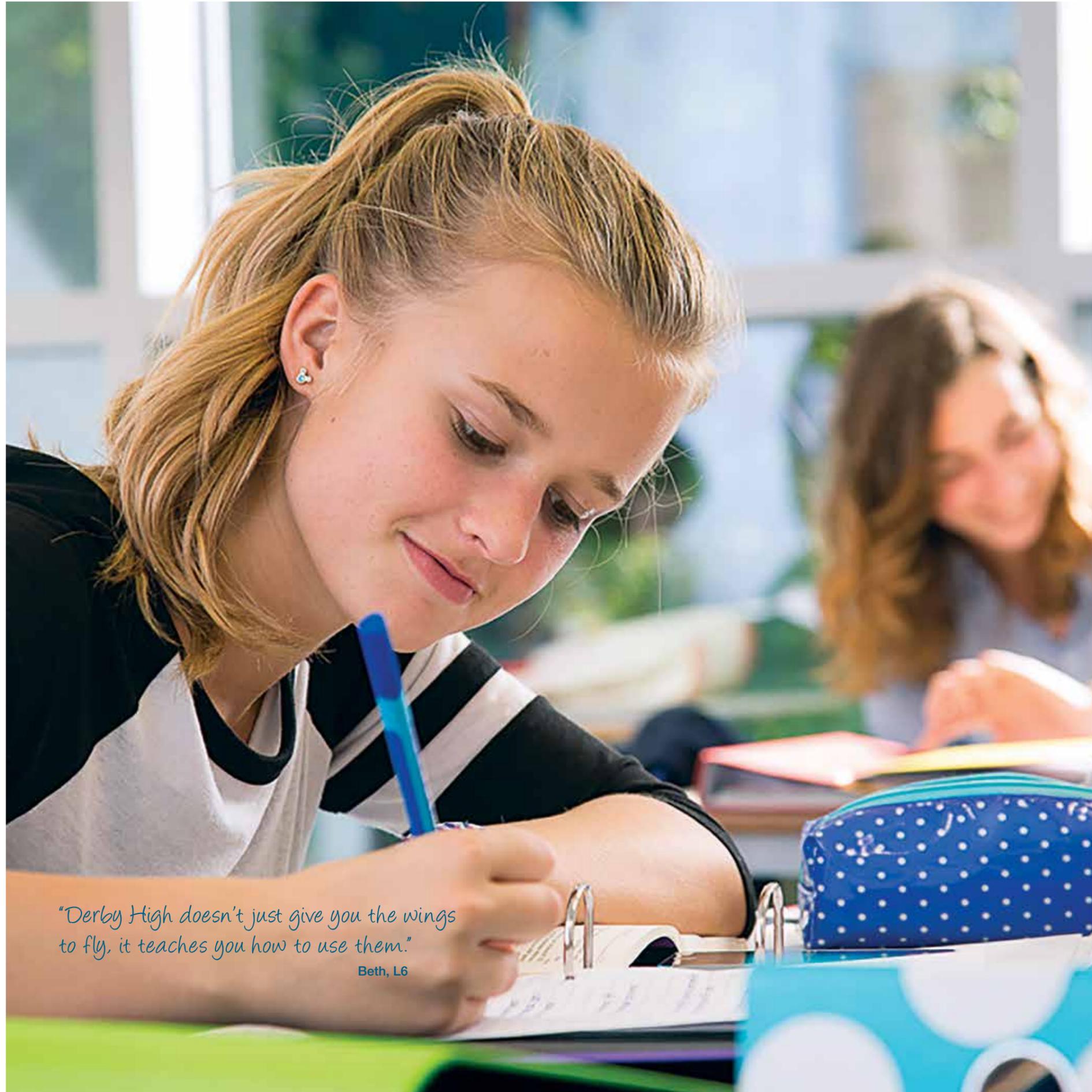


# DERBY HIGH SCHOOL

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SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



*"Derby High doesn't just give you the wings to fly, it teaches you how to use them."*

Beth, L6

## In the Sixth Form...

... at Derby High we put everything in place to support our students through this critical two years in their academic lives. By providing excellent teaching and lots of support, friendship and fun, we help our Sixth Formers to reach beyond their own personal boundaries: in short, to achieve their true potential.

Our students leave Derby High Sixth Form as strong, confident young women, well prepared for the challenges which lie ahead. Our Truly Educated programme, specifically tailored for the needs of our students, gives them the life skills they need beyond school and helps to prepare them for their future pathways wherever they may lead.

This prospectus can give you a glimpse of what is on offer here, however, the very best way to find out if our Sixth Form is the right place for you is to come and spend some time with us, feel the welcoming and happy atmosphere, have a look around and meet some of the staff and potential fellow students.

If you would like to arrange a tour of the school, or if you have any queries at all, please contact our Registrar who will be more than happy to talk through your queries and make the necessary arrangements for you to visit the school.



## The subjects offered...

... in our Sixth Form provide a strong foundation for progression to degree courses at the widest range of universities as well as key apprenticeships. In the Sixth Form, students are encouraged to take greater responsibility for extending their own learning as well as receiving an excellent and thorough preparation for examinations by experienced, specialist and extremely supportive staff.

Classes are small at Derby High, allowing more time for individual attention, and our Sixth Formers are encouraged to collaborate and communicate with teachers to access the excellent support which they provide beyond the classroom.

