



THE
PORTSMOUTH
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL

SUSTAINABLE
INSPIRING INNOVATIVE FUTURES
CREATIVE
ADVENTUROUS

SIXTH FORM

WELCOME

TO OUR SIXTH FORM



Welcome to The Portsmouth Grammar School Sixth Form, a transformational two years of education. A time where you study subjects of your choosing, learn to study more independently and start to look towards the future.

PGS offers a broad Sixth Form curriculum, which places a strong emphasis on academic challenge and enrichment. At PGS we encourage you to think further than where you will be at 18 years old, to where you aspire to be at 25.

Rebecca Clay
Head of Sixth



PGS HAS OFFERED ME AN INVALUABLE EDUCATION, GIVING ME A DRIVE TO LEARN WHILST MAKING LEARNING FUN. THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT AND ADVICE I HAVE RECEIVED FROM ALL IN THE PGS COMMUNITY HAS HELPED PREPARE ME FOR UNIVERSITY AND MY FUTURE BEYOND.

PGS, Sixth Form Pupil



SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM



With a choice from 27 different subjects at A-Level, there is the opportunity for you to find your focus for your future and to be able to spend your Sixth Form studying a subject you are passionate about.

Our Sixth Form curriculum also offers you the opportunity to undertake an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which may be essay-based, creative or practical. You have access to a wide range of taught academic enrichment courses, to extend your learning beyond your core subjects, through our Ignite! programme. You are able to choose from a broad range of community partnership projects and work experience, receiving skills coaching and opportunities for leadership development.

PASTORAL CURRICULUM

The Pastoral Curriculum in the Sixth Form supports you as you move towards the world beyond PGS. Providing you with support and guidance in:

- Applying to universities
- Other higher education pathways
- Your chosen career

The Portsmouth Grammar School is committed to the development of the individual and to nurturing the core skills and qualities that will enable you to flourish.



I MOVED FROM A LOCAL SCHOOL FOR SIXTH FORM AND THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT, COMMUNITY AND ADVICE THAT IS OFFERED REALLY MADE MY EXPERIENCE AT PGS VALUABLE.

PGS Sixth Form Pupil



PGS GOES BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL A-LEVEL APPROACH AND ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO LEARN MORE BEYOND THE CURRICULUM. IT IS NOT ONLY AN EDUCATION, YOU BECOME PART OF THE PGS COMMUNITY.

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ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT



Our academic enrichment programme at PGS is designed to allow you to excel in higher education, becoming:

- Deep thinkers
- Critical enquirers
- Intellectual risk-takers

The programme assists in securing places at the most competitive universities in the UK or abroad. We provide a dynamic and future-proof approach to academic enrichment that will give you the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to become innovators and leaders of the next generation.

Alongside this the Personal Enrichment Curriculum helps to form the your personal development through exciting, rewarding and hugely enjoyable opportunities. Our Ignite! programme will offer you a diverse range of short courses, catering for the breadth of interests of every individual, taught by our highly qualified staff.

PGS Sixth Form provides an environment where Sixth Formers feel supported and empowered to reach their fullest potential. We pride ourselves on the exceedingly high level of individualised pastoral and academic support available in the Sixth Form from our inspiring and dedicated staff.

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT




At PGS, we look beyond university destinations and encourage you to think about life at 25, preparing you to have an enriched and productive career, leading to a fulfilled, purposeful life. We dedicate specific timetabled space within the week support this.

Our Personal Enrichment Curriculum offers you the resources, opportunities and coaching to develop and build:

- Personal qualities
- Personal perspective and ideas
- Extended thinking
- Confidence and courage
- The ability to take control of your life
- Understanding of what you enjoy

The Personal Enrichment Curriculum is focused on personal development through exciting, rewarding and hugely enjoyable opportunities, providing an inspiring platform for the future.

We want you to go beyond your subjects, choose your curriculum and to extend your thinking to develop personal qualities, perspectives, and ideas; building the ability to take control of your life, and above all, your understanding of what you enjoy as an individual.



// PGS HAS ALWAYS FELT LIKE ONE BIG FAMILY TO ME. WHETHER THAT'S THROUGH CCF, PEER MENTORING OR BEING ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL, THE COMPASSION WE ALL HAVE FOR ONE ANOTHER IS SO IMPORTANT AND SPECIAL.

PGS Sixth Form Pupil



**PGS PROVIDED A PLATFORM THAT ENCOURAGED
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ALONGSIDE
EDUCATION WHICH BUILDS A STRONG
PORTFOLIO FOR FUTURE CAREERS.**

PGS Alumni

BEYOND THE **CLASSROOM**



Sixth Form at PGS is a time where we encourage you to find and explore your passions and take ownership of your individual path for the steps ahead.

