



**KIRK HALLAM**  
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

# Sixth Form Prospectus





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## WELCOME

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the prospectus for the sixth form at Kirk Hallam Community Academy. We are proud to be able to offer our pupils, and those from other schools, the opportunity to study Level 3 courses in our purpose-built sixth form building, The Lakeside.

We believe that the sixth form should be an exciting period in our students' lives. Students have much more say about the curriculum they follow, and they are freed from some of the expectations of 11–16 education. As a result, it is a time when we help them to grow as individuals and to strengthen their own core values. We help students to develop greater levels of organisation, independence and resilience, and support them through the process of planning for life after school.

Many of our students follow a combination of A-Levels that allow them to apply to university, should they wish to do so. From September 2019, we will also be offering a selection of vocational courses that can be used to either complement A-Level courses, or to allow students to secure routes into employment or work-based training.

In the following pages you will hear directly from the staff and students that make our sixth form such a special place to study. Above all else, we challenge our sixth form students with the same core values as our other pupils; work hard and be kind!

**Mark Watts**  
Head of School



# VALUES

At Kirk Hallam Sixth Form, we care about your happiness and success. This means that we strive to:

- Maximise your academic and personal potential
- Achieve outstanding learning and care throughout the sixth form
- Maintain a healthy, happy environment where everyone is motivated to achieve
- Help you prepare for a productive and fulfilled life beyond Kirk Hallam Community Academy

We place strong emphasis on the highest standards, both for and from our students. To join us, your GCSE grades will need to meet or exceed our minimum entry requirements. However, we recognise that there may be times when, despite your proven ability, you will need some extra support to help you achieve your full potential.

We aim to provide you with a valuable learning experience and the best possible results. As we are a small sixth form, we are able to keep a careful eye on your progress. If you encounter difficulties, we have the support staff in place to help you find a solution. Student support is provided by specialist subject teachers, dedicated form tutors and a full-time Student Support Officer.





# FACILITIES

Kirk Hallam Sixth Form is based in a purpose-built facility on the main school site.

The facility includes modern learning spaces, state-of-the-art science laboratories, a fully-equipped Design and Technology workshop including a 3D printer, computer rooms, student laptops, free Wi-Fi, a versatile performance space, private study areas and a comfortable, well-equipped student common room.

The common room incorporates a kitchen with a fridge, microwave, kettle, dishwasher, crockery and cutlery.

Our students value the calm, purposeful, business-like environment of the sixth form and the mutual respect which exists between all of those who work here.

Sixth Form students also have full use of the Kirk Hallam Sports Centre, which will give you access to the school sports hall, fitness suite, tennis courts and artificial grass pitches.





## OPPORTUNITIES

Post-16 education isn't just about academic results—we will provide you with a range of opportunities that will not only support your learning, but also develop the skills and outlook to help you later in life.

You will make new friends, learn more about your favourite subjects, visit new places and be given the opportunity to experience new things and broaden your horizons.

Through roles such as Student Ambassador, Student Mentor, Student Councillor, Anti-Bullying Ambassador and volunteering, you will develop leadership qualities and important transferable skills. You will be helped to find work experience placements and visiting speakers will introduce you to a variety of different events and activities.

You will be encouraged to set up your own interest groups and sports teams and get involved in charity fundraising events.

### Student Council

The Student Council plays an important role in our sixth form. Elected by their peers, Student Council members provide the student body with an organised voice. The council meets regularly to address issues, organise social events and feedback concerns to the Head or Deputy Head of Sixth Form.

In the past, the council has worked closely with the Catering Manager to improve the lunchtime food provision, been instrumental in the re-introduction of a drinks vending machine and modified the sixth form dress code.





# COURSES

We encourage prospective students to do lots of research on the subjects they are thinking of choosing to avoid any surprises once their courses start.

Your choice of subjects should reflect your interests, your academic abilities, and any plans you have for your future career.

To help you make the right subject choices, you can request an interview with an admissions adviser at the application stage and also once you have received your GCSE results.

We try to match our curriculum to student demand, but typically courses are offered in the following subjects:

Art and Design	History
Biology	Law
Business Studies	Mathematics
Chemistry	Media Studies
Computer Science	PE
Core Maths	Philosophy and Ethics
English Language	Physics
English Literature	Product Design
French	Psychology
Further Mathematics	Sociology
Geography	Textiles
German	Theatre Studies

For more detailed information on each of the individual courses listed above, please visit the Course Guide section on the Sixth Form page of our website:

[www.kirkhallamacademy.co.uk/sixthform](http://www.kirkhallamacademy.co.uk/sixthform)



# HOW TO APPLY

We welcome applications from students currently at Kirk Hallam Community Academy, as well as those from elsewhere. It is one of the strengths of our sixth form that we have a vibrant mix of students from different schools.

We encourage you to attend our annual open evening where you can see for yourself what we have to offer and discuss courses with the teachers who deliver them. This will also give you the opportunity to meet some of our current students and find out from them what their experience has been.

You can apply for a place at Kirk Hallam Sixth Form online via our dedicated web page:

[www.kirkhallamacademy.co.uk/sixthform](http://www.kirkhallamacademy.co.uk/sixthform)

Applicants may be asked to attend an interview where we can discuss your next steps.

## Entry requirements

To join the Kirk Hallam Sixth Form, you need to have at least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above, or equivalent Level 2 qualifications. We prefer students to have at least a grade 6 at GCSE in the subjects they choose at A-Level, but this is only an absolute requirement for Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, German and French.

Students with a grade 3 in either GCSE Maths or GCSE English Language, but who satisfy the other entry requirements, should not be discouraged from applying as we offer the opportunity for resits in these two subjects.







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