
DOWNEND +
MANGOTSFIELD
SIXTH FORM

Why Choose Sixth Form?

- High quality teaching from subject specialists
- Wide range of level 3 courses to choose from
- Tailored careers support and guidance
- Lots of enrichment and wider opportunities
- Small friendly and supportive environment
- Dedicated Sixth Form building and facilities
- Local! Less travel time

Our Results

A Level Results 2026	
A*- A	24%
A* - B	44%
A* - C	67%
A* - E	94%

Applied General Results 2026	
D*	17%
D* - D	39%
D* - M	81%
D* - P	100%

Where do our students go?

65% students went to University

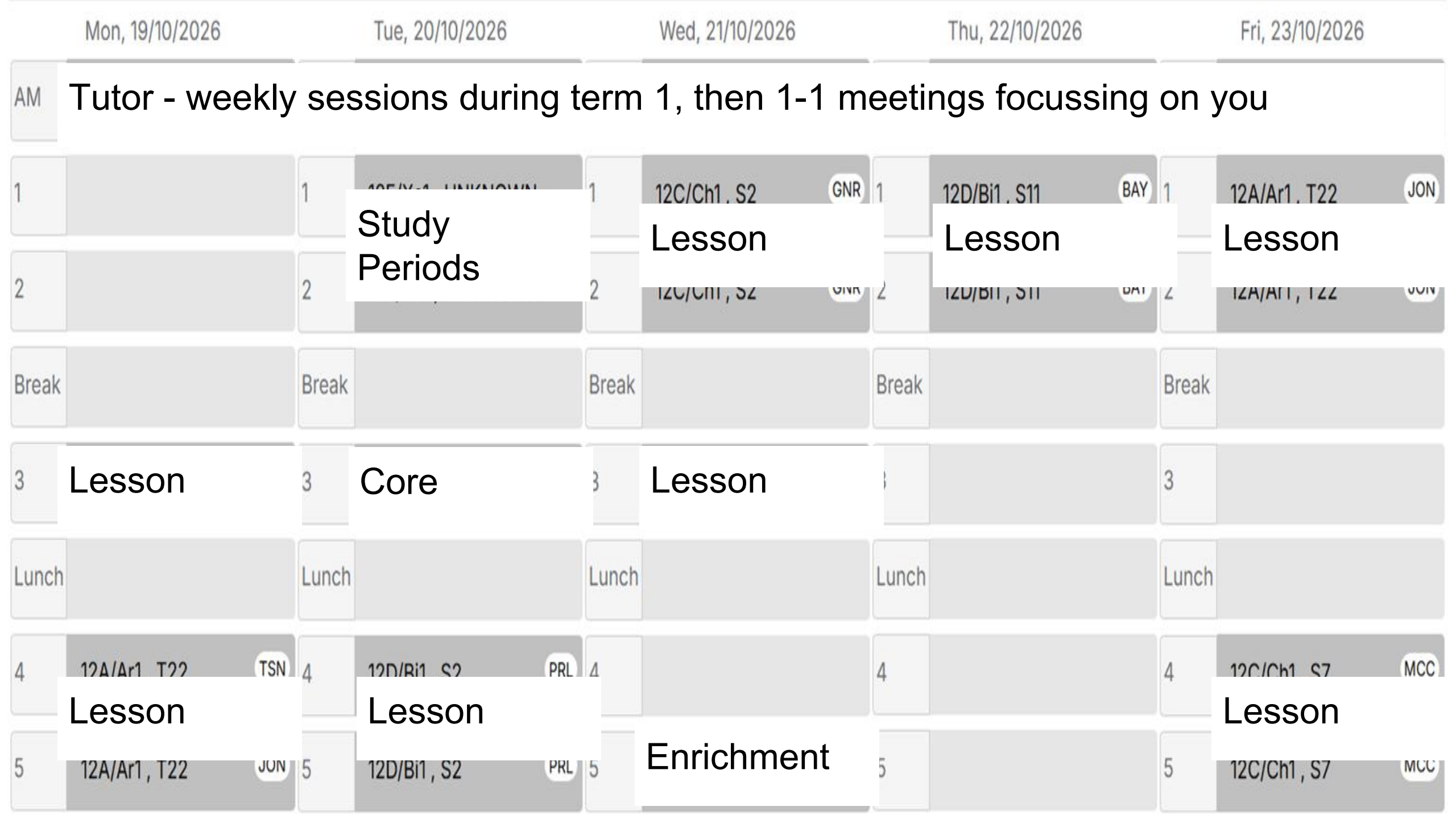
26% Russell Group University

35% Gap Years, Apprenticeships & Employment



What would my study programme look like?

