



# Hall Park Academy

## *Sixth Form Prospectus 2021*





# *A warm welcome to* **The Sixth Form at Hall Park Academy**

Thank you for showing an interest in the Sixth Form at Hall Park Academy and for taking time to read our Post-16 prospectus. Moving into Post-16 education is an important career step and we are committed to providing study programmes tailored to your individual needs and employment goals, whether they be university, a high end apprenticeship or sustainable employment.

The designated staff leading and supporting the Sixth Form are focused on helping you to maximise your examination results and to improve as a learner. They are also committed to helping you to be aspirational in your career planning and to aim as high as you can for your future.

The ethos of our Sixth Form is about hard work combined with developing the motivation, determination and resilience to succeed. You will gain much from your time at Hall Park Academy and in return we expect a high level of commitment and endeavour from you as well as maturity, independent learning and self-discipline.

We will help you reach your academic potential, give you support and advice to follow courses in Higher Education, and provide you with opportunities to gain in self-confidence by being involved in a whole range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities.

Before you make your decision about where to study next year, it is important that you make an

informed choice and take advice from your teachers, parents and friends already studying beyond Year 11. Teachers and support staff will always be prepared to discuss your choices and answer any questions you may have. Do take advantage of their help.

Hall Park Academy is sponsored by The Redhill Academy Trust, an outstanding local school. Andrew Burns is the Executive Principal of the Trust and his vision is to provide outstanding academies serving the communities of Nottinghamshire.

Hall Park Academy will provide you with an exciting learning environment where you will feel safe enough to take risks and be encouraged to excel in everything you do. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Stephanie Dyce**

Executive Headteacher,  
*Hall Park Academy*

# *Welcome from Mr Jon Leach, Head of Post-16*

“We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form and work hard to ensure that all students achieve well and make aspirational choices about their futures in a friendly and welcoming environment.”

Sixth Form has sustained its improvement over the last five years and sees consistently good results, reflecting the excellent support of the wider Redhill Academy Trust. We have many years of experience guiding students successfully through the UCAS process. The majority of students continue on to university, with many making successful applications to some of the most competitive courses in the country, including Medicine. Increasingly, students are making competitive applications to Oxford and Cambridge as well as Higher and Degree Apprenticeships.

The Sixth Form team consists of a Head of Post-16, six designated Sixth Form Tutors and a Sixth Form Administrator. The team will make sure that you are challenged and well supported to enable you to not only achieve excellent results, but to also grow into a person who will successfully take their place in society.

Hall Park Academy Sixth Form also believes in ensuring that students have opportunities to take part in enrichment and extra-curricular activities that will widen their experiences and help them to make a positive contribution to the school and community. We have a committee of students who work closely with the Sixth Form team in organising enrichment activities, charity fundraising and social events.

We have very high expectations in terms of academic rigour, attendance and attitude – and parents play a key role in helping us work with students to achieve this. This partnership is vital as we continue to strive for excellence and ensure that students remain focused throughout their studies.

If you require any further information, or would like a tour of the Sixth Form, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## *A message from Ms Susan Sharp, Trust Director of Post-16*

I am really excited to be part of the Sixth Form team. As a Trust with 7 Sixth Forms we can offer much wider opportunities including trips, conferences and a special programme of support for Oxbridge and Medicine applicants. We work closely with the University of Cambridge to ensure that our students get extra support and help including summer schools and interview workshops. Hall Park Sixth Form encourages all our students to aim as high as possible and I look forward to working with you all.

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## *A message from the Head Boy & Head Girl*

“We feel very proud to introduce ourselves as Head Boy and Head Girl at Hall Park Academy. We are honoured to have the opportunity to lead students from Year 7 to 13. Over the last six years, school staff have supported us greatly with our work, enabling us to gain transferable skills and encouraging us to be ambitious in our career plans. We are looking forward to helping Mr Leach and the rest of the Sixth Form team with fundraising events for charity and voicing ideas to ensure that each student is on their way to achieve the best of their ability.”



# Why come to Hall Park Academy Sixth Form?

Our results are good year on year, with 2020 seeing the most students ever progress to top universities. We are centred on an ambition to be the best and that applies to students and staff, who constantly strive to improve.

Hall Park Academy have invested over £50,000 redeveloping the Post-16 centre, creating new learning environments and specialist resources solely for Sixth Form use.

As well as a dedicated Post-16 Study Centre, our students are supported by and have access to specialist teaching and learning facilities across the site, including a fully stocked library, excellent music and drama rooms and various IT facilities.

Even more important than the physical resources are the staff who work here, all of whom are passionate about giving you the advice and support you need to achieve to your full potential.

Specialist resources and a lower than average teacher to student ratio ensure that there is lots of support for students in class and via marking and feedback. You will be treated as individuals in a more adult learning environment and will be encouraged to take more personal responsibility for your own learning, development and progress.

