



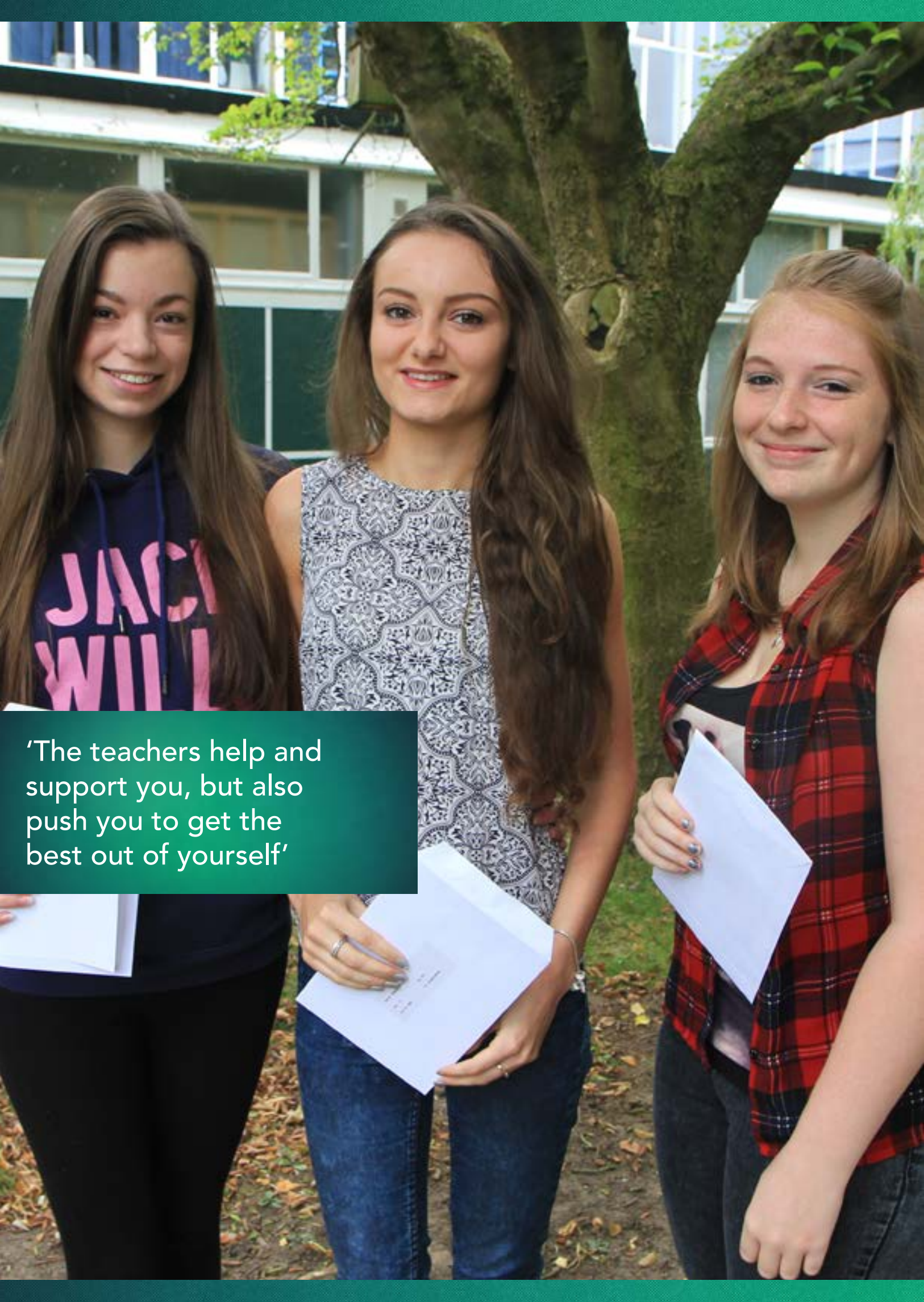
Woodrush High School
An Academy for Students Aged 11-18



WHS
Sixth Form

Prospectus 2019





'The teachers help and support you, but also push you to get the best out of yourself'

Welcome



Thank you for considering Woodrush Sixth Form and for taking the time to read our prospectus.