3 or 4 subjects + Core programme + Independent study


Mon, 19/10/2026
Tue, 20/10/2026
Wed, 21/10/2026
Thu, 22/10/2026
Fri, 23/10/2026
AM
Tutor - weekly sessions during term 1, then 1-1 meetings focussing on you
1
2
Break
3
Lunch
4
5
12C/Ch1 , S2 GNR
12D/Bi1 , S11 BAY
12A/Ar1 , T22 JON
12A/Ar1 , T22 TSN
12D/Bi1 , S2 PRL
12A/Ar1 , T22 JON
12D/Bi1 , S2 PRL
12C/Ch1 , S7 MCC
12C/Ch1 , S7
Study Periods
Lesson
Lesson
Lesson
Lesson
Core
Lesson
Lesson
Lesson
Enrichment
Lesson

Entry Requirements

Five 9- 4 GCSEs
including a 4 in English Language or Maths

Each course has its own specific entry requirements
ranging from grades 8 – 4

Any student who has not achieved a 4 at GCSE in either
English or Maths will be required to continue with the subject and resit.

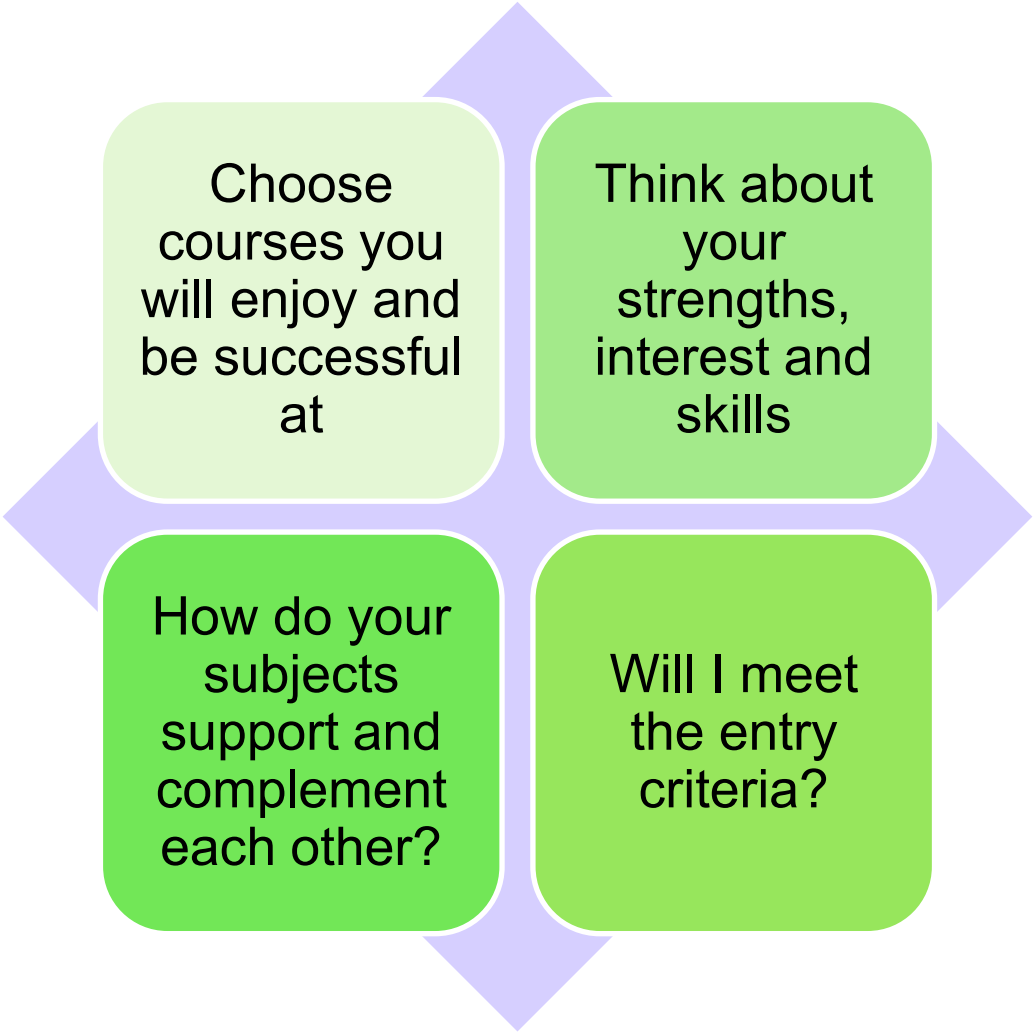
How many courses should I study?

