



**HIGH  
SCHOOL**  
OF DUNDEE

Real  
World  
**Ready**

# Our Form 6

**Completing the Journey.  
Preparing for the Future.**

# Why choose Form 6?

**Be part of a community that *knows your name, sees your potential and helps shape who you become.***

Form 6 at HSD (High School of Dundee) is not simply about securing outstanding examination results – it is about discovering who you are, developing the confidence to lead, the curiosity to question, and the skills to thrive in an ever-changing world.

From an ambitious curriculum to a rich programme of enrichment, every aspect of Form 6 life is designed with you at its centre.

**YEAR ON  
YEAR AROUND  
95%\***

of our leavers move on to  
Higher Education across the  
UK, including some of the UK's  
hardest-to-get-into universities

**35+  
LEADERSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES**

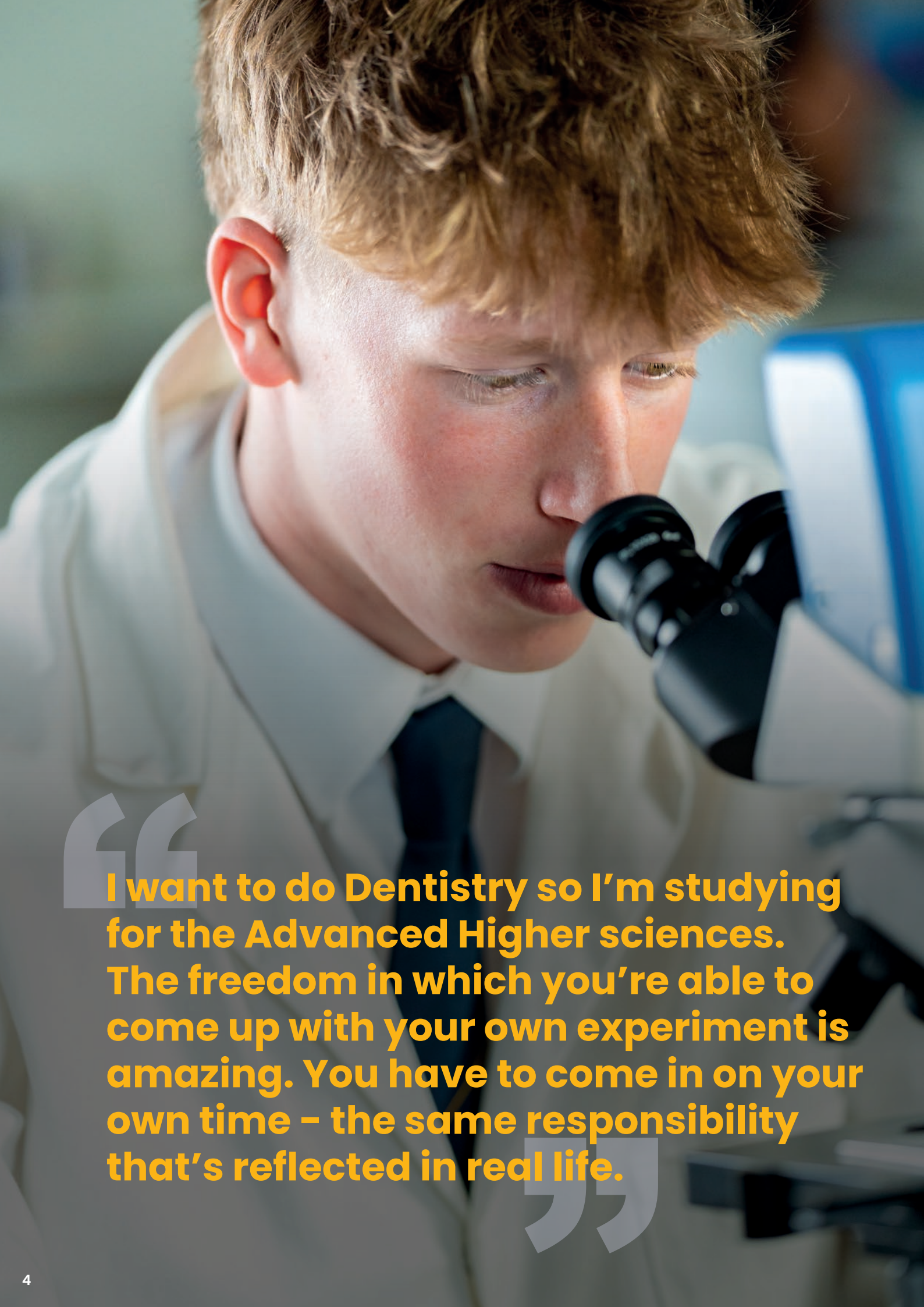
including Senior Prefects,  
Music Prefects, Interact  
Committee leaders, Sports  
Captains, CCF leaders,  
and Wellbeing Prefects