You can choose from a wide range of A Level and Vocational subjects, and we ensure you make the right choice by interviewing every student.

With our positive, friendly and proactive approach to Sixth Form life, Hall Park Academy offers the perfect springboard to Higher Education, an apprenticeship or employment.





**“Following a gap year I decided to apply to study Paramedic Science at University. Although no longer a student, the support of the Sixth Form staff didn’t stop and they helped me along the journey to becoming a student paramedic.**

**This is testament to the supportive and caring nature of all the staff at Hall Park and for which I am very thankful.”**

– **Daniel McChord, ex-Head Boy**

*BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science at Birmingham City University*

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– **Robyn Charlesworth and Dexter Fairbank, Head Girl & Head Boy**



# High standards. High expectations.

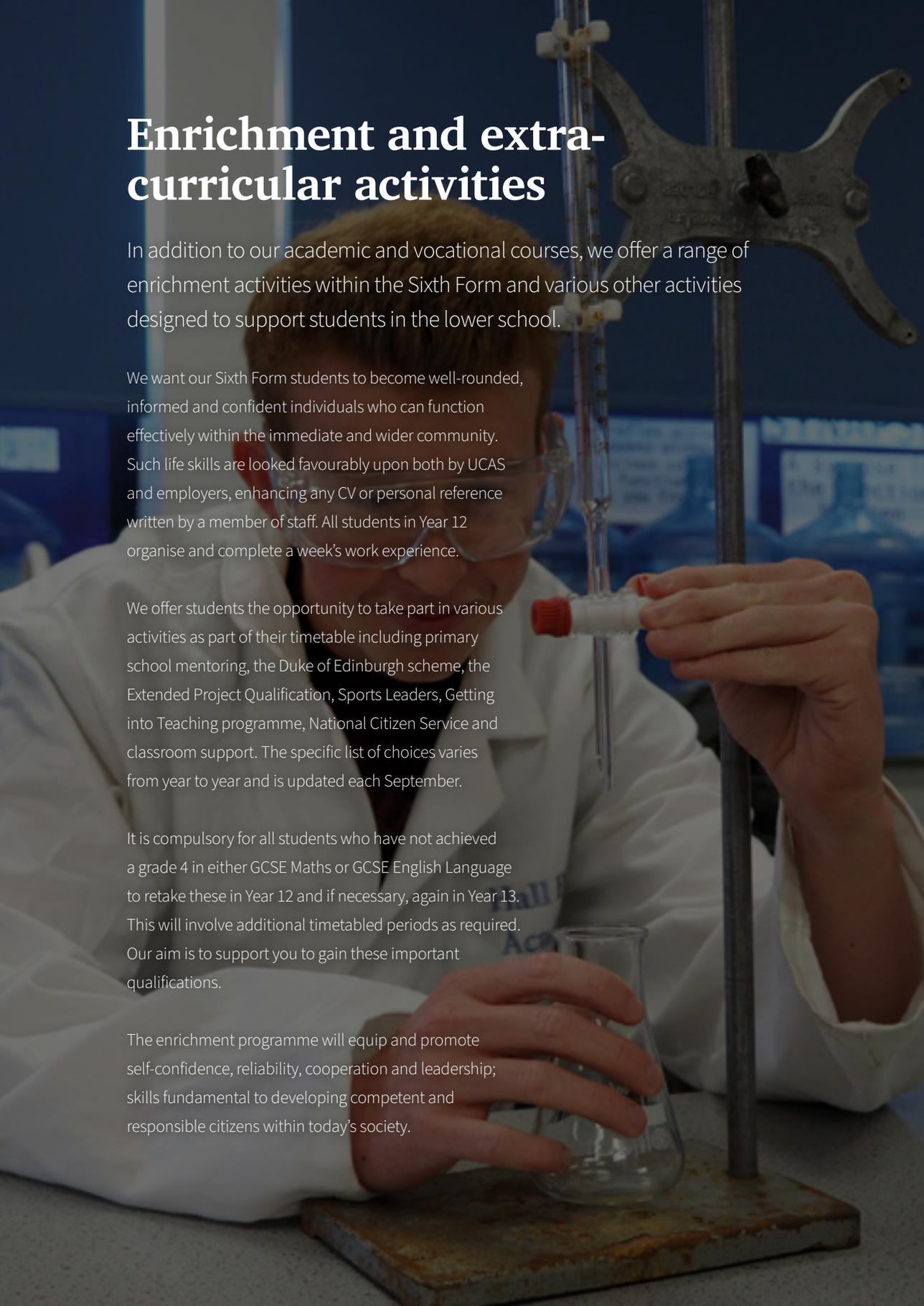
We take academic achievement and standards seriously. It means all students have to be prepared to make studying a priority. You will be joining a community of like-minded people who are determined to achieve the very best grades they can – and we will expect you to do the same.