Most students study three Level 3 courses

Some students may study an additional 1 year qualification in Year 12
(Core maths, Languages, EPQ, GCSE maths or English)

Students with an average GCSE score of 7.5 (mainly 8/9's at GCSE) may study a 4th subject

Choosing Courses



Subjects 2026

A Level Courses			
Art	English Language	Geography	Photography
Biology	English Literature	History	Physics
Chemistry	Fashion & Textiles	Maths	Politics
Computer Science	French / German	Music	Psychology
Drama	Further maths	Philosophy & ethics	Sociology

Alternative Level 3 Courses
Business Studies
Criminology
Engineering
Health & Social Care
Sport

1 Year Courses
Mathematical Studies
AS French / German
Extended Project Qualification
GCSE English
GCSE Maths

CORE PROGRAMME

Weekly Assembly

A whole year group session each week.

Delivery of:

Study Skills

Careers Information

Health & Wellbeing

Opportunities

Enrichment

A weekly slot available for you to complete an enrichment activity

Independent Study

1 hour a fortnight dedicated independent study for each subject.

+

Additional independent study periods.

What other opportunities are there?

- Student leadership team
- Trips and visits
- Clubs and societies
- Weekly enrichment programme
- Visiting speakers
- University visits and summer schools
- Work Experience



Scholars Programme

Students who achieve average GCSE grades of 7/8/9.

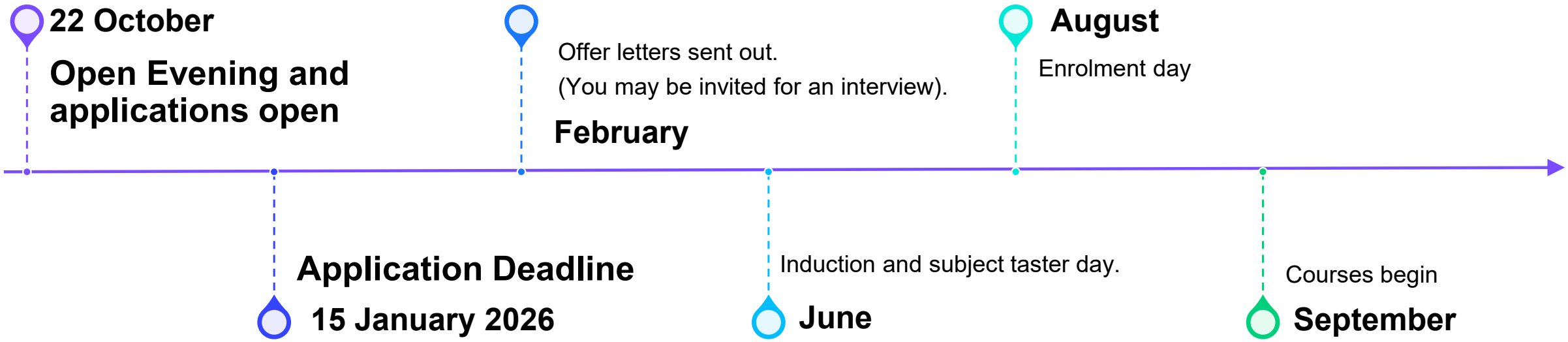
May be considering a Russell Group University or medicine application.

- Visiting speakers
- University visits
- University entrance test and interview support
- STEM workshops

