

Lady Lumley's Sixth Form



Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form

The time that you spend here at Lady Lumley's School in the sixth form may be relatively short, but it is tremendously significant in terms of your personal and academic development. Our students leave the school with good academic qualifications and a wealth of experience; prepared for their future life and ready to make a positive contribution to society.

Lady Lumley's prides itself on being a learner-centred environment. We know and care for each and every one of our students, and we know how much support, challenge and encouragement each individual student needs. Choosing the right sixth form is a crucial decision and this prospectus aims to give you an initial impression of our sixth form. The best way to learn about the school is to visit us and I hope that you will be able to come and experience the vibrant, friendly and purposeful atmosphere here at Lady Lumley's School.

We are a friendly sixth form community where all students are encouraged to achieve their potential. Teaching and learning is consistently good; you will receive appropriate and timely advice and guidance from an experienced team; and extracurricular opportunities are recognised as good. Whatever your interests and career ambitions, you will find your experience with us challenging and enjoyable.

James Ambrose
Head of Sixth Form



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Joining Lady Lumley's Sixth Form

You can join Lady Lumley's Sixth Form if you have the equivalent of 5 or more GCSE passes at grade 4 / C or above (with some subjects having other specific requirements). More information on the wide range of courses we offer, as well as an on-line application form, are available through the sixth form link on the school website.

Lady Lumley's – a High Performing School

We are driven to 'be our best' in all we do and are ambitious for all our students to make progress. As a Sixth Form, we are proud of our academic results which give our students the best life chances and are the product of a school that invests in high quality teaching and learning.

Our students maintain high outcomes each year against a range of performance measures. We consistently achieve a one hundred per cent pass rate at A Level with approximately half of all our examination entries are grades A*-B at A level standard; and achieve incredibly strongly on our more vocational level three qualifications.

Our sixth form students have a strong record of successful progression, securing a variety of appropriate first choice pathways, including Higher Level Apprenticeships, University and Employment.

Many of our students will be supported through a UCAS application to study Higher Education courses. At least one third of these applicants enrol at 'Russell Group' Universities each academic year with a small number of students each year making successful applications for courses at Oxford and Cambridge Universities; and / or courses in medicine, dentistry and / or veterinary science.

The sixth form community is proud of all our students. Over their time with us, each student has their own personal and academic journey. On the face of it, examination results can seem to be an incredibly cold way of assessing student progress and outcomes; much as some of our students may not achieve the very highest grades, they consistently gain extremely creditable academic performances in their own right, testament to their hard work during their sixth form experience.

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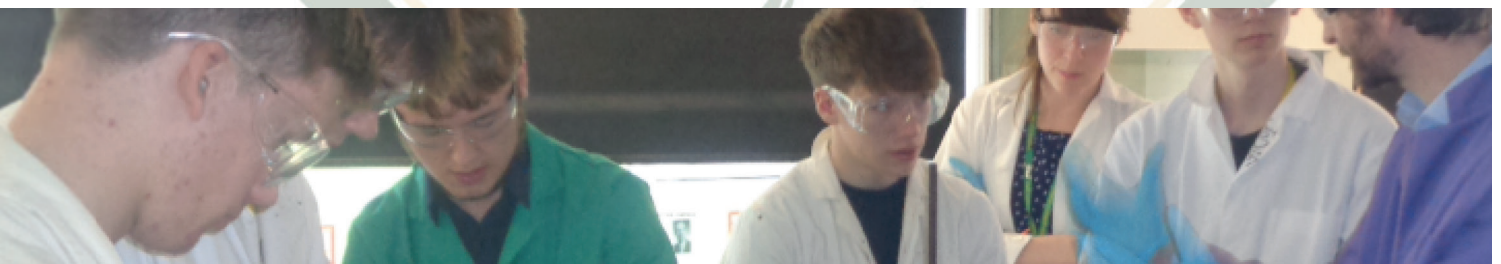
The Sixth Form Vision

We want a school that:

- is truly student-centred
- has the highest expectations of its students
- places teaching and learning at its heart
- celebrates the unique talents of all its students
- has an atmosphere of mutual support
- looks to the future without forgetting to enjoy the experiences of today

We are a school which believes:

- taking risks is essential to improve teaching and learning
- that assessment should be formative with supportive feedback to allow students to progress
- that students learn best when they feel safe, happy and content
- that students should understand and take responsibility for their own learning
- hard-work and effort make a significant contribution to success
- success breeds success



“Lady Lumley’s sixth form is a vibrant community which has a well-established record of excellent examination results enabling students to progress to university and successful careers. We work hard to support our students in achieving their goals and we expect our students to work hard in return.”

Stuart Cleary, Deputy Headteacher

Choosing a Course

As a sixth form student you have more options and a greater degree of flexibility than ever before. Making the right choice is crucial for your enjoyment and success during your sixth form studies and also crucial for your future options when you leave school. Staff at Lady Lumley's have years of experience and expertise in teaching our level three A level and BTEC courses and can help you make the right choices and select the right combination of subjects. We offer a relatively wide range of post-16 courses at Advanced Level. Full details of all these courses can be found through the sixth form link on the school website.

