

FAQs

When would the Sixth Form be likely to open? Which year group would be the first to attend?

“The new Sixth Form would be expected to open in September 2023. Students currently in Year 10 would be the first set of students to be able to apply for a place in the Sixth Form.”

Will the Sixth Form be open to external applicants?

“Yes, the Sixth Form would be open to applicants from other nearby schools. The entry requirements and application process would be confirmed at a later date.”

How many places will the Sixth Form offer?

“Our intention is to offer 100 places in 2023, a further 100 places in 2024, and then expand to 125 places in 2025 before stabilising at 160 places from 2026.”

What could the curriculum look like?

“Our aim is to ensure that all students leave equipped with the attainment and skills that allow them to flourish in the next stages of their lives, and this would be achieved through a broad curriculum focussing predominantly on Level 3 qualifications. We would look to offer a broad range of courses, offering both academic and vocational options to suit the needs of our students in a school-based environment.

The provisional curriculum offer would constitute around 19 GCE A-Levels and Level 3 BTEC options, and therefore most students transferring into the Sixth form would likely follow three courses plus an extended project. Some students will take four A-Levels, and a few students will have access to either re-take GCSE English or Maths.

The wider curriculum offer would include well-planned PHSEE, SMSC, careers, and current affairs. Work experience opportunities would be planned into all courses so that students could make an informed decision between apprenticeships, employment, university, or a gap year.”

Will there be leadership and extra-curricular opportunities for students?

“Our aim to create well-rounded students, who are curious, resilient, driven, and ambitious would be continued in our Sixth Form and we will be able to offer a range of extra-curricular and leadership opportunities for students alongside their studies.

This will include work experience, university visits, career events, student leadership team opportunities, and the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

The exact programme would be developed in collaboration with the students themselves to create a Sixth Form they can be proud of and that will enable them to flourish.”

How will the proposal affect other local post-16 providers?

“We have researched this thoroughly and believe the Sixth Form would have a minimal impact on other local post-16 providers as we are expecting a growth in the number of Sixth Form places needed over the next few years.

This was shown in the results of the London Borough of Havering School Organisation Team’s commissioning survey in 2018, and their subsequent Stage 5 expansion plans. Our students currently go on to study at a broad range of providers and so we expect the impact on any one provision would be minimal.”

Will you be building any designated space for the Sixth Form?

“Over the last three years, the school has benefited from a significant redevelopment programme that has transformed the learning environment, self-funded by South West Essex Community Education Trust.

We feel a new Sixth Form could be accommodated in our current site and it’s important to us that our students would receive a seamless transition into the Sixth Form from Year 11. However, we will look to outline specific Sixth Form areas to ensure Sixth Form students feel like they have their own spaces and identity, including quiet study areas and social spaces.”