**100%**

**of UCAS applicants in 2026  
have secured a course**

- Dedicated UCAS mentors for **1-2-1 support**
- **Specialist teachers** who know you well and nurture your curiosity. You are not just a number!
- Choose from **23+** Higher, Advanced Higher, National 5 courses and Foundation Apprenticeships
- Access to Abertay and Dundee University **libraries for study**
- **Wide variety** of performance opportunities across each year, building confidence and showcasing talent
- **Confidence to grow** within the safety net of the school community
- **Club-standard** level sports performance at U-18 hockey and rugby
- Academic, pastoral and learning support **tailored for your needs** and aspirations
- **New dedicated Form 6 social space** for 2026-27 session with breakout study zones
- **Positive pathways** beyond school and university support for gap year pupils
- **Global Alumni network** (from Canada to China, Sweden to Singapore) with access to meet-ups, reunions and friends for life

\*The remaining 5% take Gap Years, or opt for work-based training and development.



**I want to do Dentistry so I'm studying for the Advanced Higher sciences. The freedom in which you're able to come up with your own experiment is amazing. You have to come in on your own time – the same responsibility that's reflected in real life.**

# Achieving Excellent Academic Results

All our teachers at Advanced Higher level are specialists in their field.

For many pupils, being able to choose from a wide range of Advanced Highers, with access to facilities like our dedicated Advanced Higher science labs, is instrumental in successful University or College applications. For others, the flexibility of being able to blend Highers and Advanced Highers and combining these with enrichment, co-curricular and leadership roles will help them secure their career pathway of choice.

Where possible we build the timetable around your preferences so that you can reach your onwards goals.

Pupils select up to five subjects from a choice of Advanced Highers, Highers and a few National 5 options. Subjects include:

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Management
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Computing Science
- Drama
- Economics
- Engineering Science
- English
- Geography
- History
- Languages (French, Spanish, German, Mandarin, Latin)
- Maths
- Mechanics
- Modern Studies
- Music
- PE
- Statistics

## Support for Learning

Our specialist Learning Support Team works with pupils who have dyslexia, ADHD, autism, or other needs, providing support, study skills coaching, and exam access arrangements.

## Apprenticeships

Access to Dundee & Angus College Apprenticeships and One Year National Progression Awards are available. Attendance for these courses can be built into your timetable.

Popular courses for next session include Criminology and Psychology.



# University Pathway

**If University is your goal, HSD is the right place for you. We have a superb track record of helping pupils secure university places. And not just university places, but *your university place of choice.***

Recent destinations include top Scottish universities like Edinburgh, St Andrews, Glasgow, Dundee and Aberdeen, and further afield, Durham, Newcastle, UCL, Warwick, and Queen's Belfast.

Most years we have successful applications to Oxford and Cambridge, and we've also supported exciting applications to US universities.

Many achieve places on high tariff courses, but whether it's applications to Medicine, Astrophysics, Marketing or Sports Science, we have an incredible track record of success.

## University Preparation

You will be assigned a UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) tutor for 1-2-1 support in the application process. This includes support and mock interview coaching for Oxbridge, overseas applications and some other specific disciplines where required.

Following on from our one-year enrichment course in Form 5 which prepares pupils for the UCAT, if you are keen to submit a medical application, you will be assigned tutor support in Form 6. There is also the opportunity to run a mock MMI session supported by current Former Pupil Medical students and qualified doctors.

## Results and Destinations

- Year on year, around 95% of our leavers move on to Higher Education across the UK, including some of the UK's hardest-to-get-into universities
- **100% of UCAS applicants in 2025-2026 have secured an offer for their choice of course**



# Exam Results (2025)

At **Higher level**, our pupils achieved a pass rate of

## 91%

National average pass rate **77%**

At **Advanced Higher level**, our pupils achieved a pass rate of

## 91%

National average pass rate **78%**

**50%** achieved an A grade at **Higher**  
**44%** achieved an A grade at **Advanced Higher**

## 100%

of our **2026 UCAS applicants** secured offers for their choice of course

**2025 leaver courses include: Accounting; Business Management; Architecture; Sciences; Engineering; Aeronautical Engineering; Computer Games Technology; Computing Science; Criminology & Sociology; Earth Sciences; Economics; English; Film Studies and Social Anthropology; Social Sciences; Law; Marketing; Mathematics; Medicine; Languages; Naval Architecture with Ocean Engineering; Occupational Therapy; Politics; Product Design; Psychology; Sport & Exercise; Veterinary Medicine**

