



Valuing Young Voices to Foster Future Achievements

Sixth Form Helsby OPEN EVENING

for prospective students and their parents

Thursday 12 October 2023

5:30pm – 7:30pm

*A welcome by the Headteacher , Director of Sixth Form and
Head Students will take place at 5:30pm and 6:00pm*

in the Main Hall

This booklet is designed to ensure that you are able to visit all subject areas and see all of our Sixth Form facilities.

STUDENTS

Many of our Year 12 and Year 13 students will be on hand in subject areas and around our Sixth Form areas to talk to you about their experiences of the Sixth Form here. The Sixth Form Head Students will also be pleased to chat to you and help you find your way around.

STAFF

All staff are wearing name badges. They will be on hand to answer any specific questions you might have about their subject area or the Sixth Form in general.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Members of the Senior Leadership Team and Sixth Form Leadership team will be available throughout the evening in the entrance foyer to chat informally or discuss any queries you may have.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be available in the e-café courtesy of the Friends of Helsby High School .



Students who wish to visit the school during a school day (along with their parents) are welcome to do so. Please ring the Sixth Form (01928 723551) to arrange a tour

CURRICULUM AREAS

Art & Design Department – Room - C28, Photography - Room C27

As well as displays of work, Sixth Form students will be participating in a workshop and are available to discuss their Art & Design courses in Fine Art and Photography



Business & Economics Department – A10

Here you will be able to talk to students and staff about how the A level and BTEC courses are structured. You can find out information about the main topics, industrial trips and educational visits they have attended and the enrichment courses Certificate in Financial Studies (CeFS) and Diploma in Financial studies (Dips) that are offered by the department.

Design & Technology Department – Room C44

Staff will be available to discuss the Design & Technology Product Design course. There will be displays with examples of students NEA work details of the two units to be covered in the exam and information about career pathways linked to Design and Technology. There will be sample schemes of learning and exam papers available to also review.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended certificate in Performing Arts – Drama Studio 2

Visitors will be welcomed into the drama studio where there will be examples of schemes of work and samples of students written class work. Visitors will also be able to see examples of practical work displayed and have the opportunity to view coursework as well as information about extra-curricular Drama activities and opportunities

English Department – Room A6

You will be able to speak to our experienced teachers about the two different A levels available at A level: English Language and English Literature. You will have the opportunity to explore the resources available to students, the varied course content and examples of student work. Current students will be available to discuss their experiences of studying English at Helsby.

Media Department – Room A32

You will be able to speak to Media Studies teachers and students, view resources, specifications and examples of work

Geography Department – Room B45

Welcome to A level Geography. View examples of A Level work, textbooks and other resources including fieldwork equipment. Talk to staff about the department's excellent A level results, field trip opportunities and course details. Current Sixth Form students will be on hand to give you a personal insight into their experiences of A level Geography at 6th Form Helsby.

Health and Social Care – Room C6

The Health and Social Care team invite you to speak to current students and staff who will be pleased to provide you with information about both the OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 Extended Certificate (single award) and Diploma (double award) in Health and Social Care. Student work will be on display along with details of the units covered in both courses. Information on future pathways and careers in Health, Social Care and Early Years services will also be available.

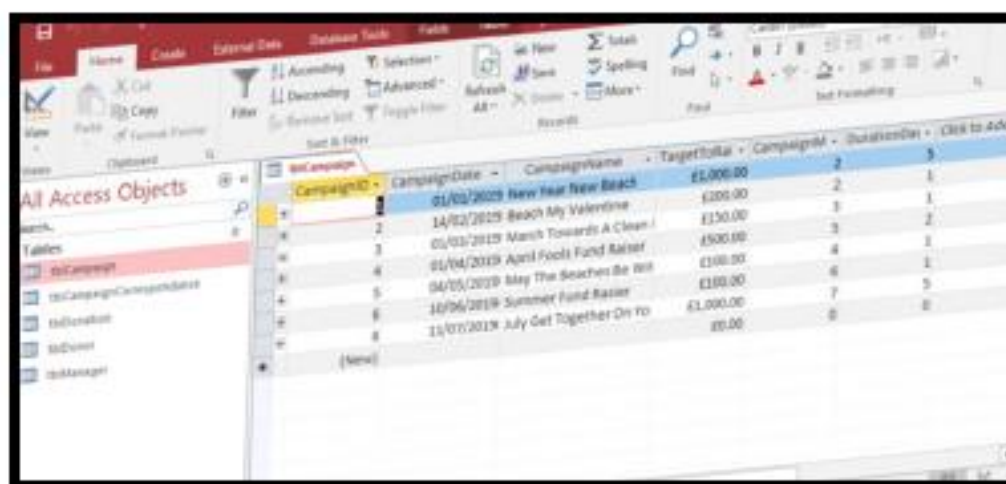
History and Government & Politics Department - Room B44

Come and find out about our A Levels in History and Government & Politics in B44. Speak to staff and students of the subjects, view examples of resources, students' work, and exam papers. Find out about opportunities for History and Politics students outside the classroom and discover where further study in these two exciting subjects can take you!



