



**Downend &
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Sixth Form**



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SIXTH FORM**

2026 SIXTH FORM INDUCTION



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Who's Who in the Sixth Form Team?



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Programme for the Day

Time	Activity	Details
9:00 - 9:20	Introduction	Details for the day and a chance to meet the Sixth Form team
9:25 - 10:05	Taster 1	Biology, Business Studies, English Literature, French (AS/ A Level)
10:15 - 10:55	Taster 2	Chemistry, English Language, Geography, Maths
BREAK		
11:15 - 11:40	Wider Sixth Form Life	Chance to find out more about Sixth Form tutoring, the core programme and enrichment
11:45 - 12:25	Taster 3	Mathematical Studies, Photography, Politics, Psychology, Sociology
LUNCH		
13:10 - 13:50	Taster 4	Art, Criminology, Philosophy & Ethics, Physics, Sport
13:55 - 14:35	Taster 5	Engineering, Health & Social Care, History, Mathematics
14:35 - 15:00	Q&A (optional session)	Opportunity to ask any questions, discuss subject changes and for external applicants to have a full tour of the site.

***Further maths students will be provided information during the maths taster sessions**

What do I do when I am not in a taster?

When you are not in a taster session you can meet with friends in the common room. The kitchen facilities are available to use all day to make drinks, and the vending machine is available for snacks. The Sixth Form team will be around all day to answer any questions you have, so this is a great time to ask us anything that is on your mind.

Am I allowed to go off-site?

Yes, you may go off-site during your break and lunchtime but please make sure you are back in time for your sessions to start.



Preparation

Summarise what you need to do over the summer to prepare for your Post 16 studies in September.

Subject	Work I need to complete (overview)	How else will I ensure I'm ready? (equipment, research?)



Transition work for all subjects can be found here.

Make sure you do the work for the subjects you will be studying in September.

If you are unsure about taking a subject, having a go at the transition work is a great way to find out more about the course as well.

Next Steps

Here is some key information about what happens on results day.

What do I do over the summer?

Complete the transition work that has been set and ensure you have all your equipment ready!

How do I know I have my place in Sixth Form?

You will be able to log into your Appicca account from 09:00am on results day (20/08/26) to begin your enrolment process. If you are an external student confirm your grades and upload a picture of them. A member of the Sixth Form team will be in touch if there are any questions or concerns.

What happens if I want to change a subject ?

As part of the enrolment process you will be asked to review the subjects you have applied for. If you meet the entry requirements you can confirm them. If you want to change a subject you can leave a comment for us and we will confirm whether it is possible for you to join that class.

What if I need to meet with a member of the Sixth Form team?

You may be required to attend a meeting with a member of the Sixth Form Team either in person, in the Sixth Form block, or on the phone. All meeting will take place on Friday 21/08/26 between 9am and 2pm.

When do I start?

Enrolment day is on Friday 4 September at 9:20am. You must come in for this day to meet your tutor and make sure you are ready to start your courses.

FAQs

Here are answers to some of the things people always want to know....

What do I wear to Sixth Form?

You can wear your own clothes to Sixth Form, but as role models for the school it is important to remember that clothing should be suitable for the school environment. This means that clothes should not be excessively revealing, have inappropriate slogans on them, or create a health and safety risk.

What are the expectations around attendance?

You must attend all timetabled sessions, including tutor meetings and the weekly core session.

Can I have a part time job?

Yes, but it should not be during school hours and should not impact your ability to attend any timetabled sessions. We advise a maximum of 10 hours per week.

What happens if I am unwell or need to miss a lesson?

If you are unwell we ask that a parent/guardian phones or emails the Sixth Form in the morning to notify us. If you do have a planned absence (e.g. medical appointment) you need to let us know at least 48 hours in advance if possible.

What do I do when I don't have a lesson and where do I go?

If you have an independent study period on your timetable you can choose to study at home or, use the study facilities in school. This could be the common room, the silent study room or another quiet space.