Our GCSE subjects are offered to A Level (the full list is available in the Sixth Form Options Brochure) with the addition of:

- Business
- Further mathematics
- Psychology

We also provide an enrichment curriculum which currently includes PE, Careers and the Extended Project Qualification. Our Head of Sixth Form arranges for a wide variety of interesting and inspirational academic enrichment speakers to visit. These speakers broaden our students' outlook and lead to stimulating debates.

At Derby High we are proud of our A Level exam results which are regularly the best in Derbyshire. Please visit the school website for details of our most recent A Level results: [www.derbyhigh.co.uk](http://www.derbyhigh.co.uk)



*"Teachers are always available to speak with to go over work if you do not understand it and if you need more help."*

**Becky, L6**





*"Derby High is a fun learning environment."*

Victoria, U6

## Our Sixth Form Centre...

... is spacious, modern and was designed to offer outstanding facilities for our A Level students.

Dedicated Sixth Form teaching rooms and study spaces provide areas for the students to learn without distraction, and, directly opposite, the Sixth Form Common Room provides space for the girls to relax in comfortable surroundings.

As well as making excellent use of these dedicated areas, our A Level students also benefit from all of the Senior School facilities – the state of the art Music Centre including recording studio, recital room and individual practice rooms; the labs; the purpose built Sports Hall and gym; the well-equipped Design and Technology suite and the Library Resource Centre, to name but a few.

As part of their Truly Educated programme, our students can be found in many different areas of the school – learning to cook on a budget in the Food and Nutrition room, perfecting their self-defence

techniques in the sports hall, learning how to change a tyre on one of the teachers' cars in the car park and carrying out a spot of cycle maintenance by the bike shed. Truly Educated also covers other skills our students are likely to need in the future such as budgeting, first aid, networking with local business people and even building flat-packed furniture!

Whilst in the Sixth Form our students benefit from individual guidance in planning and taking the next steps towards their future. Our relatively small size and well established Sixth Form tutor system means that every student who applies for university can be confident of personalised support throughout the UCAS application process. Our Head of Careers is experienced and well placed to help our students access valued and worthwhile work experience placements and is also on hand to advise those wishing to take the Apprenticeship route.



## Opportunities for development...

At Derby High our Sixth Formers have a vast array of opportunities to see them develop and grow such as taking part in Young Enterprise, the Engineering Education Scheme and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

There are opportunities for travel, for example, via World Challenge expeditions, which have taken place every two years since the year 2000. World Challenge destinations have included trekking across Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, climbing volcanoes in Nicaragua and trekking across Mongolia. The school also arranges various other trips slightly closer to home, recent examples being: language trips to Europe, a joint ski trip with Derby Grammar School, a physics trip to see the Large Hadron Collider at CERN and sports tours biannually.

A firm favourite amongst the Sixth Formers is the Lower Sixth Trip to London which takes place towards the end of the Summer

Term each year. A West End Show, boat trips up the river and cultural visits to museums and exhibitions are just some of the activities enjoyed on this trip, which helps to consolidate friendships and to build independence.

Sixth Formers at Derby High actively participate in our school sports teams and music groups and some relish the opportunity to take on leading roles (both on stage and backstage) in the Senior School production which takes place each year in the Spring Term.

Opportunities to develop leadership skills are extremely important as part of the Sixth Form experience and our Sixth Formers are encouraged to mentor younger students further down the school and to take on Prefect roles. The House system at Derby High is driven by the Sixth Form House Captains and their Deputies, who lead and co-ordinate the House activities.



*"There is so much on offer when you start Sixth Form - it's difficult to decide what to get involved in!"*

Sophie U6



*"It was a really easy transition from my old school because everyone was really welcoming and friendly."*

Grace, L6

## The next steps...

Whatever their chosen career path, we support and encourage each of our Sixth Formers to be the best that they can be and we do this in an atmosphere of fun and friendship.

If you want the opportunity to achieve your potential in a supportive, friendly and stimulating environment come and visit us to find out more. Please contact our Registrar on the details below and she will be more than happy to arrange a visit for you.

We would encourage you to apply in the Autumn Term but you can apply to join our Sixth Form at any time during your final year of GCSE. We offer a wide range of scholarships, the details of which can be found in our Sixth Form Options & Information Brochure.

If you decide you would like to take your application further you will be invited to spend a 'Taster Day' in school so that you can meet other students and experience our Sixth Form first hand. We will ensure that you have an enjoyable and worthwhile day with us. From the moment you walk through the door you can be assured of a warm welcome and a schedule designed to give you the opportunity to meet girls in Year 11 and the Sixth Form, to go

to some Sixth Form lessons in some of the subjects which are of interest at A Level and to spend time in our Sixth Form Common Room.

You will also sit a short reasoning paper and there will be an opportunity to meet our Head of Sixth Form and the Headteacher. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship or an award you will usually spend an additional morning in school to be assessed for these awards, usually within two weeks of your Taster Day.

An offer of a place at Derby High is subject to the entry requirements being met and a satisfactory reference being received from your current school.

During the Spring Term all girls registered to join the Sixth Form in the new school year will be invited to a social event with our current Year 11 girls to ensure a smooth transition and to start building friendships.

Our Registrar will guide you through the admissions process and is available to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to showing you around our happy and successful Sixth Form!

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