

About Us

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Sixth Form offers fantastic opportunities for students to study and thrive in a positive and supportive environment. Our excellent and innovative teaching, alongside outstanding facilities, which include study areas with IT provision for every student, group study areas, and two common rooms, ensure there is plenty of space to learn and develop as an individual in modern surroundings. We believe this working environment prepares our students for the independence required to be successful in Higher Education and the world of work.

We typically offer places to Year 11 students from our school, as well as a significant number of external applicants, all of whom go on to create our warm and inclusive Sixth Form. Blessed Hugh Faringdon is a Catholic Sixth Form but we warmly welcome applicants of all faiths to join us.

Through an excellent tutor and pastoral system we are able to ensure individuals are fully supported in their academic and personal development. The positive and caring environment amongst staff and students will enable you to make the most appropriate choices and be successful in the future.

“*Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School is a school that is committed to ensuring that students from a wide range of backgrounds receive the best possible education within a clear and strong framework of Catholic values.*”

Diocese of Portsmouth



Why Blessed Hugh Faringdon Sixth Form?

Attainment - by choosing BHF6 you will receive outstanding teaching, individual attention and warm relationships with your teachers. Students are self-motivated and dedicated to their studies, exploring ways to increase their depth of knowledge outside of the classroom environment. All students are challenged to fulfill their potential and aspire to achieve.

Aspiration - we want all of our students to realise the potential within themselves, and we actively encourage students to take the many opportunities available to them. Students have taken part in national competitions, international university placements and multi-national business internships.

Each year the majority of our students go to university, whilst others choose apprenticeships, work, further education or voluntary work. Our excellent working relationships ensure students have a clear direction before leaving BHF6.

Awareness - students are given clear guidance and support from within school and a broad range of external speakers who visit BHF6. Individuals are encouraged to have 1:1 mentoring meetings with members of staff. This gives them the freedom to make good decisions about their future, whilst receiving great advice on where to find out the relevant information for themselves.

“*Respect, dignity and equality of opportunity are inherent in the day-to-day life of pupils at the school. These values underpin the inclusive culture across the school.*”

Ofsted



“*The people I surrounded myself with, together with the opportunities I found at BHF, had a massive influence on my journey.*”

School President



Choosing the Right Courses: Five Key Considerations

1. **Check the entry requirements:** we ask for a certain level of academic attainment in order to join a course. This is essential so that students do not enrol on courses where they do not have the necessary skills to be successful.
2. **Subject Strengths:** you may be passionate about a particular subject, for example, history, but if the necessary analytical skill is not there, this may not be the subject for you. If you are unsure about what to do, ask your teachers, who know you well, for an honest assessment.
3. **What you enjoy:** you will typically have twice as many lessons for an A level as for GCSE. When it comes to endurance, enjoyment can be the redeeming feature!
4. **Read the small print:** if your heart is set on a particular career or university course, check the detail. Find out any course requirements before you choose your Sixth Form subject. A course may not only request the specific grades, but may specify the subjects as well.
5. **Think about the future:** university is not the only post-18 path and the world of work will loom at some point. The more open doors you have, the better. Eventually employers will see your CV. What will it tell them about you?

“*The School values and recognise each pupil as a unique, special individual who deserves the opportunity to learn and grow in a community where all are cared for.*”

Enrichment and Extra Curricular

We want everyone who joins BHF6 to find ways to develop spiritually, personally and academically. Our two weekly timetable offers the chance to take part in a wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities, which we believe will help students in the future.

Students can take part in PE and a wide range of sporting activities, including football, badminton, table tennis and trampolining. We also offer a Coaching and Development Programme in Football and Rugby. There are musical opportunities including concerts and choirs. We have introduced the Duke of Edinburgh Award for students to start in Year 12 or carry on with their award if you join from another school.

Our student leadership team are extremely proactive and organise various events and activities throughout the school year. This can include 'adopt a teacher', peer mentoring, literacy and numeracy leaders and charity enterprise work. These values are a very important part of our Sixth Form and our school and we expect students to be actively involved in being excellent role models for others throughout the school.

Students take EPQ and core RE as part of their wider learning which is highly valued by universities and employers. Our Food and Nutrition facilities will enable us to offer catering and preparing for university life to Sixth Form students, enhancing the learning experience.

We also work intensively with students who are interested in studying at Oxbridge, Russell Group Universities, The Sutton Trust and other external agencies in order to gain the highest chance of successful university applications. Our excellent Summer Transition programme involves presenters from the worlds of business, universities and our BHF6 Alumni. They organise workshops, lectures and other activities to support students, while reflecting the diverse range of opportunities available post Sixth Form. We actively participate in the Reading Scholars Programme.

We have established excellent links with local and national businesses and students are encouraged to take part in work experience during their time in Sixth Form.

The Faringdon Scholarship

Students from Blessed Hugh Faringdon school and Year 11 from other schools, will be able to apply for a Scholarship supported by the school. This award requires a minimum point score at GCSE. Please see our website for more information. Scholars are expected to be:

- Outstanding ambassadors for the Sixth Form.
- Provide mentoring and leadership to younger students in the school as part of their community engagements.
- Take part in specific Scholarship Events such as the annual Scholars Reception as well as speak at the annual Awards Evening.



How to Apply

Applications to BHF6 should be received by 31st December in preparation to start Sixth Form in September the following year. Our information is on our Sixth Form website: www.hughfaringdon.org

1. Application forms are available online in the Sixth Form area of the website under "Apply Now". You can submit either by post or email.
2. After applying to BHF6 we will contact you to arrange an interview. At this point we will discuss the courses that you are interested in studying and what you are hoping to achieve in Sixth Form. Following this, successful applicants will receive a formal conditional offer to study at BHF6 subject to meeting the entry requirements for the course you wish to embark upon.
3. Enrolment takes place in August when you have your GCSE results.

We look forward to receiving your application. If you would like a tour of our school and the Sixth Form facilities please contact us at: admin@hughfaringdon.org