



WETHERBY  
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SIXTH FORM



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## Headmaster's Welcome

The Sixth Form is for all students the most rewarding years of their school career. In their final two years of School, they have the chance to focus on the subjects that really interest them, to develop their talents and, hopefully, discover new ones, as well as taking on positions of responsibility and leading the student body. It is during these final two years of School that they move away from relying on the teacher for knowledge and learn how to discover it for themselves, how to analyse and interrogate facts and how to draw their own conclusions. The challenges which face young men are many and varied; it is our intention that Wetherby boys leave us as young men who are academically successful with the personal qualities and strength of character to rise to those challenges.

*Seth Bolderow*

## Head of Sixth Form's Welcome

Having joined Wetherby Senior School when it opened in September 2015, I feel privileged to be taking charge of the Sixth Form which will open in September 2018. It has been an exciting period with the School expanding year on year and we have cultivated a caring and supportive atmosphere coupled with ambitious academic standards and the highest quality of teaching. Located in the heart of London, we have access to everything it has to offer in terms of arts and culture, science and technology and business and commerce, giving our pupils the best preparation for adult life in a fast-paced, changing, global society.

This booklet gives an overview of the facilities, pastoral care, A Levels offered, university preparation and additional activities. Should you have any questions about the Sixth Form, do not hesitate to contact me, and I will be delighted to help you.

*Dena Deedat*



## Overview

The opening of Wetherby Senior School Sixth Form in September 2018 will build on the success of the Senior School. Boys will continue to enjoy the academic challenge and opportunities for personal growth provided throughout the School. Our aim is to ensure that students leave us ready for the next stage, confident, self-disciplined, independent and curious with a sense of personal and social responsibility. Our close-knit, supportive community is well-placed to manage the transition to the top universities in the UK and abroad, giving them the academic foundation to succeed on their chosen course but also the skills to manage their own workload and the freedom that is part of university life. Small class sizes, dedicated teaching staff and excellent pastoral care, with each boy having a tutor to support and guide them through their final two years in School, will ensure that our Sixth Form pupils maintain momentum both in and out of the classroom.

## Admissions at 16+

If you are not currently at Wetherby Senior School, but you would like to become part of something new and exciting then please get in touch with our Admissions team ([registrar@wetherbysenior.co.uk](mailto:registrar@wetherbysenior.co.uk)) to arrange a tour of the School and find out about the 16+ admissions process.

## Timeline

### September

Initial Subject choices are submitted  
Sixth Form Information Evening

### January

GCSE Mock Examinations & Y11 Parents' Evening

### February

Firm A Level choices

### June/July

Sixth Form Induction Day

### August

GCSE Results

### October half term

Year 12 trip to American universities (optional)



## Curriculum

Sixth Formers at Wetherby Senior School will follow a course of three A Levels as well as the Extended Project Qualification. Boys wishing to take a fourth subject, Further Maths for example, should discuss this with the Head of Sixth Form.

### Wetherby's A Level offering in 2018/19 will be:

Art and Design	Government and Politics
Biology	History
Business Studies	Latin
Chemistry	Mathematics
Economics	Further Maths
English Literature	Physics
French	Spanish
Geography	

### The Extended Project Qualification

All Sixth Formers will be expected to undertake the EPQ, a formal independent research project. Each student chooses his own topic and title, based on his interests, and this is an excellent opportunity to delve into a subject in depth which falls outside the A Level curriculum. It provides excellent preparation for undergraduate study as, under the guidance of a supervisor, the students plan their own research, identify their sources and manage their own time. For most boys this will be the Level 3 EPQ which is worth half an A Level.

## Personal Development

Wetherby Senior School has already built a considerable reputation for its caring, supportive approach that focuses as much on the wellbeing of its students and their growth as it does their academic performance. The Sixth Form pastoral care will strike the balance between ensuring that the students have the guidance and support with the need to allow them to develop independence. The boys will be given the tools they need to be successful in all areas of school life and to make their own decisions about the next phase of their education and prepare them for adult life and the world of work.

The Sixth Form at Wetherby is a preparation for life as citizens not only of one of the world's great cities, but of the wider world. An awareness of both local and global issues is fostered by the Sixth Form enrichment programme featuring thought provoking talks delivered by teachers, eminent visitors to the school and students themselves. Links with local girls' schools will also allow the Sixth Formers the chance to cooperate on enrichment and co-curricular activities and in the future trips and expeditions.

At Wetherby we believe it is possible for students to learn about the elements of a life well lived and the practical strategies which can be pursued in order to make that life a reality

### Sixth Form Tutors

As they have been throughout the School, Sixth Form students will be supported by a team of specialist Sixth Form Tutors who have been trained to support the boys with the personal and academic challenges they will face as well as being able to guide them with their Higher Education applications. The boys will meet with their tutor every day and the tutor will be the first point of contact for students, parents and staff if there is good news to be celebrated or areas for improvement. Weekly sessions with the Tutors will fuse the traditional topics covered in a PSHE course with sessions on harnessing one's character strengths, developing resilience and working on developing positive emotions and relationships.



### Tribs

All members of the Sixth Form will continue to be a member of a Trib and they will not only be expected to take part in the various sporting, artistic and intellectual competitions that take place throughout the year but also coordinate the Trib teams in different year groups, support the younger members of the Tribs in their competitions and, in general, be good role models for the community.

### Leadership

It is the School's intention that every Sixth Form student moves on with both the knowledge and the empathy to make a positive contribution to society in the future. The ability to know how to lead and get the best out of others is a skill they will begin to develop in the Sixth Form. In both Year 12 and Year 13, there will be opportunities to work with, mentor and lead the younger boys. In Year 13 some boys will be appointed as Prefects that will see them take responsibility for some aspects of the day-to-day running of the School as well as having specific responsibility for the Tribs or other areas of School life.

### Co-curricular

Sixth Form students' academic and personal development is reinforced by a co-curricular programme which will allow them to build on their interests and, hopefully, discover new ones. There will also be an opportunity for boys to gain a greater perspective on important social, political and cultural issues through a range of talks, clubs and societies.

There will be a compulsory games session each week for the boys as well as opportunities for them to pursue the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and participate in Community Service



## After Wetherby

The two years in Sixth Form are the culmination of the boys' time at the School but also an important stepping stone into higher education or the world of work. A programme, supported by the team of Sixth Form tutors, will guide boys and parents through the university process, helping them to find the right course and institution for them. There will be support for all boys applying to Higher Education institutions in the UK, USA and mainland Europe, with dedicated programmes for Oxbridge and Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary Science candidates. A trip to visit a number of US universities to give the boys a valuable insight into the opportunities offered by American universities is planned for October 2018.

Boys will also be able to take full advantage of our location in Marylebone, on the doorstep of some of London's most prestigious businesses and organisations, as part of the work experience and work shadowing programme.

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