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Sixth Form Prospectus

DEFINE YOURSELF

Where purpose meets direction

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WELCOME



Ms G Rigg
Headteacher

Welcome to Kennet School's Sixth Form; a thriving example of top class education in action. This prospectus offers a glimpse into the unique, balanced, and fulfilling programmes we provide. As the most successful Sixth Form in West Berkshire, recently **graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, we are proud to be the** first-choice destination for our own students and a welcoming home for applicants from other schools.

Our culture of achievement is built on a love of learning, underpinned by our core values and driven by a shared commitment to succeed. Here, students flourish academically and vocationally, developing into confident, capable young adults of whom we are immensely proud.

At Kennet Sixth Form, we open doors to the future. Whether your ambition is university, higher-level employment, or a prestigious apprenticeship, our record of success in both A Levels and T Levels speaks for itself. A key part of our mission is to support every student in planning their next step, from tailored Oxbridge preparation to expert guidance for apprenticeship applications and everything in between.

Students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning, supported by the excellent facilities in our Sixth Form Study Centre. Here, they benefit from access to resources including study materials, newspapers, periodicals, and a dedicated careers library. The centre offers a range of spaces, from a silent study area and library to a lively coffee shop and common room, ideal for both independent study and social connection.

Our teachers are true subject specialists, combining expertise with enthusiasm to guide students through both the challenges and rewards of Sixth Form life.

Under their care, our students develop into independent thinkers: confident, capable, and ready to contribute to their communities and beyond.

Life in the Sixth Form also brings new opportunities to shine. Students take on leadership roles as Prefects and House Captains, and contribute to school life through a wide range of enrichment activities. It is a time to pursue chosen subjects in depth, discover new talents, and prepare for the demands of the wider world.

The world beyond school is competitive, but there is no better place to prepare for it than Kennet Sixth Form. Together with my team, I look forward to supporting you through these important years and celebrating the successes that lie ahead. Please enjoy exploring this prospectus and **don't hesitate to contact our Sixth Form team, or myself directly, if you have any questions.**



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WHY KENNET SIXTH FORM?



School Musical

Kennet Sixth Form has offered me countless opportunities to discover, develop and define myself both academically and personally. Highlights include our annual productions and leadership roles such as House Captain, Aspirational Lead and The Student Leadership Team. A particular highlight for me was leading the St David House team in the House Performing Arts competition. **I've always enjoyed taking** part in this event over the years, but having the opportunity to lead was a real honour.



Calshot Drama Trip

Kennet Sixth Form is a place to thrive. We are given the right amount freedom both in and out of lessons, whether it's homework or during study periods, and it allows me to digest the work at my own pace and develop my writing style, which is important for essay subjects. There are plenty of co-curricular activities and careers festivals that will help make your university or job application stand out. Kennet Sixth Form is an inclusive and supportive environment, of which I am proud to be a part of.



Open Evening Tour Guide

After Year 11, I left Kennet to explore other options but soon realised Kennet Sixth Form offered exactly what I wanted - a balance of academic study and practical experience. Returning to study a T Level in Media, Broadcast and Production has been one **of the best decisions I've** made. I love how the course combines hands-on learning with real-world experience. Work placements have given me valuable industry skills and confidence, whilst supportive teachers prepare me well for my future career and studies.

NEW T LEVEL COURSES

Kennet Sixth Form opens up a world of opportunity. Here you'll find outstanding academic and co-curricular provision within a friendly, vibrant community where your contributions truly count. You'll be encouraged to aim high, rise to challenges, and respect those around you, developing into a confident, thoughtful individual with the skills to thrive in today's world.

At Kennet Sixth Form, we bring together passionate subject specialists, a wide choice of A Levels and T Levels, and a vibrant community where every student feels valued. Our dedicated Sixth Form Centre is at the heart of school life, offering modern IT facilities, a study hub, and a coffee shop, alongside access to our outstanding library, IT suites, and coding lab. **You'll also benefit from personalised careers guidance and tailored support from our experienced team.**

But Sixth Form is about more than academics. We focus on developing the whole person, with exceptional enrichment opportunities, leadership roles within the school, and a strong culture of responsibility and respect.

Student wellbeing is central to everything we do. From mentoring and study skills sessions to our Preparing for Adult Life (PAL) programme and PSHE curriculum, we give you the tools to stay safe, build resilience, and develop self-belief. Extra support is always available through our pastoral team and the Mental Health Support Team.

