

"Students in the Sixth Form study a wide range of interesting subjects. They receive strong advice and guidance to prepare them well for the next steps in their education or employment."

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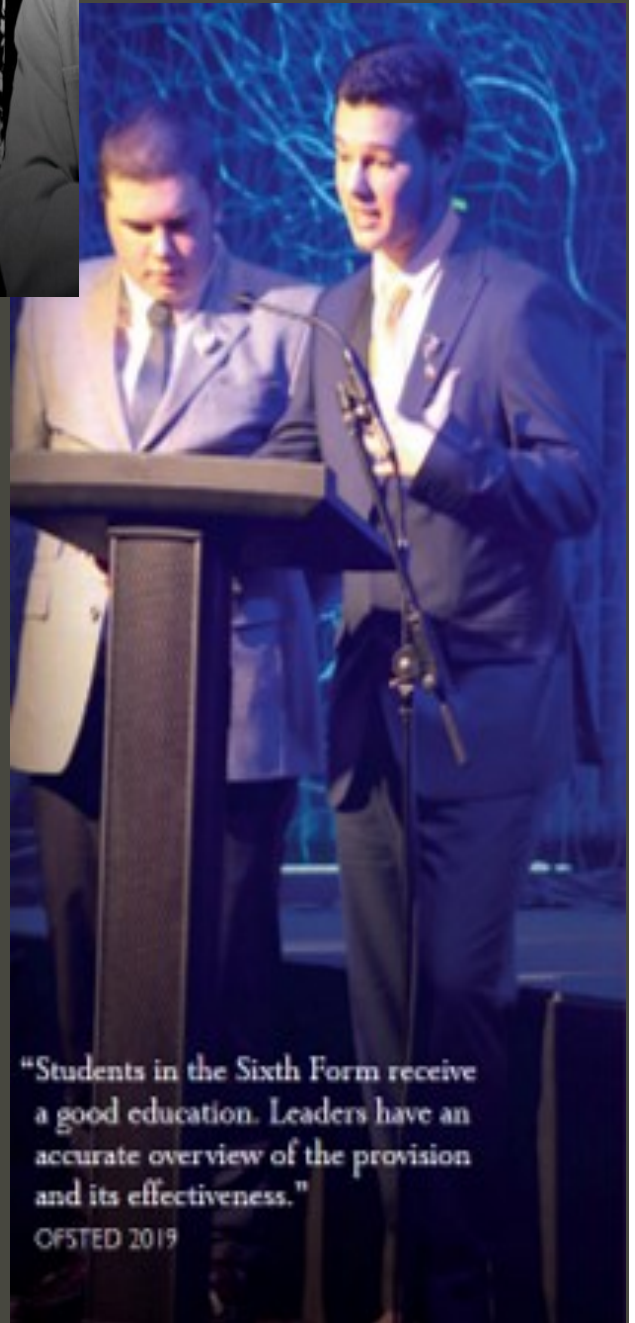


**SANDWICH
TECHNOLOGY
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Sixth Form

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**OPEN EVENING
6th November
2025**



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Welcome to Sandwich Technology School .

We challenge and stretch our young adults to learn more about their chosen areas of specialism through a wide variety of A level and BTEC qualifications .We support them to gain confidence and the independent learning skills that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. We nurture them to safeguard their well-being to help them to develop resilience.

We are an ambitious sixth form who are always looking at ways to help our students achieve their full potential in their chosen pathways. Our Sixth Form is welcoming environment where students feel able to grow into well rounded young adults through the variety of experiences and relationships they make in their time with us. It is a pleasure to see each student discover more about who they are on their journey though year 12 and 13. We continue to see our number of external applicants and these students settle quickly into our school community. The mental health and well being of our students extremely important to us and students are supported with this both through the guidance of our sixth form team and through access to our specialist counsellors.

How to Apply

All applications from internal and external students are welcome.

- Applicants should apply through the Kent Choices website at www.kentchoices.co.uk.
- The entry requirements for each subject is detailed on both the Kent Choices website and in our course information booklet found via the Sixth Form area of our website (www.sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk/210/prospectus-sixth-form).
- Should you miss the deadline for applications, please make contact once GCSE results are known in August. This can be done by coming to the school before 1pm on results day or by emailing sixthformanswers@sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk.
- Further information on applying to our Sixth form can be found at www.sandwich-tech/sch/uk/632/sixth-form-admissions-2026

Entry Requirements

Level 3 Pathway

To study three Level 3 qualifications students must have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above Students must have a minimum of a Grade 4 in Mathematics and one of their English qualifications.

Students who wish to study four Level 3 qualifications must have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 7 or above.

All students wishing to follow this pathway must also meet the entry requirements for each course as stated in our course information booklet.

