

LAUNCESTON Sixth

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WELCOME From the Principal



Welcome to **Launceston College**, and in particular, Launceston Sixth. We offer a fantastic academic post-16 programme that builds on our successes in years 7 – 11. As a college, we seek to provide an education that is full of success, joy, positivity and ambition. This ambition is typified by our commitment to *exceptional teaching, exceptional experience*.

We pride ourselves on delivering exceptional teaching in the classroom. Our impressive academic results speak volumes about the quality of our provision. In 2025, we achieved an average grade B at A level with almost 40% of grades at A or A*. Additionally, our A level progress score ranks us as the number one provider in Devon and Cornwall, and eighteenth nationally. This in turn supports our students in accessing some of the most prestigious and competitive University courses, apprenticeships and career opportunities following their time at the college. We want

all students to feel this success, dream big for what they can achieve and enjoy the wonderful opportunities we have to offer all students. Our expert teachers deliver exceptional teaching at A level, supported by access to independent study programmes such as *UpLearn* as a core part of our student learning experience. This teaching and learning takes place across the college campus, including in our dedicated Sixth Form block and supervised independent study rooms.

We hope that you will be encouraged to visit us and see for yourself our incredible lessons, student experiences and dedication of our staff to our college and community. Our students are consistently warm, welcoming and friendly in their interactions with each other, staff and visitors, so we hope to be able to see you soon.

Mr Matthew Thompson
Principal



WELCOME Head of Launceston Sixth



At **Launceston Sixth**, we are proud to offer exceptional learning and an exceptional experience. Our Sixth Form is a place where ambition thrives – where every student is challenged, supported, and inspired to achieve their very best.

We are committed to driving outstanding academic outcomes and nurturing a culture of independent excellence. Our students take pride in their learning, developing the study habits, self-motivation, and resilience that lead to success at A level and beyond. With sky-high attendance and a relentless focus on progress, our students consistently demonstrate what can be achieved through commitment, determination, and high aspirations.

In addition, our pride extends to the exceptional experience we offer our students. Opportunities beyond the classroom are wide and extensive, and range from completing the arduous outdoor challenge of the *Welsh Three Peaks* to competing in the renowned *Bar Mock Trial* competition. Our Scholar's Pathways

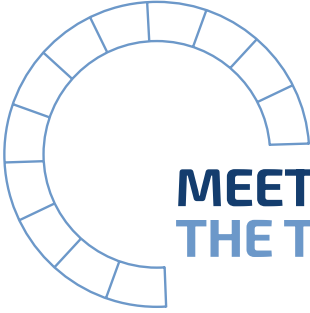
provision for liberal arts, STEM and medicine students, also provide many super-curricular opportunities.

Whether your goal is to achieve top grades, gain entry to a leading university, or pursue a rewarding apprenticeship, we encourage all our students to dream big. Our expert teachers, personalised support, and broad range of enrichment opportunities ensure that every student experiences success both inside and outside the classroom.

At Launceston Sixth, high quality pastoral support lies at the heart of what we do. Our dedicated team is always on hand to offer guidance and care, ensuring that every student feels valued, understood, and supported to reach their full potential both academically and personally.

We look forward to welcoming you and supporting you as you take the next step in your journey.

Miss Leah Davey
Head of Launceston Sixth



MEET THE TEAM



Leah Davey
Head of
Launceston Sixth

Leah brings extensive experience in both academic and pastoral leadership to her role as Head of Launceston Sixth. With a background in teaching psychology and history, she combines a deep understanding of rigorous academic standards with the ability to engage and inspire students across a range of subjects.

Leah has excellent expertise in supporting student wellbeing, building strong relationships, and guiding young people to reach their full potential – both academically and personally. This experience translates directly into her leadership of Launceston Sixth, where she is committed to creating an environment that challenges, supports, and nurtures every student.

A dedicated member of the local community, Leah has a strong allegiance to Launceston Sixth and is passionate about helping students thrive during this pivotal stage of their education.



Ms Louise French
Sixth Form Pastoral
Support Worker

Ms Louise French is dedicated to helping students reach their full potential and achieve their “dream big” aspirations. Based in Room 16, the Sixth Form's independent study space, she supports students in developing effective study habits, managing their time, and overcoming academic, pastoral, and emotional challenges. Louise is kind, approachable, and a supportive member of the Sixth Form team.

