Haberdashers' ABRAHAM DARBY SIXTH FORM



Choosing Your Sixth Form

The Sixth Form opened in September 2009, making the Academy an 11-18 centre for education. Our principle aim for the Sixth Form is to achieve continual academic success.

Where do you see yourself in a year's time, or even in three years' time? Choosing the right courses and the right place to study next year are probably the most important decisions you will make during the next few months.

Being a pupil at Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Sixth Form means having the very best support to help you turn your hopes into possibilities and to make those possibilities become reality. There will be a very strong sense of community in the Sixth Form where pupils and staff get to know each other very well.

The Sixth Form at Haberdashers' Abraham Darby will become the natural progression for many of our own Year 11 pupils who wish to continue their studies at advanced level in a familiar, caring environment where they feel known, valued and well supported. We also welcome applications from external pupils.

We will have high expectations of you as a Sixth Form pupil at the academy. Pupils will benefit from close pastoral guidance, yet enjoying the independence and flexibility of life as a Sixth Former. We hope to develop your talents further as well as improving your leadership skills, confidence and enterprise ability. We will make offers only to those pupils who meet our high expectations in terms of attitude, academic achievements and involvement in community life. This means that you can be sure of working with others who share your own commitment to make the most of every opportunity and to achieve the very best examination results.

Choosing Your Subjects

Our aim is to ensure that you choose the right combination of courses that will best prepare you for entry to further or higher education and for the opportunities offered by your future career.

Through personal interviews following application, we will be able to match courses which best meet your preferences, interests, needs and aspirations as an individual. This level of personalised education is a special feature of the academy, found in few sixth form colleges.

We begin with an interview following your application and further advice will then be available throughout the Spring and Summer Terms and during the week following your GCSE exam results. We offer a range of A Level courses as well as a number of vocational courses.

Careers provision is included in the Sixth Form Mentoring programme and is supplemented by internal and external lectures. Applications to Universities and Colleges will be made in the Autumn term of Year 13. Remember that whatever your choice of career the two important factors in your application will be: examination results and a reference from the academy.

If you have been a Prefect, House Captain, team member, acted in a play, studied a musical instrument, played in a band, sung in the choir, had a holiday job, etc. – all of this will make a more interesting and desirable pupil for higher education or employment. So, make the most of your time in the Sixth Form, both in and out of the classroom!



Entry Requirements

To study courses at GCE Advanced Level (Level 3) will require at least five separate subject GCSE grades 4 or above (please see course details as each subject has its own entry criteria). BTEC Level 2 grades can be included but only at Merit or Distinction. All pupils must have passed their English and Maths in line with Government criteria. Acceptance to the Sixth Form will be conditional on an interview and results achieved in the summer exams.

How to Apply to Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Sixth Form

Please note that, while we make every effort to ensure accuracy and to provide the full range of courses on offer, we reserve the right to add, change or cancel courses at any time depending on take up and the availability of resources. An application form can be located on our website (www.haberdashersabrahamdarby.co.uk)

Study

You will find many differences with learning in a Sixth Form. Teaching group sizes will be smaller. You will be expected to take more responsibility for organising your personal study than you did in the past. Relationships with staff will be on a much more mature level. The style of teaching will focus more on discussion and investigations, research and some lectures. This is an important way of preparing yourself for University or further study at a higher level. You will be taking fewer classes and you will be taking a greater part in the assessment of your own progress through both formal and informal methods. You will have personalised study time when you can work independently in the Sixth Form Centre. In addition to set pieces of work there is always reading, research and reviewing to be done. As a general rule it is expected that for every hour of study that you do in class, you will need to do a further hour either in study periods or at home.

Working Together

You will be assigned to a mentor group and House. Your personal mentor, who specialises in working with Sixth Form pupils, will be the first point of contact for any concerns that you, your parents or your teachers might have about the progress of your studies. You will join your mentor group for registration and for group activities in mentor time. You will also meet your mentor on an individual basis for regular review and counselling sessions where together you will review progress and plan your way forward.

Copies of regular progress reviews are sent home so that parents can see how you are doing, what improvements might be needed and what additional support you might need. Progress Evenings held part of the way through each year provide an opportunity for in-depth discussion with mentors and with subject teachers. Guidance and counselling will be a particular strength of Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Sixth Form. We will make it our business to be available to you and your parents whenever you need our help and to give you high quality personalised support to assist you to achieve your ambitions.

Dress and Behaviour Code

Haberdashers' Abraham Darby Sixth Form will provide a more adult learning environment with a clear focus on learning and personal study. There will be a formal dress code and all pupils will be expected to present and conduct themselves in a way that shows responsibility and respect for others. Pupils who dress or behave inappropriately may be asked to leave the academy site.

At the academy Sixth Form the staff will encourage pupils to become more responsible, independent and hardworking young adults. However, Sixth Formers will be encouraged to participate in the variety of extracurricular activities that are on offer during the week. With the flexibility that will be on offer in the Sixth Form, we will not only be providing the best in academic education but we are also encouraging each pupil to become self-sufficient and fully equipped to face the challenge of life in the 21st century, whether that be at University appenticeship or in the world of work.

Post 18 Choices



We work very closely with all our pupils to ensure they make the right choice about life after Sixth Form. We give pupils the opportunity to visit UCAS exhibitions and University Open Days to help them gain as much information as possible about the opportunities available to them. We also give pupils as much information and support with regards to the UCAS application process as a whole.

The majority of our pupils go on to study at University but some decide to take a gap year first. We do encourage them to make sure that the relevant place has been secured via UCAS first. Our Careers Co-ordinator and Apprenticeship Development Co-ordinator work closely with pupils who wish to continue further vocational training or gain an apprenticeship. Whatever their choice may be - we hope that in attending the academy their dreams and aspirations have been achieved.

COURSES ON OFFER

A Level

Art
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
Design Technology - Product Design
Drama & Theatre
English Literature
French
Geography
History
Maths
Music
Physics
Photography
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish

Vocational

BTEC Applied Law
BTEC Business
BTEC Creative Digital Media
WJEC Criminology
BTEC Health & Social Care
AQA Information Technology
AAQ Medical Science
BTEC Psychology
BTEC Sport
BTEC Sport (Double Award)

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Sixth Form Subjects

UCAS - All our Level 3 A Level and vocational courses allow entry to University.
Visit www.ucas.com