The step up from GCSEs to A Levels is one of the biggest any student will take during their academic studies. Students are expected to operate with a high level of independence and need help to develop the necessary study skills and depth of thought that will enable them to be lifelong learners and prepare them for the wider world. For this reason the decision about where they choose to undertake their Sixth Form studies is incredibly important. Here at Woodrush we have a track record of preparing students to take up places at some of the best universities in the country, including, Oxford, Birmingham, Nottingham and Leeds as well as supporting others in attaining places on prestigious apprenticeship courses.

Our Sixth Form provides a lively, stimulating and challenging learning environment that mixes a high quality of teaching with the benefits of independence and responsibility. We continue to invest heavily in our Sixth Form in terms of new resources, new equipment and even better learning and recreational facilities.

As well as excellent learning opportunities, we also make sure that we offer our students an extensive range of enrichment opportunities and employability experiences; these include social events, work experience, peer mentoring and voluntary work. Woodrush is a dynamic and exciting place to be, and this is certainly the view of our current Sixth Formers, some of whom are featured in this prospectus or will be

speaking to you at the Sixth Form Open Evening.

For those of you thinking of returning to Woodrush, we have enjoyed working with you in the 'main school' and we hope to continue working with you in your new adult role as a Sixth Former at Woodrush. We also warmly welcome applications from students who have attended other secondary schools. We are a very open and friendly school and I am sure we are the most suitable place for you now that you are embarking on this next phase of your education.

We believe that continuing your education with us, or by joining us if you are from another school, will ensure that you get the very best Sixth Form education. We, like you, want you to be very successful and get the best start in life and we look forward to your application to Woodrush.

Ms N Rancins
Headteacher

A message from the Head of Sixth Form

The primary aim of Woodrush Sixth Form is to help students with all aspects of their personal development and academic progress.

We offer students a varied range of subjects to study while they are with us. This means that students have more flexibility to opt for subjects that will maximise their chances of being successful over the two year course of study.

However, the Sixth Form experience at Woodrush is not just about studying the courses the students have opted for, we also provide an extensive range of enrichment opportunities.

The support provided to students in our Sixth Form is second to none. We have Progress Leaders designated to the Sixth Form to support students with any pastoral or curricular issues. We also operate a vertical tutoring system, where year 12s mix with year 13s, and this provides students with additional support with the subjects they are studying. Moreover, the general ethos of the school means that students can go to their subject teachers for as much additional support and advice as they need.

We also provide a comprehensive programme of information and guidance to our students in terms of life after the Sixth Form.

Woodrush Sixth Form is currently going through an exciting phase of development. Last year saw us achieve another set of positive A-level results with 71% of all grades being A* to C. In addition to this our students achieved a 99% pass rate for their courses and this led to them being able to take up places at some of the best universities in the country.

If you are intending to continue your studies with us next year, we want to make sure you feel valued and are confident that you have the opportunity to fulfil your potential in our Sixth Form.

It is also important for us that you feel part of a community where you are happy and secure, yet inspired to get involved. Woodrush Sixth Form is a stimulating and supportive environment for you to continue your further education studies. We are already looking forward to meeting the new cohort of students intending to join us for the new academic year in September 2019 and we welcome your application.



Mrs P Kaur

Head of Sixth Form

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Woodrush Sixth Form

Woodrush Sixth Form offers a comprehensive range of qualifications. Our Level 3 qualifications are routes into University and Higher Apprenticeships. A full A Level takes two years to complete and in Year 12 you will take three or four subjects.