With over twenty years of experience in education, primarily as an Art teacher, Louise has worked with a wide range of ages and abilities. She takes great pride in seeing students grow into happy, motivated, and resilient young adults.

Louise recognises that excellent attendance is key to success and works closely with students and families to maintain high attendance and feel a strong connection to Launceston Sixth.



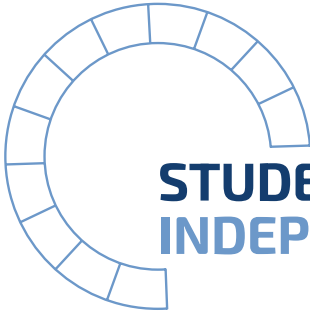
STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation of our sixth form provides students with an enviable working environment and provides a focused atmosphere during the working day and a comfortable place to relax during breaks. Our local setting means students spend less time commuting and more time focusing on their studies. Many of our students take advantage of our extended opening hours from 07.30 to 17.30.

We take pride in fostering a vibrant study culture centred on the success and wellbeing of our pupils. We utilise *Uplearn* for STEM subjects, an exceptional online study platform that delivers structured, high-quality independent revision tailored to individual needs. Our commitment to excellence is further demonstrated through personalised 1:1 support from Mrs French, ensuring each student receives the attention and guidance they deserve. We create an encouraging and motivating environment, providing clear direction and robust support, reflecting our genuine investment in the academic and personal growth of every pupil.

In addition, we also have a bright and comfortable common room for our students to take advantage of on their breaks between lessons and study periods.






STUDENT INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Post-16 study marks a significant transition for students as they prepare for university, apprenticeships, or the workplace. Students study fewer subjects compared to earlier school years, specialising in A levels and typically choosing subjects that align with their future career or university goals.

Period 6 is a well established part of our timetable in the Sixth Form and we are proud that this has allowed us to invest in being able to offer nearly all students five taught hours a week for each subject as part of our exceptional teaching offer. Students are supported to achieve independence in their learning by having their study periods timetabled in one of our dedicated study rooms. This allows students to complete more of their work whilst they are on-site, giving them time to enjoy their free time away from Sixth Form.





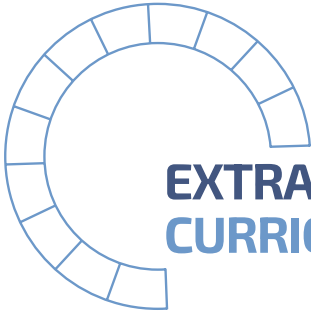
SUPER CURRICULAR

Super-curricular activities, those activities which give students the chance to research beyond the scope of the courses they study, and are exemplified by our new Scholars Pathways.

Our three pathways; Medic, STEM and Liberal Arts are designed to provide students with a flexible and supportive academic journey, tailored to their individual aspirations and talents. Through a combination of core academic studies and specialised enrichment opportunities, students can explore various disciplines and career pathways



while receiving personalised guidance from experienced mentors. The program emphasises critical thinking, creativity, and leadership, preparing students not only for academic success but also for meaningful contributions to their communities and future careers. With a focus on holistic development, the Launceston Sixth Scholars Pathways program equips students with the skills and confidence needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.



EXTRA CURRICULAR

In the Sixth Form, social and extra-curricular activities like the *Welsh Three Peaks Challenge* and the *Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)* provide students with opportunities to bond, develop teamwork skills, and build their confidence and leadership abilities. These kinds of activities also add a meaningful layer to Sixth Form life beyond academics.

The end of each term is often celebrated in Sixth Form with a variety of themed events and activities that help create a festive atmosphere and bring our student community together.





HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS



Archie's experience at our Sixth Form

"My experience within our Sixth Form has been 100% positive. The decision that I had to make by the end of Year 11 was made easy by the opportunities presented by Launceston College. I entered Year 12 with support that has stayed consistent over the past year – support which has allowed me to achieve good grades in all my subjects, complete my UCAS application with relative ease, all while being able to maintain a stable work/life balance.