The best way for our students to be at a competitive advantage when they leave the sixth form, is for most students to study three courses. A levels are 'linear' qualifications, designed so that students can invest in a two-year pattern of progression towards final examinations in the summer of their Year 13.

Students enrolling with us will commit to three A level and / or BTEC qualifications. Some students may wish to study more than three courses and we are here to advise and support individuals on a case-by-case basis. Similarly, students will be supported in starting four courses for a trial period if they wish (until no later than the October half term of Year 12), to help them make a more informed decision about their final course choices.



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Pastoral Care

On entering the sixth form at Lady Lumley's, you will be assigned to a sixth form tutor group with fellow students from Year 12 and Year 13. There is a daily session when you can meet your form tutor for any individual support you may require and a strong sense of respect between staff and students underpins everything we do.

In addition, our experienced sixth form staff are always available to discuss any matters of concern with you: academic or pastoral. At Lady Lumley's we pride ourselves on the caring atmosphere within our sixth form and we emphasise that interpersonal skills are as important as academic qualifications. We understand that every student is different, requiring a personalised approach and individual guidance so that their personal and academic goals can be achieved.



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Facilities for the Sixth Form

Facilities for you as a sixth form student at Lady Lumley's are excellent. Every mainstream classroom has a networked computer, projector, and interactive whiteboard. The sixth form facilities are extensive, the library is terrific resource, we have a relatively new classroom block for modern foreign languages and refurbished suites for drama, theatre studies and learning support. The sports facilities are impressive. We have a gymnasium, sports hall, fitness suite, extensive playing fields, a national standard climbing wall, kayaks, canoes, and mountain bikes as well as tennis courts and an all-weather pitch, both flood-lit.

The sixth form benefits from a large sixth form common room with catering at break and lunch. We also offer an impressive ICT suite which sixth formers have use of at all times, a cyber-café with touch screen computers and wi-fi, and the most amazing library with a large sixth form only area.



All this space is for a reason: we expect you to work hard whilst in the sixth form at Lady Lumley's! A number of your non-contact periods will be timetabled as study periods. Current students find study periods really useful and so will you. Study periods encourage you to manage your time efficiently, allow you to work in teams with your fellow students, seek help if you need it; and extend your understanding of your subjects in a resource-rich environment.

Beyond the Academic

Our students' academic achievements are only part of the picture. At Lady Lumley's sixth form you are encouraged to develop a confident and outward-looking approach to life through our enriched learning journey. There are many opportunities for you to develop your interests alongside your academic studies. You will have the opportunity to further develop your talents and demonstrate your leadership and organisational skills.

Personal Development Programme

We want our students to leave the sixth form with the best possible life chances and so we offer an extensive 'Personal Development Programme' which includes careers and destinations advice. We also invite guest speakers from business, industry and universities to further inspire and engage our students. Students have the opportunity to attend work experience placements during enrichment on Wednesday afternoons (or at other agreed times around their timetable commitments). We employ an independent careers advisor who works with students to explore courses in Higher Education, apprenticeships or routes to employment; and students have access to a well-resourced careers library. For those thinking about Higher Education, our very experienced sixth form team ensure our UCAS procedures for entry to university are excellent. And, of course, we keep a careful eye on each individual student's progress throughout their courses, with advice and support being given wherever necessary.



Enrichment

Our enrichment programme runs every Wednesday afternoon and includes 'clubs and societies'; with students able to take part in a range of activities. In the past these have included; various sporting pursuits, fast-track gold D of E, outdoor education, Young Enterprise, magazine club, art club, music club, boardgames, introductory Mandarin and World film, Latin, and MOOCS (massive open on-line courses).

Many departments and the sixth form team arrange trips and visits every year. Rather than miss somebody out, make sure you ask them for more information! In the past, Lady Lumley's School has also taken teams of students on amazing expeditions to places such as Ecuador, Morocco, Tanzania, the Himalayas, the jungles of Borneo and most recently to Peru.



Community Action

A great advantage of joining a school-based sixth form is that you get the opportunity to take on posts of responsibility within the school. Every sixth former is asked to undertake some 'community action' where they can help the learning of younger students, support the school in other ways or even volunteer within the wider community. Fundraising for charities is seen as one important aspect and the success of events such as Children in Need, Comic Relief and our Christmas fair is due in large part to the energy of the sixth form students. These activities have their own intrinsic value and are excellent for personal development. As well as this, they also look impressive on curricula vitae and UCAS application



The Application Process

We hope that everything you have read in this prospectus leads you to want to join us in the exciting journey of post-16 education.

If you would like to apply for a place in the sixth form at Lady Lumley's School, please follow the application process outlined below:

- In the Autumn Term there is an open evening for all prospective students.
- Please complete the on-line application form available through the sixth form link on the school website. Your application form will then be processed.
- All details for joining our school, including dates for enrolment and induction will be sent to you subsequently.

For any further details or to clarify any points please contact Fiona Allan, Sixth Form Student Services Manager.

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