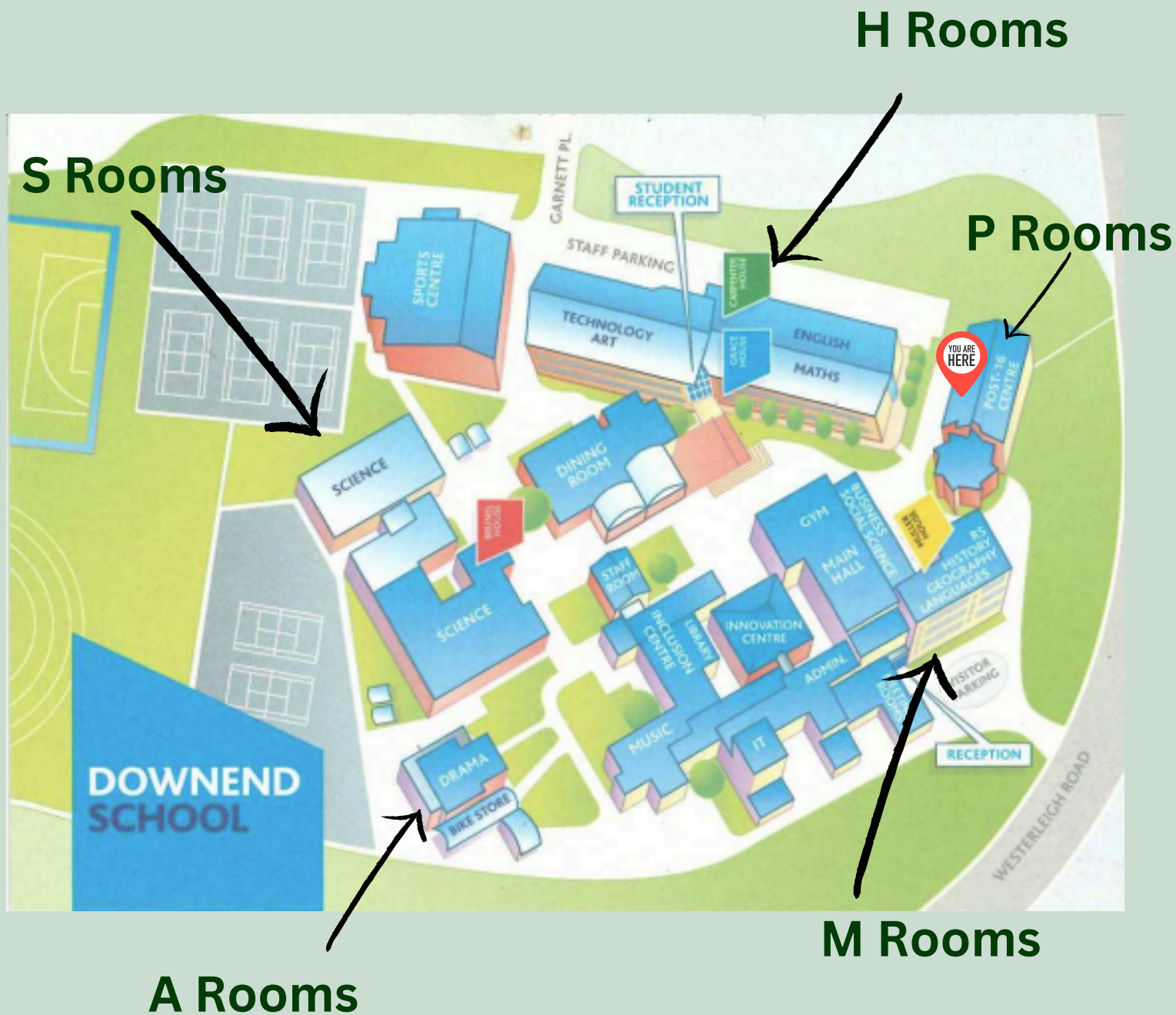
What do I actually do in independent study time?

Independent study time is not just about completing homework, but also about ensuring that you are prepared for future lessons by reading ahead in the textbook, creating revision resources and completing exam practice as you go. Believe us, this will make exams much easier when they come around!

What catering facilities are available for students?

Students can bring their own food in from home, and we do have basic facilities to heat food/ make toast. We have a vending machine in Sixth Form for drinks and snacks. The School canteen is also available to students at break and lunch. Food can be purchased through Scopay or you can pay by card. Sixth Form students also do not have to queue for the canteen. You finally get to skip the queue!

School Map



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