


# Hall Park Academy

## *Sixth Form Prospectus*

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# *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 step in education 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 employment.

Hall Park Academy is sponsored by Redhill Academy Trust. The Trust's vision is to provide outstanding academies serving its communities; Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

The designated staff leading and supporting the Sixth form are focused on helping students improve as a learner and maximise examination results, helping them to get the qualifications they need to reach their next steps. They are also committed to helping students be aspirational in your career planning and to aim as high as they can for your future.

Our sixth form ethos 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, as well as maturity, independent learning and self-discipline.

We help students reach their academic potential, giving support and advice to follow courses in Higher Education, and provide opportunities to gain in self-confidence by being involved in a whole range of enrichment and Co-curricular activities.

It is important to make informed choices about where you study next year and take advice. 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 provides 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.



**David Crossley**

Headteacher,
*Hall Park Academy*

# *Welcome from* Miss Emma Kelly, Head of Sixth Form



"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."

Hall Park Academy 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 co-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.

## *A message from* Mr Andy Edwards, Trust Director of Post-16

I am the Trust Director of Post 16, and I work closely with each of the teams across our seven Sixth Forms. This allows us to share ideas and collaborate to provide you with an exceptional Post 16 experience. This means that when you join one of our Sixth Forms you are also part of a much wider community, dedicated to supporting you to achieve your ambitions. Working together brings you many benefits; it enables our sixth forms to share the very best lessons, resources and co-curricular sessions; it allows us to run exceptional programmes such as our Oxbridge preparation scheme, Medicine mock interview days, our Year 13 Moving On Day to prepare you for independence, our Stepping Up days and many apprenticeship and careers events. We also lead one of the largest HE+ hubs in the UK - this is a partnership with the University of Cambridge and offers some unique and exciting opportunities to our students.
I look forward to meeting you all and supporting you to achieve your ambitions.

## *A message from* your Head Students



"As Head Boy and Head Girl, we are honoured to have the opportunity to work alongside Ms Kelly and the Student Leadership Team here at Hall Park Academy. We are proud to represent the sixth form and act as role models for students across years 7 to 13. This role has given us the chance to help both the school and other students. We are grateful for the trust placed in us and the opportunities we've been given. Most importantly, we are proud to give back to a school that has shaped who we are today and supported us throughout our time here."
Head Girl & Head Boy

# Why come to Hall Park Academy Sixth Form?

Our results are good year on year, with students progressing to Post 18 destinations of their choice, including 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.

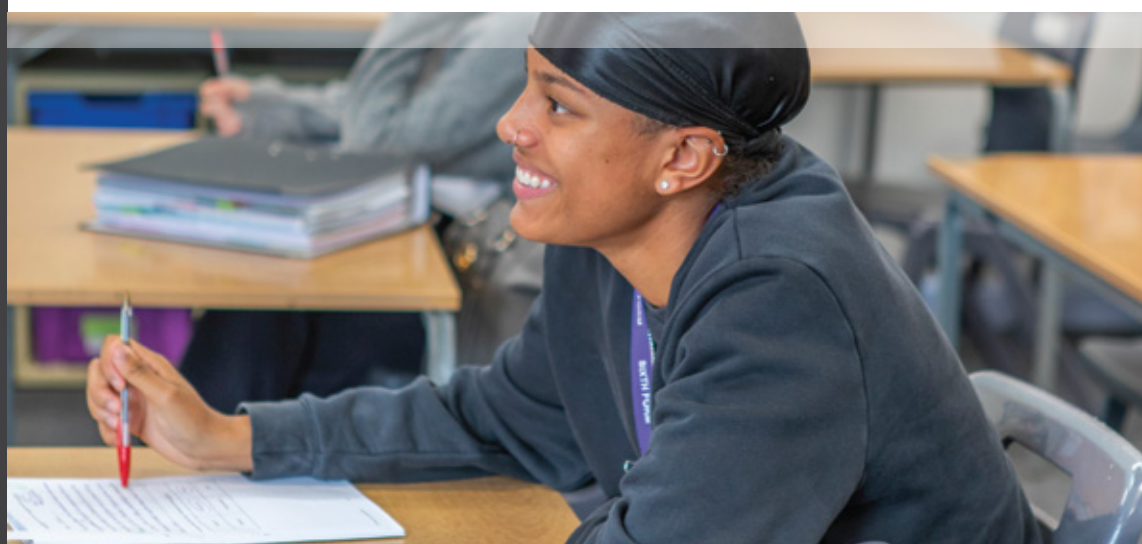
As well as a dedicated Post-16 Study Centre, our students are supported by and have access to specialist teaching and learning facilities across the site, including a fully stocked library, excellent music and drama rooms and various IT facilities.

Even more important than the physical resources are the staff who work here. In a recent OFSTED inspection teaching in the sixth form was described as 'expert'. Staff are also passionate about giving advice and guidance in order for you to achieve 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 for which I am very thankful."**

*– **Daniel**, former Head Student*
*BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science at Birmingham City University*

# High standards.
# High expectations.

We take academic achievement and standards seriously. 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.

Hall Park Academy provides a range of support for students, including working with a dedicated academic mentor when appropriate. We are committed to supporting students to achieve the qualifications and experiences needed to take their next step in education, training or employment.

> **"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**, former Head Student now studying Medicine at the University of Leeds*

# Enrichment and co-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, 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 to retake these. 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.

# Sixth Form subject list

## A Level

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

Further Maths is available.

Please speak with Miss Kelly if you are interested in this option.

## Level 3 Vocational courses

- Cambridge OCR AAQ in Health and Social Care
  *This qualification is equivalent to 1 A Level.*
- Applied Science (Cambridge Advanced National Extended Certificate Level 3)
  *This qualification is equivalent to 1 A Level.*
- Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity
  *This qualification is equivalent to 1 A Level.*

# *Entry Requirements*

## 2027 Redhill Trust minimum entry requirements for Post-16 study

**A Level**

All students must attain five 9 - 4 grades at GCSE. Students should achieve a grade 5 at GCSE in the subject they wish to take at A level, please refer to the individual subject information sheets. Individual subjects may require specific grades in a particular subject at GCSE, please refer to the individual subject information. Students without a grade 4 in English or Mathematics will be required to follow a course which will enable them to achieve this whilst in the Sixth Form.

All students are expected to choose 3 A-Levels, which they will study for 2 years. There is also an option for students gaining a grade 7 in Mathematics to study Further Maths.

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**All students will be interviewed by a member of the Sixth Form team. This will enable them to make an informed choice about which subjects they choose.**



# *A letter from* Redhill Academy Trust

Dear students and parents,

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

As CEO of Redhill Academy Trust, I believe strongly that successful schools have five key values;

- High expectations of all students
- Valuing & celebrating academic achievement
- A commitment to equality and diversity
- Consistently good and focused teaching
- Widening students' experiences through a range of co-curricular activities, including sports, music and the performing arts.

These five values continue to guide the development of Hall Park Academy.

Working with Mr Crossley and the whole staff team, my 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**
CEO, Redhill Academy Trust



# 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 the Sixth Form Team to arrange a tour of the school and guidance with your application. Please call the Sixth Form Administrator, Tara Hancock on **01773 786212** or email her on **t.hancock@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**

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