Kennet Sixth Form offers two transformative years of growth, academically, personally, and socially. Our students leave us confident, capable and ready to embrace the next stage of their journey. **We can't wait to welcome you.**

T LEVELS

Since 2023, Kennet Sixth Form has proudly delivered T Level courses – rigorous two-year qualifications equivalent to three A Levels. Developed with employers and education providers, T Levels combine classroom learning with industry placements, equipping you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to progress into higher education, apprenticeships, or employment.

For those who need extra preparation, the T Level Foundation Programme provides the perfect stepping stone, supporting your progression onto a full T Level pathway.





SIXTH FORM COURSE OPTIONS

I passed all my Year 11 exams
with Grade 5s or above,
including vocational
equivalents



Your options are either:

3 x A Levels*
4 x A Levels

If there is a T Level you wish to
study, this is also an option

I obtained mostly Grade 4s,
with several Grade 5s or
vocational equivalents in
my Year 11 exams



Your option

1 x T Level

I did not obtain five
qualifications at Grade 5
or vocational equivalents
in my Year 11 exams



Your option

One-year T Level Foundation
Programme, with possible
GCSE English and/or
Mathematics retake

* We strongly encourage you to support this with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which is equivalent to half an A Level.

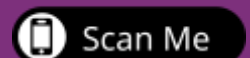
Note: It is compulsory for Year 12 students to undertake one hour of enrichment activity per week.

HOW COURSES WORK

If you have any queries about the application procedure, please contact us: email sixthform@kennetschool.co.uk or call the Sixth Form Office on 01635 862121. Most Kennet Sixth Formers will take a two-year course which will lead to an A Level or T Level qualification. Students will need to study three A Level subjects or their equivalent (1 x T Level).

If students do not get their desired results, we also offer a one-year foundation programme which comprises a range of qualifications and skills all geared towards preparing learners for further study, employment or higher level apprenticeships. Students may take this course alongside resit courses in English and/or Mathematics GCSE.

For detailed course
information, please
scan the QR code:



COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A LEVEL COURSES

To undertake courses at A Level, students will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above (or equivalent), including English and Mathematics, together with a Grade 5 or above in the chosen subject. Some subjects may have additional criteria, detailed below:

Subject	Additional Entry Criteria
Art, Craft & Design	Grade 5 in Art or Photography, or submission of a portfolio and successful interview prior to acceptance onto the course
Biology	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Biology and one other science or Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science. Grade 6 in GCSE English and Mathematics is desirable. Students may be interviewed for a place on the course on GCSE results day
Business Studies	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Business Studies
Chemistry	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Chemistry and one other science or Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science. Grade 6 in GCSE English and Mathematics is desirable. Students may be interviewed for a place on the course on GCSE results day
Classics	Grade 6 or above in GCSE English Language and/or GCSE English Literature
Computer Science	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Mathematics and one of the GCSE Science qualifications. Programming experience to an equivalent level is required if GCSE Computer Science has not been taken. Students may be interviewed for a place on the course on GCSE results day.
Dance	Experience to an equivalent level is required if GCSE Dance has not been taken. Students may be interviewed for a place on the course on GCSE results day
Drama & Theatre Studies	Experience to an equivalent level is required if GCSE Drama has not been taken. Grade 5 or above in GCSE English is desirable. Students may be interviewed for a place on the course on GCSE results day
Economics	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics
English Language	Grade 6 or above in GCSE English Language and/or GCSE English Literature
English Literature	Grade 6 or above in GCSE English Literature and/or GCSE English Language
Geography	Grade 6 or above in GCSE English and GCSE Geography is desirable
History	Grade 6 or above in GCSE English and GCSE History is desirable
Languages	Grade 5 or above in the chosen language
Law	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English
Mathematics	Grade 7 or above in GCSE Mathematics
Further Mathematics	Grade 8 or above in GCSE Mathematics
Music	Grade 6 and above in an instrument or voice
Music Technology	Grade 5 or above in one of the GCSE Science qualifications is desirable
Photography	Grade 5 in Photography or Art, or submission of a portfolio and successful interview prior to acceptance onto the course
Physical Education	Grade 5 or above in one of the GCSE Science qualifications and proficiency in at least in one sport
Physics	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Physics and one other science or Grade 66 in GCSE Combined Science. Grade 6 in GCSE English and Mathematics is desirable. Students may be interviewed for a place on the course on GCSE results day