In the Sixth Form, we place strong focus on the importance of life beyond the classroom, and making the most of the co-curricular opportunities here at PGS, whether that is through making your stage debut or leading a sports team to victory. We believe co-curricular opportunities help nourish our pupil's academic success and are vital to a happy and successful Sixth Form experience.

Community, Action, Workplace is a core part of the Year 12 curriculum, timetabled in to each week. You can decide where you volunteer and do so at least once a week; currently around 18 organisations benefit from our pupils' commitment from community outreach projects to local school groups. We aim to instil a drive to become responsible individuals, prepared for the world beyond PGS, and ready to make a difference.

UNIVERSITY AND CAREERS



Throughout your time at PGS, we will give you outstanding support and advice to help you achieve your aspirations.

97% of our pupils win a place at their choice of university and we have frequent success in helping our pupils secure offers for prestigious degree apprenticeship schemes with organisations such as Dyson, Rolls Royce and Unilever. Each pupil is assigned a Specialist Subject Advisor who will advise and guide pupils through the application process. Our dedicated Careers and Universities Department coordinate the process and organise hugely valuable events such as our annual universities fair where over forty institutions and training providers are represented.

A detailed, supportive programme, comprising extensive individual support, is dedicated to ensuring that our pupils' university applications are as strong as they can be.

OXBRIDGE APPLICATIONS

At PGS we are experienced in supporting pupils with applications to highly competitive universities. The guidance and support that you will receive is comprehensive and includes subject specific subject discussion groups, academic extension activities, bespoke admissions test lessons, talks from Oxford and Cambridge graduates, and extensive interview preparation and practice.

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MEDICAL, VETERINARY AND DENTISTRY APPLICATIONS

For pupils wishing to apply to study medicine, veterinary science or dentistry we have a comprehensive and bespoke programme of preparation in place. In Year 12 pupils can join the Medics Club which meets weekly to discuss current medical issues. In addition, pupils are enrolled onto our Medical Chemistry academic enrichment programme, receive specialist UCat and BMAT preparation sessions and additional support with choosing institutions and writing personal statements.

In Year 13, we offer our aspirant medics a full programme of BMAT training, and interview training, as well as engagement and feedback from a range of medical professionals.



**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OXBRIDGE
AND MEDICAL, VETERINARY AND
DENTISTRY APPLICATIONS**



GOING TO PGS HELPED FOCUS ME ON WHAT I WANTED TO DO IN MY LIFE. WITH THE GUIDANCE OF MY TUTOR AND TEACHERS, I WAS ABLE TO EXCEL IN MY ACADEMIC STUDIES AND GO TO THE UNIVERSITY THAT I HAD BEEN AIMING FOR.

PGS Alumni





I'VE GAINED AN ETHOS THAT GUIDES MY CHOICES,
THAT EVERY DOWNFALL IS A STEPPING STONE TO
GROWTH AND THAT EVERY ACHIEVEMENT IS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE.

PGS Sixth Form Pupil

WE ARE LISTED IN THE
TOP 100
SPORTS SCHOOLS

27

A-LEVEL
SUBJECTS
AVAILABLE

32

IGNITE! TIMETABLED
SHORT COURSES
FOR ACADEMIC
ENRICHMENT

18

**LOCAL PARTNERSHIP
ORGANISATIONS**
WORKED WITH ACROSS
THE ACADEMIC YEAR

83%

GRADES AWARDED

A*–B

AT A-LEVEL

YEAR 12 PUPILS
COMPLETE

1,930

HOURS OF **COMMUNITY
SERVICE AND WORK
PLACEMENTS** EACH YEAR

97%

OF STUDENTS GO ON TO THEIR
CHOSEN UNIVERSITIES

71%

OF PUPILS GO ON TO A
**RUSSELL GROUP
UNIVERSITY**

COURSE GUIDE



At PGS, we have 27 A-Levels on offer to our pupils. We hope this guide will give you a flavour of what's on offer.

Please scan below for an more in-depth look at our individual A-Level subjects and Sensible Combinations Table. This is a rough guide for general advice and does not replace specific research and/or consultation with the universities for the courses in which you are interested. It is also essential that you choose subjects which you enjoy and which interest you.



**READ MORE ABOUT
OUR A-LEVELS**

HUMANITIES

- Classical Civilisation
- English Language
- English Literature
- Geography
- History
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Politics

LANGUAGES

- French
- German
- Greek
- Latin
- Spanish

STEM

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Electronics
- Mathematics and Further Maths
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology

ARTS

- Art and Design/Visual Arts
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- Music



GET IN TOUCH



There is no substitute for coming to see us in person. Scan our QR codes to take a closer look into our Sixth Form pages, get in touch or come and visit us at one of our upcoming open events.

**We look forward to welcoming you to the
PGS Sixth Form community.**



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OR COME VISIT US**

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