In addition to the impeccable academic environment that is fostered at Launceston Sixth, the school has allowed for me to explore super-curricular activity that has made my University applications



Archie

simpler and more fluid: from the Debate Club, to the Mock Bar Trial, to the amazing Aspire Sessions which have given me Oxbridge level Interview preparation.

The calm and concentrated atmosphere that is maintained by both students and staff highlights why I love Launceston Sixth. I am not a naturally organised individual, so the ability to enter a study session with a clear and focused mindset has allowed for me to perform to the best of my ability".



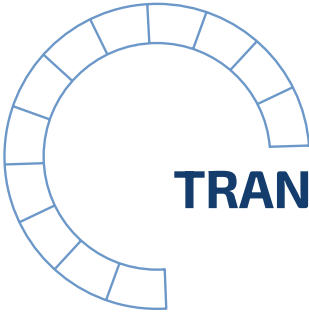
Abi's experience at our Sixth Form

"At Launceston Sixth, you'll find yourself in a close community that wants to see you succeed. The structure and guidance in place helps you build your confidence in your studies, keeping you motivated to work hard."

"I think the best thing about our sixth form is the teachers; small class sizes and continuous support means that they're always there for you, whether you need help through a topic or advice on your UCAS application."

"I also love how involved in super-curricular study our sixth form is – I've been to talks by physicists, engineers, doctors, lawyers and more! Which have helped me explore future careers and university courses".





TRANSITIONS

How are we different from Year 11?

Launceston Sixth is a transformative experience on your learning journey. Treated as adults from the outset we scaffold your evolution from a GCSE student into an independent and resourceful scholar. There is no uniform and in the same way as staff, you are required to wear a personalised lanyard, which grants access on and off the site.

Exceptional teaching is just a part of our offer at Launceston Sixth; small classes led by expert subject specialists encourage discussion and debate. With support always available, our independent, structured study puts you fully in control of the responsibility to take your learning to the next level and beyond!







YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

Choosing our Launceston Sixth is a decision that opens doors to a wide range of exciting futures, whether you're aiming for university or seeking a coveted apprenticeship. Previous exceptional A level results are a testament to the opportunities that await you here.

Pathways to University

Our students' hard work and dedication have led to outstanding achievements, with almost 40% of grades at A*–A grades. These results have secured places at top universities for many of our students:

- **Seth Taopo** – studying Medicine at Brighton University
- **Isabella Goodman** – studying Agriculture at Hartpury University
- **Reuben Wendon** – studying Physics at Bristol University
- **Stevie Wadland** – studying Drama at Falmouth University
- **Matthew Crockford** – studying Maths at Exeter University
- **Zara Drew** – studying Veterinary Nursing at South Wales University.

These success stories highlight the academic excellence and support you can

expect at our Sixth Form, paving the way for your university aspirations.

Pathways to Apprenticeships

For those looking to enter the workforce while continuing their education, our Sixth Form provides a strong foundation for securing competitive apprenticeships. Our students have a strong history of securing placements in prestigious degree apprenticeships:

- **Theo Sapelkin-Tambling** earned a place with *MBDA* by achieving an A* in EPQ and three A grades in physics, chemistry, and maths.
- **Oliver Dawson** secured an incredible opportunity with *Babcock* at Hinkley Point, marking the start of an exciting career with a degree apprenticeship.

Launceston Sixth not only prepares students for university but also provides the skills and qualifications needed to thrive in the competitive world of apprenticeships.



ADMISSIONS

Admissions to Launceston Sixth

Find our application form under the Sixth Form tab on the Launceston College website. Choose the appropriate form based on your current school.

After submitting your application, we'll guide you through to the initial interview process and discuss your post-16 plans with you. Conditional offers will then be sent out and we will keep in touch throughout the rest of Year 11 before

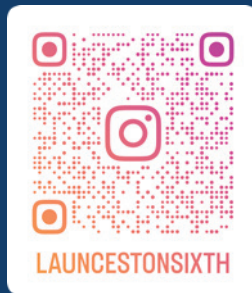
inviting you to our exciting *induction day* in the summer term.

Enrolment to the Launceston Sixth will be on GCSE results day for the majority of students. Final checks on your preferred courses will be made in light of the GCSE grades that you have achieved.

You will then be ready to start your journey with us.



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