The Sixth Form Student Committee, alongside elected student representatives, play a major role in the life of the School. This dedicated team of students meet regularly both as a group and with senior staff to discuss a range of day-to-day issues, which contributes to the effective leadership and management of the Sixth Form.

**“I applied to study Medicine at university and received a great deal of support from the School and the staff. I really feel that everyone is behind me and proud of my achievements.”**

**– *Joseph Wade, ex-Head Boy***  
***now studying Medicine at the University of Leeds***

# Enrichment and extra-curricular activities



In addition to our academic and vocational courses, we offer a range of enrichment activities within the Sixth Form and various other activities designed to support students in the lower school.

We want our Sixth Form students to become well-rounded, informed and confident individuals who can function effectively within the immediate and wider community. Such life skills are looked favourably upon both by UCAS and employers, enhancing any CV or personal reference written by a member of staff. All students in Year 12 organise and complete a week's work experience.

We offer students the opportunity to take part in various activities as part of their timetable including primary school mentoring, the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, the Extended Project Qualification, Sports Leaders, Getting into Teaching programme, National Citizen Service and classroom support. The specific list of choices varies from year to year and is updated each September.

It is compulsory for all students who have not achieved a grade 4 in either GCSE Maths or GCSE English Language to retake these in Year 12 and if necessary, again in Year 13. This will involve additional timetabled periods as required. Our aim is to support you to gain these important qualifications.

The enrichment programme will equip and promote self-confidence, reliability, cooperation and leadership; skills fundamental to developing competent and responsible citizens within today's society.

# Post-16 subject list

## A Level

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| • Art                | • Geography          |
| • Biology            | • German             |
| • Business Studies   | • History            |
| • Chemistry          | • Mathematics        |
| • Computer Science   | • Philosophy         |
| • Design Technology  | • Physical Education |
| • Drama              | • Physics            |
| • English Literature | • Psychology         |
| • French             | • Sociology          |
| • Further Maths      |                      |

Further Maths may be offered if there is sufficient demand.

Please speak with Mr Leach if you are interested in this option.

## Other A Level equivalent qualifications

- Applied Science (*BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma*)
- Health and Social Care (*BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma*)
- Information Technology Level 3 Extended Certificate (*Cambridge Technical*)

All Year 12 students have an Enrichment period on their timetable each week.

Where recruitment to a subject is low, decisions about viability will be considered.

# 2021 Redhill Trust minimum entry requirements for Post-16 study

All students must attain five 9-4 grades at GCSE (or BTEC equivalents) with preferably a grade 5 in either English Language or Mathematics. Individual subjects will require a specific grade in a particular subject at GCSE (see course booklet).

All students will be expected to choose 3 A levels which they will study for 2 years (the exception being students who study 3 A levels plus Further Mathematics). Due to changes in curriculum and assessment practice, students will no longer sit an AS exam at the end of Year 12 but will sit all examinations at the end of Year 13. In addition students will choose to study an enrichment course which they will follow in Year 12.

All students will be interviewed by a member of the Sixth Form team. This will enable them to make an informed choice about the best subjects to suit their individual needs. Parents are welcome to discuss these choices with the Sixth Form team following the interview.



# *A letter from the* **Redhill Academy Trust**

Dear Parents,

I would like to warmly welcome you to the Hall Park Academy, Post-16 prospectus for 2021.

As Principal of The Redhill Academy Trust, I believe strongly that successful schools have four key characteristics:

- High expectations of all students
- Valuing & celebrating academic achievement
- Consistently good and focused teaching
- Widening students' experiences through a range of extra-curricular activities, including sports, music and the performing arts

These four principles continue to guide the development of Hall Park Academy.

Working with Mrs Dyce and the whole staff at Hall Park Academy, our priority is to support the students and ensure that academic outcomes remain consistently high.

I now believe that the Academy has become the first choice for all parents and children in the local area.

**Andrew Burns**  
Trust Principal

# How to apply

Read through the detailed information on specific courses in the Sixth Form curriculum booklet. Take advice from your teachers and parents and bear in mind your predicted GCSE grades this year.

If you are thinking of coming to Hall Park Academy Sixth Form from another school please contact Jon Leach, Head of Post-16 to arrange a tour of the school and guidance with your application. Please call the Sixth Form Administrator, Tara Hancock on **01773 786212** ext. **101** or email her on **hancockt@hallparkacademy.org.uk** to make an appointment.

You will find details of how to apply through our online application system on the school's website in the Sixth Form section. Please complete the online application and if you have any questions or queries, please get in touch with Tara Hancock via the details above.

Thank you for reading this prospectus and we look forward to meeting and working with you.

**The Sixth Form team**

