



Sixth Form Information Evening

Friday 6th October 2023



A Sixth Form to be proud of...

White Lion Sixth Form Centre;

A team of supportive and dedicated teachers, plus additional academic provisions to help you to achieve the best that is possible;

Strong enrichment opportunities: EPQ / MBA / MAPP/Public Speaking LAMDA qualification and a new Sustainability project;

Sixth Form Lecture Series;

Your Sixth Form Tutor;

Getting you ready to be proud of the next steps that you take beyond school.





Transition from Fifth Form to Sixth Form

Fifth Form

- Prep is independent
- Every period full
- Do the work that is set

Lower Sixth

- Prep is independent
- Study periods
- Expectations change

Upper Sixth

- Independent learners
- Self organised
- Self-motivated

Challenge, Leadership & Service

- Leadership skills fostered lower down the school are realised via the senior student body through the:
 - School Prefect Team
 - House Captains
 - School Council / Sixth Form Council Representatives
 - Gold DofE
- Strong service programme at Bloxham School:
 - Bloxham Sustainability Project
 - Primary School Mentors
 - Banbury Foodbank
 - Coaching course with accredited qualification
 - Charities Committee
 - TEFL
 - Lifeguarding
 - Working with the elderly



A large, faint, light gray watermark of a shield is centered in the background. Inside the shield, there are three test tubes: two at the top and one at the bottom. The test tubes are depicted with a bulbous body and a narrow neck, each with a small cap.

The Sixth Form Experience

Sixth Form Academic Curriculum

- Students will be taking A-level and/or BTEC / CTEC courses (Business, Sport and Hospitality).
- Most students will study **three, two year courses** plus an additional option to broaden the curriculum (Bloxham Independent Project / Extended Project Qualification / Mini MBA / Mini MAPP / Lamda).
- All Sixth Form students participate in community service, sport and the broader curriculum programme
- **It is vital to get the right students on the right courses.**

A-levels

- **A-level courses are now fully linear**, with end-of-course assessment covering knowledge and understanding across the whole two-year course (except biology, physics, geography and computing).
- More exam questions requiring extended answers, fewer short-answer questions. Differential is often the ability to evaluate i.e. fully understand rather than learn by rote.
- Increasing importance of academic skills e.g. researching, essay-writing and referencing, and wider skills e.g. problem solving, analysis and critical thinking.

Sixth Form Academic Curriculum

- Art & Design (A-level / BTEC?)
- Biology
- BTEC Hospitality
- BTEC Sport
- Business
- CTEC Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Language and literature
- English Literature
- French
- Government & Politics
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Photography (A-level / BTEC?)
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Textiles (A-level / BTEC?)
- Theology / Religious Studies

Entry Into The Sixth Form

- We would normally expect students to achieve **a minimum of six GCSEs, including maths and English, at grades 9 to 5.**
- Students should achieve a **grade 6 (good B grade pass)** or above in those subjects they wish to take at A-level.
- This should be a **grade 7 if studying mathematics and the sciences.**
- Some subjects now contain a considerable level of mathematics and students may well be recommended that a GCSE grade 7 is strongly advisable.
- For subjects with no associated GCSE, the grades achieved in other subjects will be taken into consideration.
- Entry onto Post-16 courses is subject to GCSE grades and the discretion of the Deputy Head (Curriculum) and Headmaster.



The Fifth Form Experience

How is my child currently doing?

Assessment Grades Reports (half-termly)

1. Target Grade – From MidYis baseline testing + a challenge factor.
2. Currently Working Towards
3. Attitude to Learning (AtL)



Higher Education Institutes

- Vast majority require three good A-levels or equivalent.
(Over 25% of all entries were based on at least one vocational qualification)
- Are looking for breadth of curriculum.
- Will be making offers based on GCSE results and/or predicted A-level / post-16 grades.
- Vital to look at course requirements.
- Russell Group – has now ditched “facilitating subjects” in favour of its website *Informed Choices* [Informed Choices | Informed Choices](#)

Informed Choices

Choosing the right subjects to study post-16 is very important in helping you to get into university, particularly a Russell Group university.