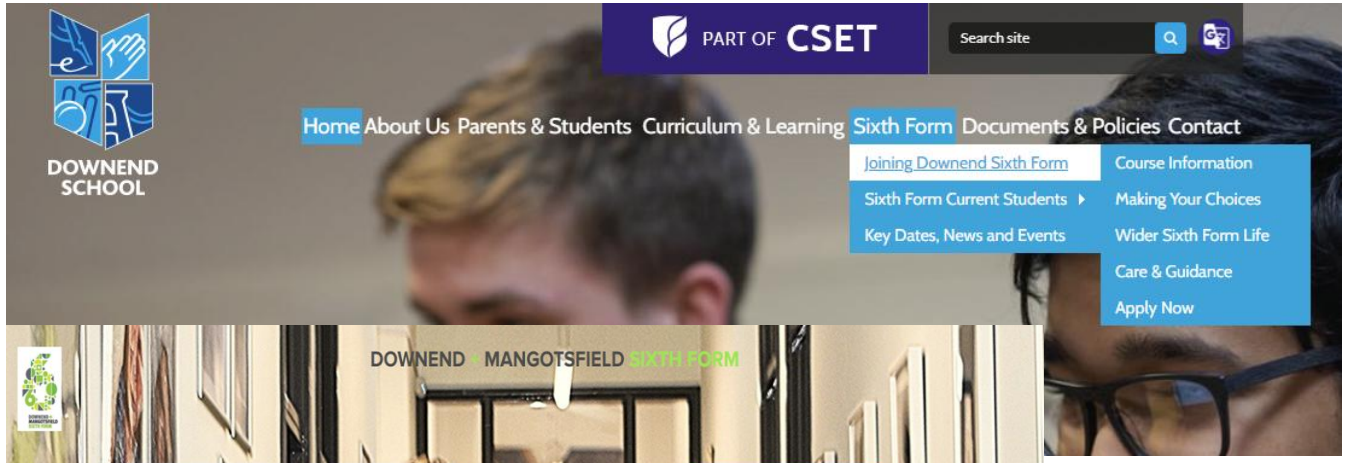
Care & Guidance

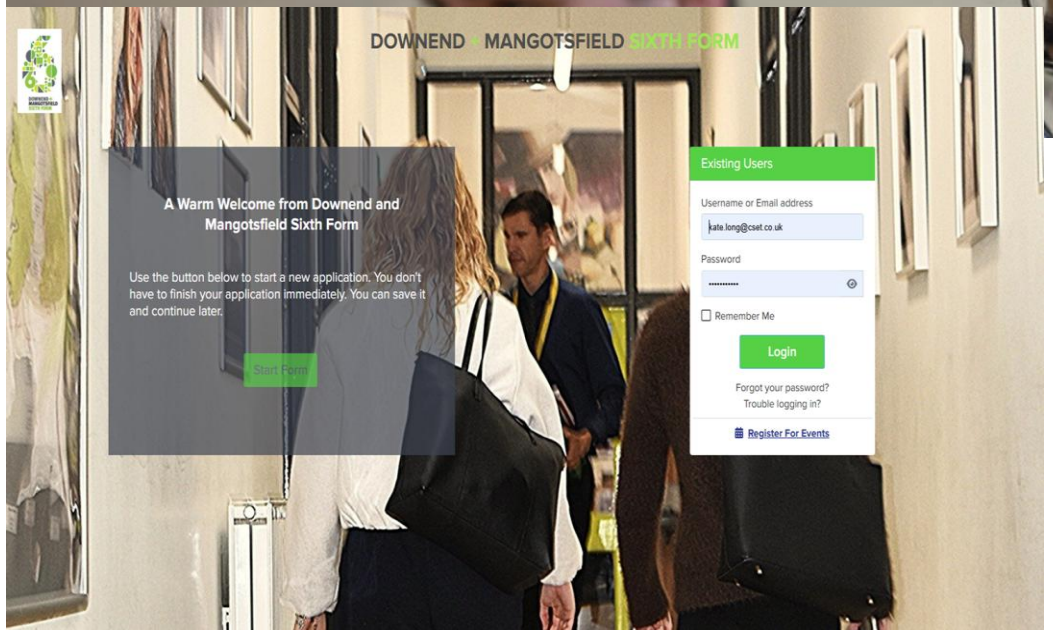
- Transition work to help you prepare for the move to Sixth Form
- Dedicated mentor for 1:1 support
- Study skills programme in year 12
- Pastoral and academic support officer
- Private study facilities
- Boost Programme/ Scholars Programme
- Comprehensive career advice and guidance

So, what next?


22 October
Open Evening and applications open
Application Deadline
15 January 2026
Offer letters sent out.
(You may be invited for an interview).
February
Induction and subject taster day.
June
August
Enrolment day
Courses begin
September

Application Process





ApplicaaOne

Use the QR code on the Open Evening handout

Apply through the Downend's school website

Search on ApplicaaOne

Sure…. But why choose Sixth Form?

We are great at what we do.

We get fantastic results.

We have passionate, expert teaching in all subjects.

We have smaller class sizes that allow tailored support.

We even timetable differently, giving you much more freedom to choose a combination that suits you!

You will feel like you belong.

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Subject areas

Gym, Study Centre, Post 16 block.

It can get a bit crowded on the ramps and in the doorways, please be careful!