




ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL



SIXTH FORM  
**PROSPECTUS**  
2023-2024

**KNOWLEDGE RESPECT OPPORTUNITY**





"Alsop Sixth  
Form promotes  
a culture of  
independence"

Year 13 Student



# WELCOME

We hope that our prospectus will enable you to make an informed decision about the next phase of your education. This prospectus provides information about the life in our Sixth Form and the vast array of courses on offer. We hope that Alsop is the Post-16 provision of choice for you.

We are passionate about offering the best post-16 experience for all students. We are committed to ensuring that our students master the knowledge, understanding and skills to ensure that they achieve great things, fulfil their potential and leave Alsop articulate, resilient, compassionate and culturally aware. We are proud that former Alsop students excel in their chosen destinations, whether this be University, including Russell group Universities, Higher Apprenticeships or employment and our commitment to developing your academic and personal development is unrivalled.

We encourage you to access the link to our students describing what makes Alsop such a stimulating and supportive place to study. Our students are our best ambassadors and they clearly describe how our Sixth Form has nurtured them along a successful pathway to personal and academic achievement.

We look forward to meeting you in the very near future.

**Paul Masher**  
Headteacher

# STUDENT SUPPORT

The welfare and happiness of every student is important to us. When you join Year 12, you will be assigned to a tutor group to match your chosen subject pathway. This means that your tutor will be able to guide you through your courses, celebrate your successes. Your form tutor will help you settle in the Sixth Form, and support the transition from school to a more independent style of learning.

We are exceptionally proud of the student support we are able to offer. This is primarily down to our large and dedicated pastoral team. We pride ourselves on building good working relationships with parents and carers, so that together we can ensure that each student makes good progress, gains confidence and achieves both academically and socially.

Whether you want to join the world of work or continue studying at university, we can help you to develop your career pathway. All students have access to an impartial careers interview to help you make informed choices about your future. We offer prospective university students extensive support to ensure you have knowledge of suitable courses and also with your UCAS application.

"Due to the enthusiastic staff we are motivated to be the best that we can be"

Year 13 Student



# ENRICHMENT & CEIAG

(Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance)

We are passionate about the quality of careers advice and guidance our Sixth Form students receive. You will have access to our onsite Careers Adviser, who offers university, careers and apprenticeship-related support.

As part of our Enrichment Programme, you will receive a dedicated UCAS support programme, delivered by our trained staff. Last year over 60% of students progressed on to undergraduate study at university. This is testament to the quality of this provision. The programme allows you access to advice, support and guidance through practical workshops, visiting guest speakers, group sessions and study masterclasses.

**ENRICHMENT** – offers you the opportunity to participate in a wide range of additional activities to support your academic achievements. This currently includes Gold Duke of Edinburgh, First Aid training, Sports Leaders Award, Skills for Life sessions where students learn how to cook on a budget and develop their financial literacy, and the MVP Mentoring programme where students are equipped with the skills to effective peer mentors to younger students.

## **STUDENT SHADOWING SCHEME**

- This is an opportunity for you to find out more information about courses and a chance to find out more about specific universities.

**GUEST SPEAKERS** – will provide you with an insight into different career paths. We offer an extensive programme of guest speakers to enthuse and motivate all of our students.

## **SUBJECT MASTERCLASSES**

– provide academically able students the opportunity to explore subjects you are interested in studying at university. These are delivered both in school, and at local universities.

**SUMMER SCHOOLS** – Subject-specific residential courses provide talented year 12 students, from non-privileged homes, a taste of life at university.

## **OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE OUTREACH WORK**

– We have fostered strong links with both universities and as such have seen a marked increase in the number of students who are now applying to these institutions.

**APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT** – Here at Alsop we have established links with the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools and Colleges (ASK) organisation. Through this partnership there are a series of workshops both in person and virtual that support students who wish to access Higher Apprenticeships post-18.

**WORK EXPERIENCE** – all Year 12 students have the opportunity to complete a two-week work experience placement at the end of the summer term. We have links with a range of sectors, including Health and Social Care, Education, Emergency Services, Broadcasting & Media Production, and more. Many of our students gain valuable contacts for their future career progression, as well as key insights into the knowledge and skills required for successful employment.

# SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM

## Your personalised pathway to success

At Alsop, we have listened to our students and addressed the curriculum offer to ensure it is broad, rich and caters for all. We offer a range of subjects, which are outlined below. Students have the opportunity to study either an A level or BTEC programme. Some students can access a blended curriculum offer. This means they can choose from either 'A' level provision or BTEC. All of our Level 3 programmes ensure open progression routes to university, apprenticeships or employment.