## Pathway Planning

We actively encourage all pupils to explore a broad range of career pathways, organising:

- Guest speakers across a wide range of sectors including medicine, law, finance, engineering, technology, the arts, and the public sector
- Medical careers evening
- Facilitation of work experience placements
- Industry insight days covering vocations such as engineering, law, journalism, technology companies

- Attendance at Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce network events
- A Careers Portal powered by Unifrog - tracking exploration, recording activity, and supporting applications
- Gap year planning support, including advice on deferral, volunteer programmes, and structured gap years with the offer of university application support for former pupils the following year



Maybe you see your talents more on the 'track' with notable Alumni runner Eilish McColgan or Alumni racing driver Sandy Mitchell for inspiration. See yourself as a budding drama/film producer?

Next time you are singing along to Dignity or Black Horse and the Cherry Tree, know that Ricky Ross and KT Tunstall began their journey here.





# Your F6 Pupil Experience

## Your Timetable

We encourage you to have a full and varied timetable throughout Form 6. In addition to the academic courses that you select, there are weekly PSHE classes and you will have regular 1-2-1 check-ins with your UCAS tutor to support your application process.

The majority of F6 pupils continue to take part in team sports and music programmes. They are also offered the opportunity for any gaps in their timetable to be filled with a wide variety of co-curricular activities, study periods and enrichment opportunities.

## Co-curricular Examples

**20+ music ensembles** and choirs every week. They cover music from ancient to modern, include players of all levels and ages and cater for performers on orchestral, jazz and traditional instruments as well as guitar, voice, pipes and drums. Did you know we are one of only two schools in Scotland to be an ABRSM partner school.

**29 sports activities** including Strength & Conditioning, hockey, netball and rugby training, encouraging F6 participation and F6 pupil support.

**20+ co-curricular activities** ranging from Triathlon Club, CCF, Fencing and Debating through to writing for our pupil-led weekly school magazine, The Columns.

**Multiple trips and expeditions** ranging from visits to local businesses, universities, tourism attractions on our doorstep through to residential trips to China, CCF Camp, Iceland and Japan.

## Enrichment Initiatives

**New for Session 2026-2027 will be a Financial Literacy course designed to ensure F6 pupils leave school with short and long-term financial planning:**

- **Saving - building wealth and resilience**
- **Risk and Insurance - managing risk and protecting assets**
- **Borrowing and Saving - achieving balance**
- **Financial Planning - goal setting**

**Some other enrichment examples include:**

- Dundee & Angus College Foundation Apprenticeships
- Future Assets, Wharton Global High School Investment Competition
- F6 Young STEM Leaders Award (incl. collaboration with a school in Virginia USA)
- Allied Health & Medical Society
- Law Society
- Model United Nations
- Expanding Horizons
- In-School music lessons
- Physics Olympiad
- Duke of Edinburgh (Gold)
- Sports Coaching
- Lifeguard Training
- First Aid Training
- An introduction to CAD (Computer Aided Design)
- Peer to peer and Junior Years support
- Volunteering





## Leadership Opportunities

Leadership is at the heart of the Form 6 experience. We believe every pupil has the capacity to lead – and we create the conditions for that leadership to flourish. Our leadership framework gives Form 6 pupils genuine responsibility and real impact. Over 35 leadership opportunities include responsibilities for areas such as:

- Senior Prefects, (Heads of School, House Captains, alongside Deputies)
- Interact Committee (President & Senior Committee members)
- Music Captains (Instrumental Music, Choirs, Pupil Pipe Major)
- Sports Captains (across each of our sports)
- CCF Leadership roles
- Wellbeing Prefects (Rights Respecting, Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP))

## Pastoral & Wellbeing Support

Every Form 6 pupil is assigned a dedicated Pastoral Care & Support Teacher, offering weekly PSHE and regular 1:1 check-ins. These teachers track academic progress, wellbeing, and co-curricular engagement and are the essential link between school and home for families too.

In addition to PC&S Support, F6 pupils also have access to services at our Wellbeing Hub and counsellor to ensure you feel supported throughout.

By providing a nurturing supportive environment and promoting emotional resilience we help you to find a balance between academic study and personal growth in other areas of interest.

## House System

Our House System provides a strong community across all year groups. Form 6 pupils play a vital leadership role in their House, fostering belonging, identity, and cross-school relationships. Whether you are in Lindores, Wallace, Airlie or Aystree you can help your 'house' to secure points with the winners announced at Prizegiving at the end of Session in June.