Information, advice and guidance

In Woodrush Sixth Form students are given comprehensive advice and guidance on life after Sixth Form. This includes support with university applications, higher apprenticeships and career options.

Our Sixth Form Student Development Co-ordinator will:

- Provide drop in sessions for students requiring information and advice.
 - Be available at Parents' Evenings for consultations.
 - Provide information and advice about career opportunities and University applications.
 - Offer one to one interviews for students identified by the Head of Sixth Form and tutors as requiring guidance regarding their choices of Higher Education courses, future employment or higher apprenticeships.
 - Organise and arrange visits to University Open Days, Higher Education Conventions and career fairs.
- In addition to this support, we also
- Have dedicated Progress Leaders linked to the sixth form to support and monitor students.
 - Closely monitor students' progress and provide timely and prompt information to parents.
 - Put in place timely interventions where students need additional support and guidance to achieve their goals.
 - Run a full Sixth Form Induction Programme at the beginning of the academic year that consists of workshops designed to equip students with some of the fundamental skills required to successfully tackle Key Stage 5 study.
 - Deliver workshops on study skills and revision techniques.
 - Invite speakers and guests to advise on matters such as student finance and 'Oxbridge' applications (etc).



A designated area in the school...

Facilities

As well as having use of the other facilities around the school, the Sixth Form Centre is a designated area in the school for the students to use recreationally and for their studies. The Sixth Form Centre consists of a Common Room and two study rooms, a Group Study Room and a Silent Study room.

The Common Room has an expansive seating area, a kitchen area and a wall mounted wide screen television.

The Group Study Room is a purpose built study area for the students to work in. There is wireless internet access in this area as well as ICT facilities for the students to use. The Study Room also has a resource library that consists of various materials to support students in applications to further education courses and other career pathways.

The Silent Study area is a new addition to the Sixth form where students can go to work independently. It is equipped with a large seating area of independent study desks along with set of computers.

In addition to this students also have access to the public library which is located in the Woodrush Community Hub as well as the on site gym.

The Sixth Form Committee

The Sixth Form Committee is an important decision making body in the Sixth Form. The Committee is comprised of several members who all have select roles, including: Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, Charity/Fundraising Directors, Social Events Co-ordinators and Sports Directors. The Committee meets frequently throughout the course of the academic year to discuss and organise a wide range of events and initiatives for the Sixth Form.

The Committee is also important in terms of representing student voice in the Sixth Form. It is vital that the Sixth Form have their say in terms of further improvements and developments they would like to see made.

The Sixth Form Committee ensures that these views are represented and implemented where facilities, social events, trips, fundraising/charity events and other initiatives are concerned.

'It's a warm and friendly environment. Definitely a more personal learning experience.'





'There's a really nice atmosphere and it's incredibly supportive. I really miss it.'

The Sixth Form Experience...

The Woodrush Sixth Form experience is not just about what happens in the classroom. We want to make sure that every student has a range of enrichment and personal development activities that they can participate in around the school and in the wider community.

Some of these opportunities include:

- A bespoke programme of additional academic enrichment qualifications including Asdan Award of Personal Effectiveness and the Extended project Qualification - both of which attract UCAS points
- Being part of the editorial team for the Sixth Form newsletter ('The Sixth').
- Working as a mentor for children lower down the school as well as within the sixth form.
- Organising and supporting fundraising events for charities like 'Children in Need' and 'Macmillan Cancer Support'.
- Attending University organised courses, open days and workshops.
- Completing work experience placements linked to possible career pathways.
- Numerous social outings (theatre, cinema, outdoor activity centres – etc).
- Going on a range of school trips and residentials (including trips to the Houses of Parliament, the Winter Wonderland, the Clothes Show, a sightseeing tour of London and the biannual trip to New York – etc.)





