

Welcome to the Sixth Form



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A warm welcome

Mrs Natasha L Evans HEAD OF THE SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form at Solihull is a vibrant, inclusive and dynamic community that aims to foster intellectual curiosity and academic excellence. We seek to establish a lifelong love of learning and we work collaboratively to support our young people as they transition into early adulthood and life beyond.





Our academic provision encompasses 27 A Level subjects. This range of options ensures that our students can pursue their interests and passions. The structure of the academic day ensures students have regular access to subject specialists who have a true passion and level of expertise in their subjects, whilst also having time embedded to begin to nurture habits of independent study.

Each year we welcome approximately 40 new students to our cohort at the start of the Lower Sixth and with this being a key and popular transition point, it is an easy time to make friends and to establish themselves within a new peer group. We foster transition with small tutor groups and bespoke transition events. Our post-18 pathway supports transition from school into wider life; we ensure that all students are guided towards options and supported in making applications and preparing for life beyond A Level education.

Life at Solihull helps students to ensure that their development is truly holistic and that they enter adult life with a sense of 'all round' development. Our pastoral care sees tutors working with a small group of tutees and developing supportive coaching relationships. We also offer a breadth of co-curricular opportunities that allow our students to step into new challenges and new roles, as well as indulging further the passions and interests that have shaped their formative years.

We believe that sixth form education is the time for young people to learn through increasing independence and mounting resilience. It is a space for them to learn to advocate for themselves and to develop the necessary skills to become good communicators. If sixth form education is enjoyable then young adults become lifelong learners, equipped for our ever-changing society and global community.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Mrs Natasha L Evans



space

The Cooper Building

The most recent addition to our Warwick Road campus is the impressive Cooper Building, designed to meet the needs of our Sixth Form students.

From study areas and classrooms to the Cooper Café and roof terrace, this bespoke building provides a space for students to learn, to build relationships and to thrive.





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A young man and woman in school uniforms are looking at a laptop screen. The man is on the left, wearing a dark blue suit jacket, white shirt, and patterned tie. The woman is on the right, wearing a dark blue school blazer with red and white stripes on the sleeves, a white shirt, and a patterned headband. The background is a light blue and white geometric design.

A Level
Results
51% A*-A

We are proud of our exciting and broad academic provision.

We offer 27 different A Level subjects, enabling our students to enter a range of future careers. Our small class sizes and highly skilled staff will help support and challenge you through the two-year courses, so that you are always reaching that little bit further and asking that deeper question. Our results and value-added scores allow students to go to pursue a wide variety of courses from Medicine at Oxbridge to high level Degree Apprenticeships.

Academics

A young woman in a school uniform is sitting at a desk, typing on a laptop. She is wearing a dark blue school blazer with red and white stripes on the sleeves and a white shirt. The background is a solid red color.



We have seen exceptional consistency over the last five years. This year, 96% of students were accepted into their university of choice.

The provision for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science is comprehensive, with specialist support and a programme of workshops, talks and practical assistance for interviews.

Many of our students receive offers to study Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science at university. The Oxbridge Programme and its adjunct, the Oxbridge Network, constitutes the expertise of a dedicated team of specialists under the leadership of Dr Foster, the Oxbridge Coordinator, a lecture series, an Interview Xchange and specialist subject workshops. Specialist guidance is also available from Mrs Fallis, our Apprenticeships and International Universities Coordinator.

Subjects

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Design and Technology
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics)
- Spanish


Detailed subject information can be found on our website.

This list of available subjects is open to change.



Supporting your journey

ONE OF THE REAL STRENGTHS OF OUR SIXTH FORM IS THE INCREDIBLE TEAM THAT SUPPORTS OUR STUDENTS.



From your tutor, who will engage in regular one-to-one meetings with you, to the highly experienced Sixth Form staff, you will be mentored every step of the way.

Our Deputy Heads of Section are responsible for your transition into Sixth Form, and whether you are moving up from our Upper Fifth or one of the pupils that join us new, there will be events and opportunities for you to feel welcome and part of our Sixth Form community.



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In addition, we have a full time Director of Futures who organises a range of events in every type of career and arranges one-to-one meetings to ensure that you have all the support we can provide on how to pursue your next steps. And the journey doesn't stop at the end of the Upper Sixth. Our Head of Alumni will welcome you as an Old Silhillian.

When you leave school, you are invited to join Solihull Community Network where you can build relationships with people in areas you'd like to work in, attend events, keep in touch with friends and share experiences - you'll be part of our family and community for life.

