

## Welcome from the Principal



Welcome to the University College Birmingham Sixth Form Centre - I am delighted you are considering joining us at the start of our journey.

I believe teaching is one of the greatest professions – we are immersed in subjects we love every day, have the chance to share that sense of wonder with our students, and to shape their character so the education experience is truly transformative. We want our students to leave us ready to live flourishing, purposeful lives.

But amidst our busy days, we rarely have enough time to stop and think deeply about what we are doing. What inspired us to become teachers and how can we share that love of scholarship and wonder with our students through deliberate curriculum design? Who do we want our students to become when they leave us and how can we make sure they are ready to live well in a world worth living in?

We have a unique opportunity at University College Birmingham Sixth Form Centre to rethink education and see what's possible when we combine research-informed practice and pedagogy with the expertise and sector-leading facilities available at our University.

Imagine your curriculum enhanced by specialist lectures on cyber security, psychology, midwifery, physiotherapy, or food science; with engineers, nurses, sports coaches, business leaders, industry practitioners and undergrads and postgrads who are all able to share how your subject is relevant in the real world.

Imagine bringing your curriculum to life by walking to the Law Courts, hosting a lesson in the financial trading or digital media suite, or jumping on the train to attend masterclasses at Warwick University. With lunchtime 'widening horizons' sessions and time dedicated to enrichment within the school week, we want to ensure opportunities are open to all of our students, to shape their futures so they can live purposeful lives.

Working in a University also means that you and your students have access to over 50,000 print resources and 24-7 access to over 60 million digital resources including online subject textbooks (as well as good old paper copies for classrooms). Students can study after the Sixth Form Centre closes in our new University library 5 minutes' walk from the Sixth Form, open every evening and at weekends.

Having worked in several new schools, I know how important it is to plan for all of this and to deliberately design a culture for learning. If we are going to set up a new paradigm for education we need time— so we will bring the new team together from Easter, giving us a term to build on ongoing work being undertaken by our Curriculum leads and Head of Year

– so we are ready with something wonderful for September 2024. I hope you will want to be part of it!

I hope you are excited by our ambitions and the opportunities the role offers for the right candidate. I look forward to receiving your application.

Kind Regards,

*Rebecca Tigue*  
Sixth Form Principal