If you don't know what degree subject you want to study, it's important to choose A Levels (or equivalent qualifications) that keep as many options open to you.

Whatever your situation, Informed Choices can give you the start you need in deciding what to do next.

[Get started](#)

Highly competitive courses

- Preparing for the long game.
- AGT identification and support programme. Including 16+ scholarships (academic, art, sports, DT, Music and Drama).
- Competitive course programme (BMAT, UCAT, LNAT, CAT, HAT, MAT, PAT etc).
- Early applications.
- Euonia.

Which 16+ scholarships are available?

Academic

Art

Sports

DT

Music

Drama



Requirements and Expectations

Eunoia
Society

Extra
curricular
activities

EPO

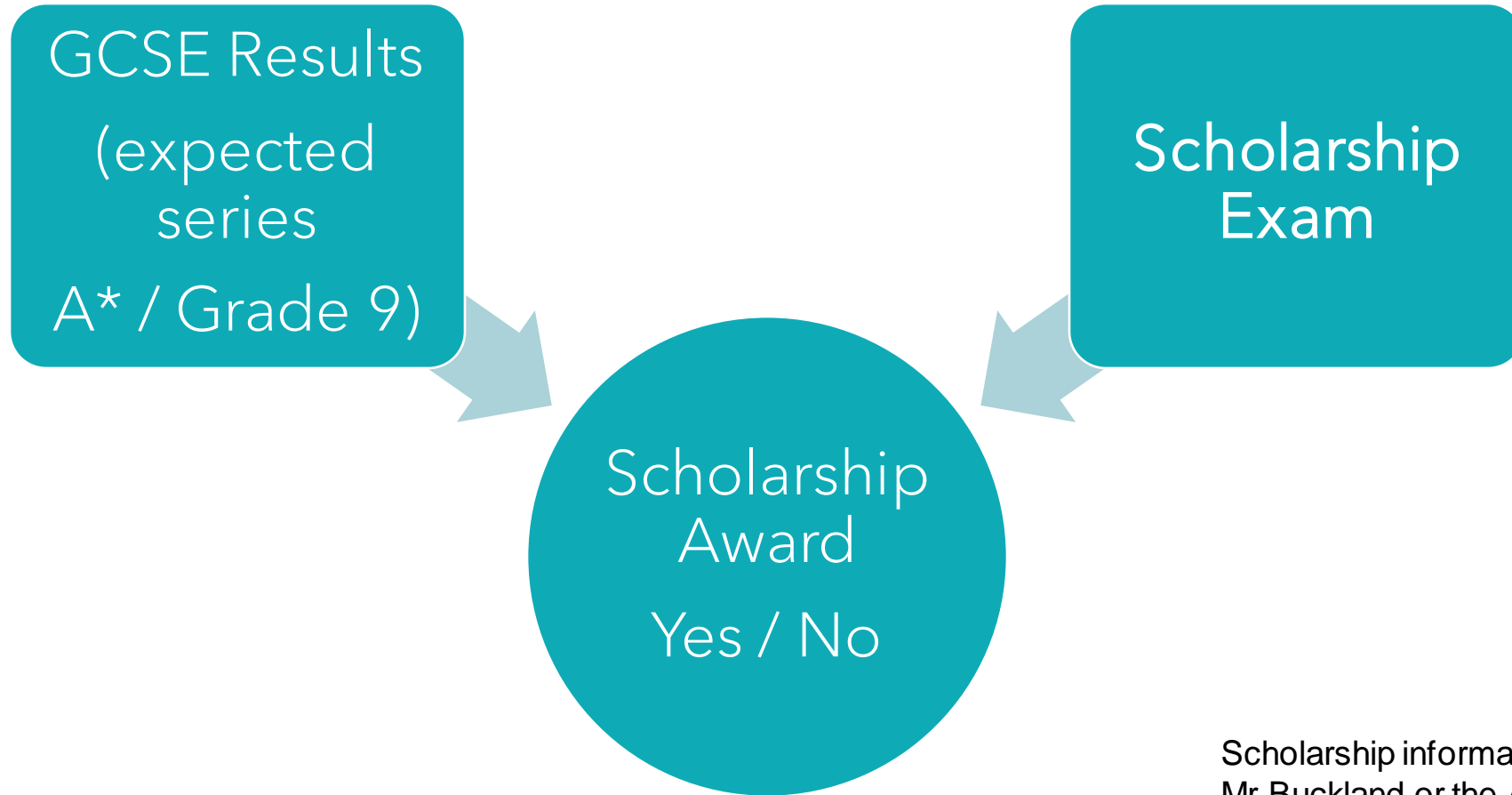
Demonstrate intellectual
curiosity

Ambitious

High Academic Potential
(Series A* / Grade 9 GCSEs)

