



# Sixth Form

Gravesend Grammar School for Girls



“This is a very good  
Sixth Form.”

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*“The overall standards achieved have been well above national figures because teaching is very good and students have extremely positive attitudes to their work.”*

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*“Staff know Sixth Form students very well and ensure that they give them very good guidance with both their academic studies and their personal development.”*

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# Welcome to our Sixth Form



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We believe our Sixth Form provides a caring environment where courtesy and co-operation create a stable atmosphere in which students can thrive.

We endeavour to create a Sixth Form environment where individuals aspire to achieve the highest academic standards of which they are capable.

Students have greater responsibility for their own studies and we encourage independence whilst ensuring individual talents and leadership qualities are developed.

A commitment to study and a willingness to make a positive contribution to the life of the school will ensure a rich and fulfilling Sixth Form experience.

Sixth Form students are involved in running clubs, helping younger students with their studies and coaching teams. There are opportunities for students to become Senior Officials, Subject Prefects, Form Prefects and take responsibility for Charities, Cultural Issues, Green Council, Sixth Form Liaison as well as Publicity.

To become a member of the Sixth Form is to take a very important step. Students are faced with a wide array of choice and new freedoms. Staff at Gravesend

Grammar School for Girls are highly qualified and dedicated to using their expertise to swiftly engage and motivate students in their chosen courses of study.

There is an extensive range of courses on offer both within the school and as part of the Post-16 partnership across all Gravesend Secondary Schools.

Our Sixth Form curriculum has been developed to maximise choice and to equip students with the qualifications and skills they need to access the next stage of their development, be it Higher/Further Education or employment with training.



We welcome students, both girls and boys from other schools and offer an induction programme that ensures students joining our school feel secure and confident about Sixth Form life at Gravesend Grammar School for Girls.

We hope that you will want to become part of our school community and look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form next September.

Elaine Wilson  
Headteacher



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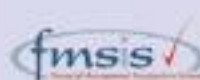
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Specialist Schools Trust  
PROGRESS AND EXCELLENCE



First Specialist School  
Science



International  
School Award  
INTERMEDIATE



Investor in People

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## Aims

Our large Sixth Form is an integral part of the school, where the students act as role models for the younger students. Our aim is to maximise student potential both academically and socially so that all can play a full role in society when they leave. We hope to encourage all students to take responsibility and develop their leadership qualities. In this way we expect to aid personal development so that you will take your rightful place as leaders and managers in the wider world.

## Curriculum

We are proud to offer a wide range of subjects to study. Regularly over twenty subjects are offered at AS and A Level internally and our links with other schools within the Gravesham Consortium extends the possibilities much further.

We are developing the Sixth Form curriculum to embrace the wider range of activities performed by all students outside the classroom. We offer the award of the AQA Baccalaureate which will include recognition of enrichment activities performed by students, including community work and work-related activities. All students will be able to show their ability through the production of an extended project. The whole award is based around A Levels, the selection of which is based on modern content within the specifications chosen. This is an exciting prospect which moves on from the traditional curriculum and recognises the skills required by Higher Education and employers.

All subjects are taught by specialist teachers who have a real enthusiasm for their subjects.





*“Very good provision is made for students’ personal development.”*

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## Facilities

We are proud of the facilities that we can offer our Sixth Form students. As well as a common room for relaxation, specialist study facilities with computers are available for Sixth Form use only. In addition, there are excellent specialist facilities for the sciences in a new block, built as a result of the school gaining specialist Science College Status. The extensive computer facilities in the school mean that Sixth Form students can almost always have access to the technology that they need. The main site buildings encircle a central quadrangle in which Sixth Form students can enjoy the welcoming, relaxed but purposeful atmosphere that pervades the school.