A LEVEL COURSES *continued*

Product Design	Grade 5 or above, or a Level 2 Merit, in a product related subject such as GCSE Design & Technology or Construction. Grade 5 or above in GCSE Mathematics or one of the GCSE Science qualifications is desirable
Psychology	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English and one of the GCSE Science qualifications
Sociology	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English

T LEVEL COURSES

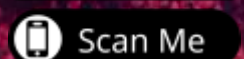
To undertake a T Level, students will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade 4 or above (or equivalent) including English and Mathematics. We are offering T Levels in the following subjects, with the following specialisms:

Subject	Specialism
Management & Administration	Business Support
Education & Early Years	Early Years Educator
Health	Supporting the Adult Nursing Team
Media, Broadcast & Production	Content Creation & Production

T LEVEL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Subject	Entry Criteria
T Level Foundation	GCSE subjects below Grade 4 (or equivalent). Resits in GCSE English and/or Mathematics as required.

Note: New courses may be added before September. For detailed course information, please scan the QR code:



ACE PROGRAMME

To complement and extend learning beyond the classroom, we place great emphasis on our ACE Programme (Accessing Cultural Enrichment). Led by subject teachers, activities range from one-off projects to seasonal opportunities **and ongoing commitments. With such a wide variety available, there's something for everyone** – here are just a few examples of what you can get involved in:

INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATION

Work as part of a team to organise an event and earn a Level 2 qualification. Build leadership skills that will give you the edge in future interviews and the workplace.

LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC & DRAMATIC ART (LAMDA)

Take your Acting Grade 7 exam, gain UCAS points, and develop your interpretative and technical performance skills. Perfect for those with a passion for drama and the arts.

COACH BRIGHT

Join a 10-week mentoring programme, coaching Year 11 pupils to help them succeed. Gain an SSAT Leadership Qualification and valuable experience in teaching and mentoring.

SPORTS LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATION

Achieve a Level 2 Award in Sports Leadership whilst learning to organise, motivate and communicate effectively. A great stepping stone for careers in sport, coaching or youth work.

MENTAL HEALTH MENTORING SCHEME

Train with professionals to support Key Stage 3 pupils each week. Develop key mentoring skills, enhance your CV, and prepare for future careers in psychology, education or care.

PRE-TEACHING

Get hands-on classroom experience in a local primary school, assisting teachers and supporting pupils. Ideal for those considering careers in teaching, childcare, or psychology.

BOOK CLUB

Share your love of reading with others in a relaxed environment. Explore new genres, discuss ideas, and expand your literary interests.

ART

Engage with provocative and boundary-pushing art. Discuss controversial works, explore diverse techniques, and develop your own creative responses.

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Unleash your creativity with Music Technology enrichment, learning Logic Pro X and composing music. Engage in hands-on tasks like creating film trailers and songwriting, whilst exploring the music industry.

RUNNING CLUB

Boost your fitness, reduce stress, and enjoy being active. Our inclusive Running Club welcomes all abilities, from complete beginners to seasoned runners.

SOCIAL-CULTURAL AWARENESS

Take part in engaging talks on political, religious, and social issues that shape the world around you. Explore topics such as consent, healthy relationships, safe driving, coercive control, and workplace harassment.

For a full breakdown of Kennet Sixth Form's enrichment opportunities, please scan the QR code:



 Scan Me



Sixth Form students rehearsing for House Performing Arts



Previous Head Boy in his role as part of the Combined Cadet Force

OTHER SIXTH FORM OPPORTUNITIES

Extended Project Qualification

The Extended Project Qualification, known as an EPQ, is your chance to push yourself academically, gain UCAS points, and explore a topic that genuinely interests you. Worth half an A Level, it develops degree-level skills, such as research, planning and presentation, all highly valued by universities and employers.

For those considering Law, a specialist EPQ pathway with taught content is available.

PREPARING FOR ADULT LIFE (PAL)

Our weekly PAL programme helps you navigate life beyond Sixth Form. Through talks and workshops from staff and guest speakers, you'll explore themes like health and wellbeing, politics, law, and personal finance, all designed to prepare you for independence.

