



Notre Dame School

WELCOME TO THE SIXTH FORM AT NOTRE DAME

The Sixth Form is part of Notre Dame School, an independent Roman Catholic day school, founded by the Company of Mary Our Lady in 1937, which welcomes students of all faiths. The emphasis lies on strong academic achievement coupled with numerous opportunities to develop and foster the strengths of each individual in a caring and stimulating environment. We are extremely proud of our success rate at A level, allowing students to proceed to some of the best universities in the country, including Oxford and Cambridge. In addition to the wide range of subjects we offer, our students follow a Religious and General Studies Programme, take part in activities and hold posts of responsibility within the school. A well-established tutorial system supports and encourages each girl to fulfil her true potential.

As part of a whole school, which provides education to girls from 2½ to 18, the Sixth Form is a natural progression in the education process at Notre Dame. Naturally, though, we offer a welcoming, supportive environment to students who join us from outside, enabling them to integrate fully. During their two Sixth Form years, our students build on skills and values already acquired and develop into confident young women, ready for their roles in society.

At Notre Dame, we aim to make your daughter's Sixth Form years extra special, in terms of both academic success and living life to the full

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Our Sixth Form curriculum offers a broad choice of academic subjects, ranging from the more traditional subjects such as English Literature and Mathematics to Sports Studies, Psychology and Business Studies. The Lower Sixth students follow, on average, four AS level subjects, which are externally examined at the end of the first year in the Sixth Form. In the Upper Sixth, three of the subjects followed during the previous year are carried on to full A level. A wide range of combinations is possible and we try to accommodate individual students' wishes. A list of subjects currently on offer, entry requirements and individual subject information can be found in the back pocket.



Our well-established tutorial system contributes in a large degree to the success of our Sixth Form. Every student is assigned to an academic tutor, who meets the student on a regular basis to discuss progress and to advise when difficulties arise.

All students receive extensive support and guidance in choosing universities and completing the UCAS form for university admission. Through careful monitoring, we are able to offer individual advice and help, as well as preparation for the special entry arrangements for Oxford and Cambridge universities.

The Sixth Form has benefited greatly from the opening of our exciting new Learning Resource Centre in 2003. A spacious and well-equipped study area, with computers exclusively for Sixth Form use, allows students to pursue their private study and reading in comfortable surroundings. The provision of new facilities has recently been extended to the Sixth Former's social accommodation, to include a beautiful café and separate relaxation area for use before school, during breaks, lunchtimes and after school before evening functions. A state of the art Fitness Studio further enhances the facilities available to all Sixth Form students.

At Notre Dame we put great emphasis on involving parents throughout this important time in their daughter's education. We regularly inform both students and parents through parents' evenings, reports and information evenings of success, progress or areas of development. In addition, our students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own progress, through target setting and self evaluation. ▶

The Sixth Form academic tutors, or, when necessary, the Head of Sixth Form, are the first point of contact with parents. Lines of communication are well set out in information provided for staff and parents, and so are clear in both directions. Tutors make themselves accessible to both pupils and parents.
Independent Schools Inspectorate Report



Sixth Formers develop personally and spiritually at Notre Dame, a thriving, modern-day community with far-reaching international links

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At Notre Dame, we firmly believe in developing the whole person and offer an exciting and diverse programme to our students, giving them the opportunity to develop leadership skills, teamwork, organisational skills, study skills, confidence and independence, as well as to pursue recreational activities.

Our students take part in a Religious and General Studies programme, consisting of lectures on topical issues, health education, higher education advice, 'Gap Year' advice and discussion of religious and moral questions.

All Sixth Formers take advantage of the substantial number of activities on offer, including Community Service, being a member of the Young Enterprise team, production of the school Yearbook, various sports, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Music and Drama provide further opportunities in which our Sixth Formers can engage. Junior School assistance is a popular choice for those interested in working with children and a large number of our students participate in the 'Albania Project' – teaching English to underprivileged children in a Company of Mary Our Lady school in Tirana, Albania. ▶



Notre Dame Sixth Form girls are given every opportunity to develop spiritually and mentally, as well as academically, through the involvement in many extra-curricular activities such as local Community Service, World Challenge Team Building, Young Enterprise, the 'Albania Project' and, of course, a wide range of sport and drama



The facilities at Notre Dame are constantly being improved, a fully equipped fitness suite being the latest of many

recent additions to enable students to maintain a balance in their busy lives in a safe and comfortable environment

Students were motivated, involved, enthusiastic and supportive of one another. They listened well and were not afraid to risk doing something that might be wrong, confident in the constructive responses of their peers and the teacher.
Independent Schools Inspectorate Report



SIXTH FORMERS & THE SCHOOL

Consistent excellence at A level testifies to the quality of education provided at Notre Dame Sixth Form, but there's so much more to life than exam results!

Our Sixth Formers play a prominent role in the life of the school, and every student is encouraged to take on some responsibility, initiate a project or take part in an enterprise.

Sixth Formers act as 'Big Sisters' to the younger years, thus acting as role models for the lower part of the school; they run the House System as House Captains and House Vice Captains; they are involved in choosing the school charity which the

school will support for an academic year and have, in the past, raised substantial sums by involving the whole school in 'Talent Shows'; they act as tour guides on Open Days and represent the school at functions. They assist the Sports Department with coaching younger girls and are involved in the Junior School with 'Breakfast Club' and 'Aftercare'. They learn to work on their own and as part of a team, grow in confidence and as a result have much more to offer higher education and potential employers.



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Notre Dame has been my rock for the last seven years, a secure platform on which I have built the foundations of my life. I feel confident that, come what may, I will always have this rock beneath my feet.

Sarah Hadley, Headgirl 2005/06



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