



Idsall School



IDSALL SIXTH FORM

PROSPECTUS

Welcome



Welcome to Idsall School Sixth Form where we place our students at the heart of everything we do.

From our selection of A-level and BTEC courses, to our enrichment and personal development programme, we believe that the quality of experience we provide sends our students out into the world as young adults ready to flourish.

Many of our students have been with us since Year 7, which is testament to the commitment of our staff and the students' trust in the support and teaching they will receive. For those joining us from other schools, we have a strong sense of community that really welcomes them and very quickly helps them to feel like valued members of the school.

We are proud of our Sixth Form and our students, past and present, and hope that you enjoy looking at what we have to offer for the next part of your journey.

Lorna Smith
Head of Sixth Form



“Idsall Sixth Form will not only prepare you for your exams, it will prepare you for life! The enrichment and support within the Sixth Form is incredible, and, whilst there’s great help from the teachers, it does not take away from the independence you gain”. **Georgia**, Head Student.



“The teachers are very supportive throughout your whole time at Idsall and provide great guidance whatever your plans after sixth form. The Sixth Form is so friendly while also being a great working environment”. **Ruby**, Head Student.

Academia and Destinations

Our Sixth Form has a strong record of academic achievement. Each year, we are proud to send students off to some of the best universities in the country and onto very exciting apprenticeships. Currently, the majority of our students choose the university option, with an increasing number being accepted to Russell Group Universities, but we are pleased to see many of our students choosing the Degree and Higher Level Apprenticeships path. We have seen consistent improvement in the students achieving top grades in the past five years and are confident that this will continue.

Click here to see what courses are available:
www.idsallschool.org/sixth-form-courses/



Enrichment

We are excited to be introducing a new 'Diploma of Enrichment' in 2021, a bespoke programme to help students prepare for life after Idsall.

Students will receive credits for each extra-curricular activity they complete: some courses will run during Session 6, some during study periods and can cover anything from conversational French to cookery courses. The Extended Project Qualification, worth half an A-level, is also on offer for those students looking to go beyond their studies and hone their independent research skills ready for university. Essentially, we want you to have a wealth of experiences to call on for when a university or employer asks you, "Besides your studies, what have you done?"





Pastoral

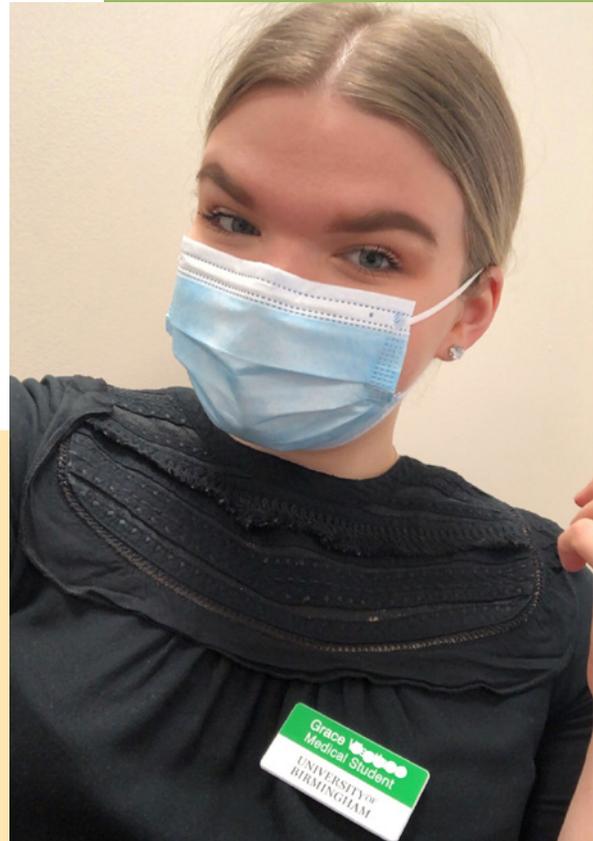
The Sixth Form tutor system at Idsall is designed to ensure that students get great academic support, regular careers guidance and excellent pastoral care. All of our tutors are experienced teachers of Key Stage 5 and meet regularly with their tutees to help, guide and support them to succeed in their studies and to make those important next steps.

As a smaller sixth form, we pride ourselves on getting to know our students, and this personalised approach can also be seen in our PSHE Programme which has been planned to cover aspects of life specific to this age group. From Driving Awareness, to Budgeting, to Student Loans, we want students to be ready for the challenges of the world beyond Idsall. And we make sure that all our students know that at Idsall Sixth Form, our leadership team (comprising of four members of staff) have an 'open door' policy – we're here to help!

Alumni

I attended Idsall for 7 years and loved my time there! The school allowed me to grow from a shy 11 year old into a very confident and hardworking 18 year old student going off to study Medicine. I am now in my third year of medical school and am extremely excited for my medical career ahead! Idsall instilled a fantastic work ethic in me, something which still helps me today. The staff at the Sixth Form showed me unrelenting support and I am extremely grateful for the role they played in my success during my time there. I continue to be involved in the Sixth Form, helping and encouraging current students who want to pursue Medicine. I am determined to make sure anyone who wants to become a medic can do, regardless of their background.

Grace – Student at the University of Birmingham





My time at Idsall really helped in developing my skills. I was very keen on IT and Design during my whole time at school; I then followed those two subjects on to Sixth Form which I did well in. Without those skills and the opportunities I received at Idsall I wouldn't be where I am today. During my 2nd year of Sixth Form form I applied and got into the Apprenticeship Scheme at Jaguar Land Rover. It was the best decision I ever made. After four years of training I am fully qualified as a Maintenance Engineer. For anyone who is unsure about going to university I would definitely look into apprenticeships. It worked wonders.

Ben – Apprentice Scheme Graduate

Idsall's main strength is its wonderful teachers. Having been a pupil here between 2011 and 2016 I decided to stay on for the Sixth Form for two reasons: its English and Geography teachers, and to stay with the friends I had met in the previous five years. The Sixth Form Centre was a tight-knit community where I developed friendships with like-minded peers with whom I am still very close today. I have fond memories of spending lunchtimes and free periods writing poems on the school computers with my friends, and getting copies of them printed in the resources room once a term or so. I owe a lot to Idsall: were I not encouraged to apply to Cambridge by my English teachers, it is very unlikely I would have gone there at all.

Joe – Cambridge University Graduate





Idsall School has
uncompromising aspirations
and offers
an exceptional learning experience,
empowering everyone
to embrace learning
and achieve
their personal best.

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