Oxford / Cambridge / Competitive courses

Award of Scholarships



Scholarship information is available from
Mr Buckland or the Admissions Team

The Decision Making Process

Sixth Form Open Evening

- ✓ Information gathering:
- ✓ Subject presentations by Heads of Department / current Sixth Form students
- ✓ Careers advisor available
- ✓ Senior staff available



The Decision Making Process

Michaelmas Term 2023

- **9th November – 15th November - Trial Examinations**
- **Individual student interviews with a member of the Senior Leadership Team**
- **Friday 24th November 3:45pm** - Fifth Form Parents' Evening
- Students undertake an **online Morrisby psychometric test** followed by independent and impartial careers guidance (one-to-one) by the ADVIZA team
- **Advice and discussions** with tutors / subject teachers / school staff
- **Individual careers interviews** – with Mrs Guzenda - by appointment
- **December - Provisional post-16 subject choices**

The Decision Making Process

Lent Term 2024

- **January - School create option blocks in response to provisional choice**
 - The school will create a best-fit model (not all permutations and combinations will be possible and set sizes must be viable)
- **Jan/Feb 2024 - Second round of option choices (Jan / Feb 2024)**
 - Ongoing discussions between parents / students and school
 - Individual student interviews with Senior Leadership Team

Summer Term 2024

- **Results day (Thursday 22nd August)**

An Education for Life

- Careers provision that follows the CEAIG Framework & Gatsby Benchmarks
- Careers support in the Sixth Form aims to:
 - ✓ help students make well-informed choices about their future studies and working lives
 - ✓ provide opportunities for students to understand and develop their competencies, aspirations and options through a variety of ways
 - ✓ maintain and develop links with a wide range of organisations providing opportunities for students
 - ✓ deliver a bespoke service (tailored to the individual needs and circumstances of the student)
 - ✓ facilitate lifelong careers-based opportunities through the Old Bloxhamist (OB) Network

Tonight's programme

19:00	Art 6F Art	Bio GH	Chem GH2	DT GH6	Econ GH5	Eng GH3	Hos GH7	Maths VLR	Music GH11	Psy WL1	Politics GH1	Textiles WL2	Theo GH9	WL SFC
19:20	Art 6F Art	Bio GH	Chem GH2	DT GH6	Econ GH5	Eng GH3	Hos GH7	Maths VLR	Music GH11	Psy WL1	Politics GH1	Textiles WL2	Theo GH9	WL SFC
19:40	Art 6F Art	Bio GH	Chem GH2	DT GH6	Econ GH5	Eng GH3	Hos GH7	Maths VLR	PE + BTEC GH10	Psy WL1	Politics GH1	Span GH10		WL SFC
20:00	Bio GH3	Bus + CTEC GH	Chem GH2	Drama GH6	Geo VLR	His GH1	Maths GH5	PE + BTEC GH10	Photo 6F Art	Phy GH7	Psy WL1	Span GH10		WL SFC
20:20	Bus + CTEC GH	Comp GH2	Drama GH6	French GH10	Geo VLR	His GH1	PE + BTEC GH10	Photo 6F Art	Phy GH7					WL SFC
20:40	Bus + CTEC GH	Comp GH2	Drama GH6	French GH10	Geo VLR	His GH1	Photo 6F Art	Phy GH7						WL SFC
21:00	Finish													

Students should plan to attend 5 subject presentations and 1 tour of the White Lion Sixth Form centre
Careful consideration needs to be taken as to when presentations are.

Not all subjects are available in all time slots. However, most permutations are possible.

