

Dear Student,

In the table below, we have answered some of the common questions Year 11 ask about our sixth form.

Kind regards,

Mr Ladha

Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form)

How do I apply to the Sixth Form?	Please go to the 'Apply Now' tile on our Sixth Form Website
Will there be Sixth Form interviews?	Interviews will take place in the Spring and Summer term 2022.
When is GCSE results day and how can I enrol at Higham Lane Sixth Form.	GCSE results day is on Thursday 25th August 2022. You will be sent information from your respective schools about the arrangements for receiving your GCSE results. Enrolment, at the Sixth Form Centre, will be on Thursday 25 th August and Friday 26 th August 2022 between 9am and 2pm. Please keep checking our website for further dates nearer the time.
What do I need to bring with me to enrol?	Please bring your GCSE results with you.
Will I be able to enrol online?	We would like to meet you in person and so will not be offering online enrolment. This may change depending on circumstances next August.
What if I do not meet the entry profile conditions for a subject that I want to do?	The entry profile is there to allow you to succeed in your chosen subjects. The entry profile was designed using national data, exam board advice and the knowledge demand of Level 3 subject exam specifications. We want to make sure that we do not set you up to fail. We will be happy to speak to any students that feel that they have 'just' missed the subject conditions of the entry profile. We will listen carefully to your case and then use our professional judgment to make a decision supporting you with information, advice and guidance. Please note that we may not be able to make a decision straight away as we may need to contact the Head of Year/Pastoral Leader or teachers from your Yr 11 school.
Where can I find the entry profile?	The entry profile is on our Higham Lane Sixth Form website . Please also read our admissions policy which is on the Higham Lane School website .

Where can I find out more about the courses on offer?	This information is on our Higham Lane Sixth Form website .
How do I find further information about Higham Lane Sixth Form?	Our Higham Lane Sixth Form website has lots of information. Please watch the informative videos and let us know if you have any question by e-mailing sixthform@highamlaneschool.co.uk You can also use the call back facility on our website.
Will I have an opportunity to have any taster lessons before I start?	We will offer a Year 12 Induction Day in July 2022. Information will be posted on our website and social media in Spring 2022.
After enrolment, what if I change my mind about the courses I want to do?	We have found that not many students make changes as they have researched the courses and their Post 18 pathways carefully. We will not allow any changes after the end of September as we find that catching up on missed work is a detriment to starting on that new course. Of course, there may be some exceptions and we will meet with you to discuss this.

When will I start at Higham Lane Sixth Form?	We will share your start date at enrolment.
What are the timings for the sixth form day?	<u>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday</u> Arrive at 8.55am each day. Registration – 9.00am to 9.15am Lesson 1 – 9.15am to 10.15am Lesson 2 – 10.15am to 11.15am Break – 11.15am to 11.35am Lesson 3 – 11.35am to 12.30pm Lunch – 12.30pm to 1.10pm Lesson 4 – 1.10pm to 2.05pm Lesson 5 – 2.05pm to 3.05pm <u>Wednesday</u> Arrive at 8.55am. Registration – 9.00am to 9.15pm Lesson 1 – 9.15am to 10.10am Lesson 2 – 10.10am to 11.05am Break – 11.05am to 11.25am Lesson 3 – 11.25am to 12.20pm Lunch – 12.20pm to 1.00pm Lesson 4 – 1.00pm to 1.55pm Lesson 5 – 1.55pm to 2.55pm

<p>Will I be able to buy food at break and lunch?</p>	<p>Yes from our very own sixth form café. The kitchenette will be there for your use (fridge, microwaves and kettles).</p>
<p>Do I need to stay on site if I do not have any lessons?</p>	<p>You will be joining Sixth Form as young adults and with this in mind we want to give you the responsibility of managing your own time.</p> <p>Year 12 will not need to stay on site when they do not have any lessons or between lessons. It will allow you to study at home if you feel this suits you best. Some students may decide to stay on site. We will provide you with a quiet supervised study area and ICT facilities to complete work on site. We also suggest you bring your own devices (BYOD) as we will be able to link our server to your device to give you access to software and applications you may need for your studies at home.</p> <p>Please note that this flexibility is a privilege and needs to be earned. Any missed deadlines or below standard work will result in us asking you to stay on site partially or if concerns persist then fully.</p> <p>Good habits and clear routines are important when studying for Level 3 courses. These can be developed further if you stayed on site to complete work. If you manage to get work done at the Sixth Form, your time will be freer in the evenings and weekends.</p>
<p>What is flexibility time?</p>	<p>Flexibility time means that you only attend sixth form when you have lessons. You can also leave site between lessons and at lunch.</p> <p>You will NEED to sign in and out of the Sixth Form using your swipe card as this will register your attendance and let us know that you are on site. This is a safeguarding protocol and MUST be adhered to. You will also be registered every taught lesson. You will be issued with a swipe card and lanyard when you join us in September.</p>
<p>Will I have a tutor?</p>	<p>Yes. Your Academic Tutor will be in contact with you regularly to discuss your progress at the sixth form. Registration takes place each day.</p> <p>You must attend registration if you have a lesson during lesson 1.</p>

<p>What equipment will I need?</p>	<p>All textbooks needed for your chosen courses will be loaned out to you at no cost. Some subjects may request a returnable deposit. You will need to attend each lesson with writing equipment (including a calculator, if your subjects require it) and a writing pad. It will be useful to have a separate folder with dividers for each subject as an everyday working folder. Each subject will give you further direction on what else is required for their lessons.</p>
<p>What if I require special learning requirements or exam access support whilst at Sixth Form?</p>	<p>Please inform us of your requirements when you arrive to Sixth Form. You will then be assigned a keyworker who will meet with you regularly to discuss how to support your learning.</p>
<p>What support will I get whilst at Higham Lane Sixth Form?</p>	<p>Higham Lane Sixth Form is well recognised by students and parents/carers for the support it provides. This support will be from all teaching staff, Academic Tutors the Assistant Head of Sixth Form and from me. You will also be assigned tasks to read or complete, using Google Classrooms, to support your transition and to help with well-being, health and careers. Both the Assistant Head of Sixth Form and I are Designated Safeguarding Leads.</p>
<p>What is enrichment?</p>	<p>Enrichment lessons will run every Wednesday during lesson 4 and 5. You will have a choice of different opportunities and will also be able to volunteer your services to local organisations or gain unpaid work experience during this time. Enrichment is important as it will develop and introduce you to new skills that will complement your study programme. You will be offered a variety of extra-curricular and super-curricular opportunities. We want you to have the 'EGDE' in an ever-changing world when you make an application to university, for an apprenticeship or for employment.</p>
<p>Are lessons different at Sixth Form</p>	<p>Teaching and learning are very important to us and our focus at the Sixth Form is to provide you with excellent teaching to help you 'be the best you can be'. There will be comparisons with your KS4 teaching but the main contrasts are that you will be 'trained' to become an independent learner, will be taught to be a critical thinker and will be signposted to wider reading before and after lessons. We are developing your skillset so that you are prepared for your positive pathways after sixth form.</p>

Where can I find information about Post 18 destinations?

www.ucas.co.uk – university courses
www.amazingapprenticeships.com - apprenticeships
www.notgoingtouni.co.uk - different progression pathways