THE SUPERCURRICULUM

Kennet Sixth Form students are encouraged to go beyond the classroom and embrace new opportunities. From peer mentoring to newspaper reading, the Super-curriculum is about curiosity, involvement, and expanding your horizons.

READ & STUDY PROGRAMME

With the Unifrog 'Read & Study' tool, you'll access articles, podcasts, films, TED Talks and book recommendations to deepen your subject knowledge and broaden your thinking.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Get involved in fundraising, Sixth Form social events, and projects that strengthen links with the local community. A chance to give back, connect, and make a difference.

MOOCs

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) give you the chance to study courses from top universities and cultural institutions worldwide – free, flexible, and online.

They're a great way to explore new interests, gain specialist knowledge, and show universities your passion for learning.

GCSE RESIT COURSES

If you didn't achieve a Grade 4 in English and/or Maths at GCSE, you'll have the chance to resit. These core qualifications are essential for many employers and higher education routes, and we'll support you to achieve your best.

LEARNING HABITS FOR STUDY

We'll help you build the independence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills needed for success at university and in the workplace. From effective research to confident presentations, these habits are embedded across Sixth Form life and reinforced in the PAL programme.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Our highest-attaining students receive personalised mentoring and support with early-entry applications, including Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary pathways.

SPORTS

Unwind on Friday afternoons with friendly sports matches, such as rounders, netball, basketball and football. A great way to stay active, develop teamwork and resilience, have fun and end your week on a high.

CAREERS INFORMATION

At Kennet Sixth Form, our goal is simple: to prepare you for whatever comes next.

Every year, over 100 of our students apply to universities (including Oxbridge) to study a wide range of subjects. Some continue with areas they loved at school, such as English, Languages, Sport Science or Psychology, whilst others branch out into new fields like Anthropology, Law or Medicine. Many also progress into training with the NHS, or into specialist colleges for art, music, drama and dance.

But university is just one pathway. Our students also go on to:

- Employment
- Apprenticeships
- Sponsored degrees
- Gap years
- Internships
- School Leavers Programmes.

We'll help you explore all the options and find the right one for you.

Support is built into Sixth Form life through our Preparing for Adult Life (PAL) programme, one-to-one careers guidance, and visits **from universities and employers**. You'll also gain access to Unifrog, an online platform to research courses and apprenticeships, and to build CVs and personal statements.

Whether you're applying for UCAS, an apprenticeship, or a job, we'll help you with CVs, interviews, and personal statements. We also run mock interviews and sessions on "soft skills" (such as teamwork and communication) to ensure you stand out.

All students undertake work experience (in person or virtually), helping you develop key workplace skills and strengthen applications for competitive courses such as Medicine or Teaching.

At Kennet Sixth Form, you'll leave not only with excellent qualifications but also with the confidence, skills and guidance to take your next step.

PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITY

All university applications are made through UCAS, with A Level and vocational qualifications converted into UCAS points for universities for fair comparison.

From the start of Year 12, we encourage students to consider whether university is the right path for them. A degree can open doors to a wide range of careers and, on average, graduates still enjoy higher earning potential. **But it's also a big decision.**

That's why we provide structured guidance on course choices, university selection, gap year options, and financial planning. Students benefit from talks by university speakers, advice from experienced Sixth Form staff, and access to the latest careers resources in the Common Room and Sixth Form Library.

For competitive routes such as Medicine, Veterinary Science, Law, or Oxbridge, we offer a specialised preparation programme to support students with the application process. Our highest-attaining students **also benefit from Kennet's Academic Scholars Programme**, which provides personalised mentoring and targeted support with early-entry applications, including Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary pathways.

As students move into Year 13, tailored guidance on UCAS applications and personal statements ensures every applicant can put forward the strongest possible case.