# The Form 6 Calendar Highlights

A rich calendar of events across F6 and beyond help to create memories, build bonds, and mark key milestones as part of your F6 experience.

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## Autumn Term

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- Orientation activities
- Timetable building in consultation with your PCS Teacher and Form 6 Coordinator
- Course drop in sessions
- UCAS mentor matching
- Start of leadership roles
- Guest speaker programme launch
- Co-curricular Fair
- F5-6 Christmas Ceilidh
- UCAS Guidance Week
- Music performances including Winter Concert; Nine Lessons & Carols (St Pauls)
- Sports Awards Dinner

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## Spring Term

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- Prelim Exams
- Course drop in sessions
- Music performances including Spring Concert
- Sports Awards Dinner

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## Summer Term

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- Qualifications Scotland Exams
- Enrichment programme
- Biannual Musical
- Music performances
- Sports Awards Dinner
- Leavers Day
- Prizegiving (Caird Hall)
- End of Year Service
- F6 Leavers Ball
- Leavers BBQ

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## Recent Leavers (0-5 years)

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- Results day summer support with applications (support for gap year pupils)
- Alumni network events invitation
- September – annual alumni reunion (celebrating decade anniversaries)
- November – Dundee and London alumni dinners
- December – Welcome back event in Trinity Hall before Nine Lessons & Carols Service



**F6 has been my favourite year.  
I feel like I have really been able  
to figure out what I want to do  
and what I'm best at.**



# The Form 6 Experience

Form 6 is where Senior Years become something more. It is the culmination of a journey – academic, personal and social – and the place where our pupils step fully into who they are becoming. With smaller class sizes, deeper relationships with staff and a culture that genuinely values every individual, Form 6 offers an experience that is both stretching and supportive.

Our Form 6 pupils take on real responsibility: mentoring younger members of the school community, leading teams and societies,

and contributing to the life of the school in ways that matter. Alongside rigorous academic pathways and outstanding university guidance, they develop the resilience, independence and self-awareness that will serve them long after they leave us. Whether their talent lies on a pitch, a stage, a track or a page, every pupil in Form 6 is encouraged to pursue it with ambition – and to carry those values into whatever comes next.



Hockey has been at the heart of my school life, and in Form 6 that journey reached a new level. Representing the school, leading by example on and off the pitch, and helping to build a team culture where everyone feels valued – those experiences have shaped the way I think about leadership entirely. The dedication it takes to compete at a high level and keep on top of your studies teaches you more about yourself than you expect.

Beyond sport, Form 6 has opened doors I didn't know were there. Wider enrichment, community involvement, university preparation – it all comes together in a way that feels purposeful rather than pressured. I've found my voice here. I know what I stand for, and I know I'm leaving with the skills, the relationships and the confidence to go and do something worthwhile.

– Anna

I joined the Senior Years knowing I loved music and sport, but I never imagined how much those passions would shape my time here. Playing rugby has taught me things no classroom could – how to lead under pressure, how to trust the people beside you, and how to pick yourself up when things don't go your way. Music has been the other side of that coin; it's where I go to find focus and express something that words can't quite reach.

In Form 6 I've had the opportunity to captain, to mentor younger pupils, and to perform at school events I'll remember for the rest of my life. The relationships I've built with peers, with teachers who genuinely know who you are, have made all the difference. I leave here not just with grades, but with a real sense of what I'm capable of.

– Jaydn





Running has always been part of who I am but Form 6 is where I learned to run towards something. Having the support of coaches, friends and staff who genuinely invest in your goals changes everything. When you're training early mornings and balancing coursework, you learn discipline and time management fast, and you realise those skills carry into everything else.

Form 6 gave me leadership responsibilities that pushed me beyond my comfort zone in the best way. Mentoring younger students, contributing to school life, and being trusted to help shape the community here has been something I'm immensely proud of. I've grown in confidence, in resilience, and in my understanding of what I want from the future. The people here believed in me, and that belief became my own.

**- Favour**

There's something special about walking the same corridors your family walked before you. But Form 6 isn't about carrying on a tradition - it's a chance to make your own mark within it.

Academically, I've been challenged to think independently, to question ideas and to pursue subjects I'm genuinely passionate about, supported by teachers who match that enthusiasm.

What I'll take with me goes far beyond results. The ability to manage my own learning, to collaborate with people with different perspectives and grow in confidence - these are the real gifts of Form 6. More than anything, I feel ready for what's to come next.

**- Zara**





# Want to learn more?

Check out the F6 section on our website for more information, or if you are new to the school, please get in touch with the Admissions Team to arrange a chat about how our F6 experience might be a great fit for you!

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