21st century skills

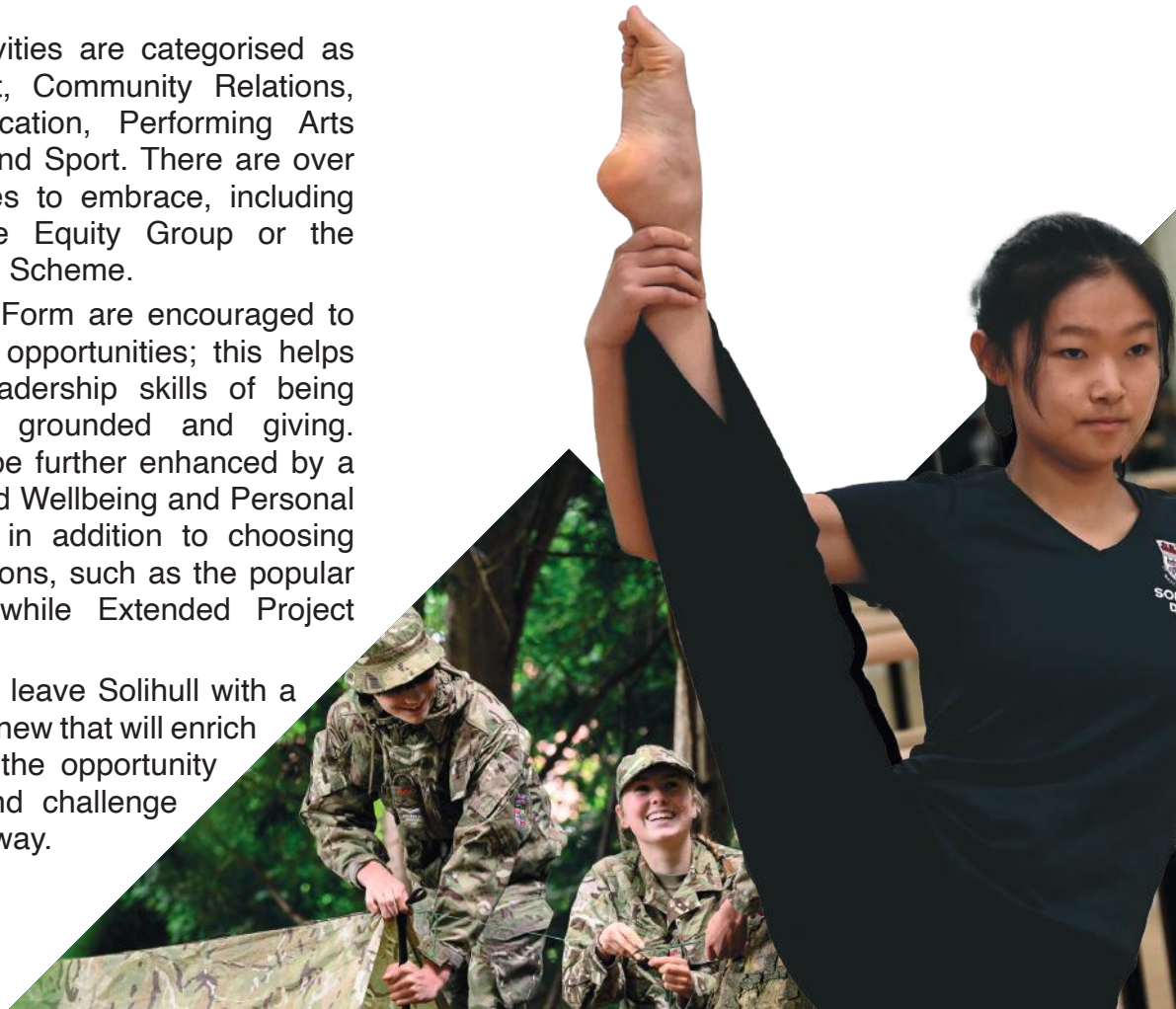
WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SKILLS THAT ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ARE MUCH WIDER THAN SIMPLY ACADEMIC LEARNING.

At Solihull, we aim to inspire and encourage students to participate in life outside the classroom. We feel that the lessons they learn whilst experiencing these activities are as powerful as the lessons learnt in the academic arena.

Our co-curricular activities are categorised as Academic Enrichment, Community Relations, Music, Outdoor Education, Performing Arts (Dance and Drama) and Sport. There are over 80 clubs and societies to embrace, including Debating, Chess, the Equity Group or the Engineering Education Scheme.

Students in the Sixth Form are encouraged to instigate co-curricular opportunities; this helps them demonstrate leadership skills of being front-footed, flexible, grounded and giving. Their knowledge will be further enhanced by a weekly Enrichment and Wellbeing and Personal Development lesson, in addition to choosing accredited course options, such as the popular and extremely worthwhile Extended Project Qualification.

We hope our students leave Solihull with a passion for something new that will enrich their life, having had the opportunity to find their voice and challenge themselves along the way.





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**HAVE THE
AMBITION.
TAKE HOLD
OF THE
OPPORTUNITIES.**



Important info...

Every year we welcome a significant number of bursary holders, outstanding young people who contribute to our school community.

Bursaries are a form of financial assistance the school can offer families to help them meet the costs of school fees. We believe that an individual's background or financial position should not be a barrier to their ambition.

Applications are encouraged and are reviewed on an individual basis, and means tested.

Scholarships are available for those with exceptional ability in the areas of Academics, Art, Music, Performing Arts and Sport.

A pupil may be in receipt of both a bursary and a scholarship.

Our Admissions team would be very happy to answer any questions you may have on any aspect pertaining to the admissions process.



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