Further information:
careers@kennetschool.co.uk

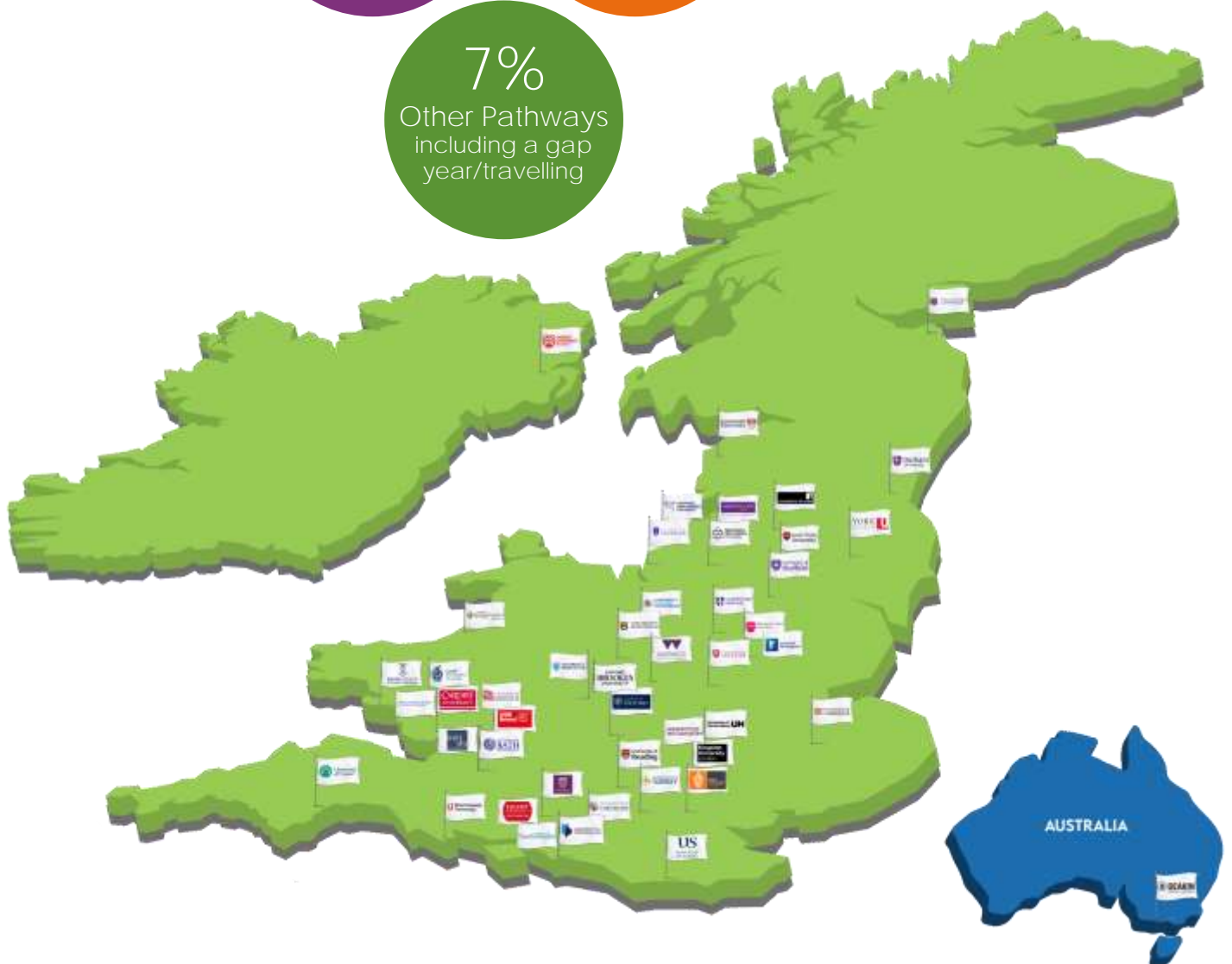
DESTINATIONS 2025

The 2025 destinations of Kennet Sixth Form students showcase a wide variety of successes, from leading universities and prestigious apprenticeships to exciting professional careers. With personalised advice and guidance throughout Sixth Form, every student is supported to take the next step with confidence.

60%
University
(30% of these were
Russell Group
universities)

33%
Apprenticeship/
Employment

7%
Other Pathways
including a gap
year/travelling



UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL

HOW TO JOIN US

1) APPLY

Complete the online application form (released 13 November) by 12 December 2025. You will receive an acknowledgement email from us

2) ATTEND AN INTERVIEW

- *Existing Kennet Students:* from February 2026
- *External Applicants:* throughout spring and summer terms

3) ACCEPT YOUR PROVISIONAL PLACE

Following a successful interview you will receive provisional offer of a place. Accept this and attend our Freshers Day in July 2026

4) ENROL

Enrol (in person) into Kennet Sixth Form on GCSE results day



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