ICT & Computer Science Department – A10

Teachers and current students will be available to talk about the course content and software applications they use in A level Computer Science and BTEC IT (Level 3). The department offers two completely different courses to suit the ability and needs of all students.



Languages Department – Room S6

There will be a display of students' work and resources.

MFL staff and students will be present to answer questions about the course and opportunities in French and German. You can also find out about Spanish and Italian which we offer as part of the Sixth Form enrichment programme.



Mathematics Department – Room A1

Discover what is involved in A level Maths and Further Maths. Ask current students why they took Maths or Further Maths and what the courses involve. Have a go at some A level Maths activities and talk to the teachers about the courses available



PE Department – Room A22

Department Leader Mr Park will be available to discuss the exciting new Cambridge Technical Level 3 Extended Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity. This qualification is the equivalent of an A level or BTEC and is the perfect course for those with an interest in sport and physical activity, who want to progress to further study, university, apprenticeships and Employment.

Psychology Department– Room B35

Psychology students and staff will be available to discuss the course, the topics and information pertinent to studying Psychology in Sixth Form at Helsby. If you are interested in understanding human behaviour and human thinking, then come and talk to us.



Sociology Department– Room B35

Come and discover what this fascinating Social Science can offer you. If you are interested in people and the society within which we live then Sociology is the subject for you.

Criminology Department– Room B35

If you are torn between Sociology , Psychology and are interested in Law then a Diploma in Criminology is the course for you! Come and talk to us about this new and exciting qualification.



Science Department– Rooms C23 (Physics and Biology) C18 (Chemistry, BTEC Science)

There will be a display of experiments and resources in the laboratories. Teachers and students will be on hand to explain some of the key aspects of the courses and answer your questions.



Leadership and Enrichment opportunities



Careers Guidance—BOS—

Available to discuss student career pathways.

Throughout Years 12 and 13, work is done to help students prepare for post-18 life. Those applying for higher education and apprenticeships are given detailed guidance and support. Those seeking further education and employment are supported by our Careers Adviser, Mrs Morris, as well as the Sixth Form team.

THE WAY FORWARD...

As a Year 11 student you will have to make serious decisions about your future. For many of you choosing Sixth Form Helsby will be the right decision. The prospectus and the supporting programme of activities, outlined below, will help you to decide whether you should join our Sixth Form. The minimum entry requirement is 5 GCSEs at grades 9*-4 and English Language or Maths at grade 4. Some subjects have additional requirements. Entry into the sixth form with lower GCSE grades may be possible, in exceptional circumstances.



APPLICATION PROGRAMME-2023-24

Helping you choose the right place to study

1. OPEN EVENING

You will have an opportunity to meet with staff and existing Sixth Form students and find out more about the range of courses available and what life is like in the Sixth Form here.

2. SUBJECT TALKS

During Year 11, Subject Leaders will give talks about A-Level/BTEC courses to help you decide which subjects will be the right ones for you to take in the Sixth Form.

3. TRANSITION DAY

In December Year 11 students have the opportunity to take part in a Sixth Form transition day. Year 10 students will take part in an A Level taster day.

4. STUDENT Q&A

During Year 11, students will have the opportunity to meet Sixth Form students in tutor time, so that you can ask them any questions at all about Sixth Form life.

5. APPLICATION FORM

Application forms will be available on the Sixth Form website (accessed via the main site) and will be available from January. We make every effort to provide the combination of courses to meet student requirements. However we cannot guarantee that every combination is possible. Where this is the case, we will notify you in the Spring Term.

6. INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS

You will be invited to an individual interview in the Spring Term. This will help to ensure that your transition into the Sixth Form is as smooth and effective as possible.

7. REGISTRATION DAY

Students will be asked to enrol for courses on GCSE results day in August 2024.

8. INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

In September of 2024, there will be an evening for you and your parents to introduce you to the Sixth Form, followed the next month by an evening to meet with tutorial staff to discuss your start to your courses.