*“I have enjoyed my time here in the Sixth Form at GBSG as it has allowed me to have much more freedom, as well as many more opportunities.”*

*Sixth Form student*



## Support and Guidance

All students have a personal tutor who is there to guide and support them through their time in the Sixth Form, both academically and socially. Students meet daily with their tutors in groups. In addition all students will have longer sessions with their tutors individually, to monitor performance and well-being in all aspects of life in the school and often beyond. Strong links are formed between tutor and student. Progress is regularly assessed and contact between school and home is regular thus ensuring students are kept on track and parents informed.

Many students join the school in the Sixth Form and the induction programme is designed to not only help new students to the school settle in but also to ensure that the transition from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5 is as smooth as possible.

Extensive support is given to students when making applications to Higher Education or in preparing for interview and employment. The school has Investors in Careers status and was the first school in Kent to achieve this award.



We aim to ensure that all students are well prepared for life after school.



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*"Being in the Sixth Form presents many opportunities for us at GGS and there is a great student/teacher relationship when you reach this level in the School."*

*Sixth Form student*



## Enrichment

A wide programme of enrichment activities are on offer to all students. These are designed to broaden students' awareness of and enthusiasm for the wider world. In addition they help to develop the skills and talents needed for future leadership, team work and independence. Opportunities exist for students to take responsibility for mentoring younger students through their subjects. In addition a large number of students are involved through the Community Sports Leadership Award, in working with local children in local primary schools.

Many students involve themselves in community work, building up a number of hours of service through the VSU programme.

To complement our main academic programme Year 12 students also take part in a Challenge of Management programme which involves business people from the local area who set challenges which test the leadership and team working skills of all.

All Year 12 students follow a General Lecture programme designed to broaden their awareness of many aspects of life beyond school including the benefits (and sometimes stresses) of gap years, cultural issues facing the community, and of course employment opportunities. A full careers programme is available to all.

Many students are involved in sports both on and off site. Students are encouraged to assist in coaching and developing the skills of younger students. For those with a more creative talent, the music and drama opportunities are fully available. The range of ability and skill in the creative arts is a continual delight to witness. Major drama and musical productions are a feature of the school which provide opportunities for a large number of students across the school but particularly in the Sixth Form.

Elections are held annually for the Head Prefect, the Deputies and other Senior Officials. All take a full role in the running of the School Council, the Student Support Group and many other key positions around the school.



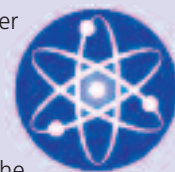
"Since starting in the Sixth Form I have enjoyed the freedom and independence which we are allowed, and I will be sorry to leave the School."

Sixth Form student



## Specialist Status

GGSG was designated a Specialist College for Science in 2004 and for Modern Foreign Languages in 2009. This has helped to build on our strengths and develop further the specialist facilities and teaching within the sciences and languages. We have already seen how having a specialist status in one area has helped to enhance teaching and learning in all areas of the curriculum. It has also helped to develop links with the wider community in Gravesham. Many additional school trips have resulted from the desire to extend awareness of the many ways that science contributes to everyday life. The Sixth Form Science Officials have an increasing role in encouraging participation in the events organised through the specialism.



## Student Success

Over 85% of students annually move on to Higher Education. The specialist advice given by experienced staff is designed to assist students in making the right career choice for them. Those who go into employment from school are also given expert guidance through the careers staff on site and through the Connexions staff who visit the school.

Our aim is that students leave Gravesend Grammar School for Girls fully equipped for the next phase of their lives as confident and independent young adults, ready to become the leaders of tomorrow.

### Reasons to join Gravesend Grammar School for Girls:

- ◆ Academic success
- ◆ Extensive range of courses
- ◆ Excellent specialist teaching
- ◆ Excellent relationships with staff
- ◆ A positive learning environment
- ◆ Excellent support and guidance for post-sixth form opportunities
- ◆ Wide range of enrichment opportunities, trips and community involvement
- ◆ An environment where students are treated as young adults.

*“Students are prepared well for the next stage of their education.”*

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