### ACADEMIC PATHWAY

#### 'A' Level Courses

- > Art
- > Biology
- > Chemistry
- > Criminology
- > English Literature
- > Film Studies
- > Geography
- > History
- > Mathematics
- > Philosophy and Religious Studies
- > Photography
- > Physics
- > Sociology
- > Spanish

### VOCATIONAL PATHWAY

#### BTEC/Vocational Courses

- > Business Studies
- > Drama
- > Fashion and Textiles
- > Games Design
- > Health and Social Care
- > Hospitality and Catering
- > ICT
- > Music
- > Psychology
- > Sport

This is a list of the subjects that Alsop currently offer. It must be noted that for a course to run there must be an appropriate number of students who have opted to study each subject.



# CURRICULUM CHOICE

## A unique blend of modern and traditional courses

We are aware that students do not always perform to their potential during GCSE years. Therefore, we offer a bridging curriculum where students complete their level 2 qualifications in one year. At the end of the year, they will meet with a member of the Sixth Form pastoral team to discuss their options. Some will choose to stay on and complete a two year level 3 programme. Others may decide to pursue other options. The bridging year programme offer is shown here.

### BRIDGING YEAR PROGRAMME

GCSE Maths

GCSE English

Enrichment and  
Work Experience

Additional Level 2  
qualification from:

- > Animal Care
- > Childcare
- > ICT



# SIXTH FORM LIFE AND CELEBRATING SUCCESS

At Alsop, your education will take place in a dedicated Sixth Form Area, which houses a mezzanine Refreshment Area and a dedicated Sixth Form Study Area providing a quiet haven for you to revise and complete your work.

We provide a stimulating and purposeful learning environment with dedicated facilities to support subject teachers. We recognise the need to cater for different learning styles and our Jamieson Lecture Theatre and cinema allow us to deliver lessons in a range of formats.

We are committed to celebrating the many and varied successes that students achieve both in and out of the classroom. The breadth of extra-curricular enrichment activities offered at Alsop will provide various opportunities for you to excel and succeed.

At Alsop we believe in celebrating the successes of our pupils whenever possible. Undoubtedly, praise is key in helping our students to realise their potential and to become confident, capable members of society. Our students deserve recognition for their achievements, both big and small, and this is something that we continue in the Sixth Form.

Each half term we hold a rewards assembly to celebrate the progress our students have made in the previous few weeks; there are awards for students with the most achievement points, for improving in attendance and of course recognition for students who have gone above and beyond and have demonstrated how they give back to our school community.

We also believe students should be rewarded at events away from school. Not only do our rewards trips celebrate the successes of our students, they also give them an opportunity to build lasting relationships with their peers and staff and make memories that they'll think of long after they leave Alsop.





# ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND INTERVENTION

At Alsop, we pride ourselves on ensuring that all students strive to be the best that they can be. During your time in Sixth Form, we monitor your progress and report on it each term. Regular contact with home and Parents' Evenings take place to help you achieve your personal targets and support your academic progress.

Individual and personalised support programmes will assist you with your studies. These may include additional support during lessons, one-to-one support, small group intervention, and after-school masterclasses. If you appear to be underachieving, you will be given a structured intervention plan to support you, and in some cases a mentor to help monitor your progress.

We have exclusive links with the University of Liverpool's Scholars Programme which promotes academic rigour and students, if they are successful, will receive a reduced offer onto their undergraduate programmes.

Teaching staff will invest a great deal of time to ensure that you are equipped not just with advanced subject knowledge and understanding required at A Level, but also independent study skills and revision and examination technique. This is supported by local universities and business partners so that progression and aspiration is a constant focal point.



# DESTINATIONS

Alsop High School is committed to sustained student progress. We are extremely proud that all of our students are aspirational and strive to achieve all that they can. All of our students who applied to university took up an offer of undergraduate study and went on to further study to allow them to achieve their goals.

We also recognise that university is not the progression choice of everyone. We support all our students who wish to pursue a higher level apprenticeships and the number of students continuing onto apprenticeships outperforms the national figure, a trend that is also repeated for our students who wish to pursue full time employment once they leave us at the end of Year 13.

We pride ourselves on knowing all our students and working with each individual to ensure that they access all of the support necessary for them to achieve their dreams.

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Year 13 Student







## APPLY NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

All students intending to join Alsop Sixth Form are required to complete an application form, which will ensure you have thought carefully about your subject choices and future career pathway.

You should complete your application after you have attended the Open Evening or watched the Online Video for the Sixth Form, and you should talk to subject staff in the areas you are thinking about studying.

Additional support will be on offer from the Sixth Form team, who will be calling into morning registration to help students apply.

You should discuss your subject choices with your parents and carers before applying. External candidates can apply online at **[alsophigh.org.uk](https://alsophigh.org.uk)** using the Sixth Form tab, or by emailing **[a.hart@alsophigh.org.uk](mailto:a.hart@alsophigh.org.uk)**.

**Applications need to be submitted by  
Friday 24th February 2023.**

# THE ALSOP WAY



"We chose Alsop because we wanted our son to be educated in a community school. His participation in community outreach activities has enriched his life, made him a better person and earned him a place at a Russell Group University."

Year 13 Parent

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