What Ofsted had to say about our Sixth Form (November 2013)

- High-quality teaching and the wide variety of courses offered enable students, increasingly, to achieve well.
- Sixth Form students were observed performing at a high level and making rapid progress in many subjects as a result of outstanding teaching and the individual guidance and support provided.
- Teaching in the Sixth Form provides a high level of challenge.
- Sixth form students contribute fully to the school community, taking an active role, including in providing care for younger students. Their responsible attitudes enable them to develop leadership and employability skills and to increase their self-confidence.
- Sixth Form students appreciate the range of guidance and support they receive and the everincreasing variety of subjects they are offered – for example, politics and photography. These include academic and vocational courses which flexibly meet the needs and interests of students.
- Sixth Form students' progress is well monitored and individual support provided if students are identified as at risk of not meeting their challenging targets.



Sixth Form success

Woodrush students aiming high...

Last year Woodrush Sixth Form students achieved another set of great results.

71% A* - C

99% A* - E

These results led to our students taking up places on a variety of university courses. This included a number of students gaining places at Russell Group universities (the top 24 universities in the country). Competition for places at these universities comes

from all four corners of the globe. We are therefore incredibly proud that a number of our Sixth Form graduates are now studying at prestigious universities like Birmingham, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield.

We also have students that decide to apply for apprenticeships and successfully gain places on very competitive courses within a range of industries such as Finance and Management, NHS and businesses such as Jaguar Land Rover.



Some of last year's Sixth Form students are currently studying the following:

- Electrical and Electronic Engineering - Nottingham University
- Chemistry - Nottingham University
- Mechanical Engineering - Liverpool University
- History - Aberystwyth University
- Adult Nursing - Coventry University
- Physics - Sheffield University
- Social Sciences - Bath University
- Biology - York University
- Forensic Investigations - Coventry University
- Pharmacy - Manchester University
- Archaeology - Cardiff University
- Law with American Legal Studies - Birmingham City University
- Computer Science - Durham University
- Sports Studies - University of Tennessee



Woodrush Sixth Form

Socialise. Study. Stay Active

@ Woodrush Community Hub

At Woodrush we have created a NEW space which provides Sixth Form students with a modern and vibrant place to **Socialise**, **Study** and **Stay active**.

Sixth Form Student benefits:

- **Woodrush Student Cafe discounts**
- **Woodrush Student Gym Membership discounts ONLY £16.50 per month (12 month Peak), includes FULL Class Timetable**
- **Extra Study Space and access to County Wide Resource and Literature**
- **Part Time Work, Volunteering and Career Opportunities**



Sixth Form Staff Profiles

Name: Will Boucher

Year: 13

Studying: Maths, Further Maths and Physics

Job Role: Leisure Assistant



As someone who has quite a sporting background and has worked with the youth centre for two years I find it very fulfilling to be able to have the opportunity in a facility that suits my skill set and characteristics, especially when working in a sports environment and leading children's parties.

Name: Keeley Cooke

Year: 13

Studying: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths

Job Role: Leisure Assistant



At the age of 16 I never thought I would be given the opportunity for such a rewarding job which there are so few of. Since gaining this role it has enabled me to build confidence as well as gaining experience which I feel will be useful for my next step.

Name: Harry Bromwich-Lee

Year: 13

Studying: Biology, PE, Psychology

Job Role: Leisure Assistant



After volunteering with the Youth Centre for 6 years. I decided to apply for a job at the Hub, which I currently enjoy doing. It has helped me develop my skills in working with the public.

Name: Meg Baxter

Year: 13

Studying: Sociology, Business Studies and Film Studies

Job Role: Leisure Assistant



This role has given me the opportunity to build on my confidence. I have worked alongside the young people at the Youth Centre over the years, and it has been nice to work with a different age group by working at the Sports Centre. I have had many opportunities and been able to grow and develop as an individual.

Only
£16.50
per month
(12 month contract)
for Woodrush
6th Formers

"I owe Woodrush everything.
I genuinely cannot exaggerate
enough how much Woodrush
Sixth Form helped me."





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