Level 2 Pathway

Students wishing to follow the Level 2 Transition year must achieve 5 GCSE's at grade 3 or above and a grade 4 or higher in either Mathematics or English.

Aside from a meeting with our Careers Advisor Mrs Rooke, all internal students will receive an interview in March with a leading staff member to discuss their choices and applications. This meeting is to give guidance and support students in meeting their goals.

All external applicants will receive an interview slot from March with one of the Sixth Form team.

It is important that students carefully consider the course details for each of the subjects and explore the entry criteria. We encourage all apply for the subjects they have an interest in and look at how these subject combinations may impact on any Higher Education or career decisions (www.informedchoices.ac.uk).

Post 16 Induction

We recommend that all students who have applied should attend our induction days on the 22rd June to the 23th June 2026(TBC). This will be a chance to get a real insight into what students should expect from their time at Sixth Form. Our subject teachers will be delivering lessons exactly as applicants will experience in September but also give a real insight into each subject beyond the curriculum. Students will also be able to meet with the 6th Form Team and spend time with their future classmates. Students will be expected to attend from 9:00 - 15:30 and should remain on site all day. On arrival students will be provided with a timetable to follow for these days.

Expectations

As students move from key stage 4 to 5 there will be different demands on each student. As the students move into year 12 they will be required to become independent learners and will be expected to assume a greater responsibility for themselves.

Students are required to study a minimum three subjects at A-level . Students may also be selected to apply to study the Extended Project (EPQ) as an additional qualification. Further information on this will be provided to students during term 2. There is an expectation that students complete an additional 5 hours of additional learning for each subject minimum outside of the classroom. Students should also have folders for each of the courses they are studying (where appropriate) providing resources they can use to revise for assessments.

Students may use the Sixth Form Study Centre in school from 8am until 5pm. There is also access to the school library and restaurant during students study periods to suit all student preferred learning environment. Many of our students take advantage of this opportunity to find quiet places to study and complete their independent learning.

Employment

As a school we do not discourage students from undertaking part time employment, as it does in fact provide excellent employability skills. However this should not be at the detriment to their school work and we do not recommend that students work more than 10 hours each week. Research as shown that working more than this can cost students one grade per subject at the end of their courses.

Work Experience

Students undertake a week of work experience during late June of 2027 (dates to be confirmed). All students following the level 3 pathway will be expected to participate. We encourage students to seek out and find these positions themselves that is either related to their chosen career or that will give them necessary skills for any future employment. Many of our students also found other opportunities for work experience during the school holidays.

Volunteering

We have many opportunities for students to support both the school and local communities and welcome students who have ideas around how they would like to add the programmes we already have in place. Year 12 form groups also select a community project they would like to work on as a group that they feel would benefit those around them.

Destinations

Throughout their time in our Sixth Form students receive a wide range of information in order for them to make an informed decision about their future. Our students follow a range of pathways after completing their level 3 courses such as go on to University, Apprenticeships, Direct Employment or taking a Gap Year. Students will meet with our careers advisor to help support them with their future options as well as outside speakers and university outreach opportunities provided to make sure all students questions are answered. University open days will be promoted and advertised to students in our weekly careers bulletin (sent out each week by Mrs Rooke) and our Instagram account which is run by one of our year 13 students each year.



Our Sixth Form team wishes you all the best with your year 11 studies and applications for post 16 and look forward to meeting you at our Open Evening and welcoming you as a student in September 2026.

Post 16 Application Process



September

Year 11 Information Evening.

October

Year 11 students are introduced to www.kentchoices.com.
Post 16 open evening - 6th November 2025 18:00 to 20:00

November

Kent Choices applications open end of November 2025

December

Careers meetings will take place with Mrs Rooke our careers advisor with each year 11 student

January

Year 11 Q and A session with current Sixth Form Students
Mid January 2026

March

All year 11 students have 1 to 1 meetings with a senior member of staff to discuss destinations and interviews for internal applicant. External applicants receive interviews. Conditional offers sent after Kent choices closes on 31st March.

May

GCSE examinations commence

June

Sixth Form Induction Days—22nd and 23rd June 2026

August

GCSE results published—20th August 2026.
Sixth Form enrolment takes place on GCSE results day.

September

1st day of Sixth Form— September 2026 (date tbc). Students have a talk with Sixth Form team in the restaurant.

Subjects and Entry Requirements



All of the information on the courses we are offering next year can be found in our school website in our Course Information 2025/2026 booklet (www.sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk/210/prospectus-sixth-form).

Below is a summary of each of these subjects entry requirements beyond those you need to enter our Sixth Form.

Course	Entry Requirement
Applied Science	A Science at grade 4
Art and Design	An Art subject at grade 4 or above
Textiles	An Art subject at grade 4 or above
Biology	Combined Science or Biology at a grade 6-6 or above. Mathematics at a grade 5 or above
Business	No Extra requirements
Chemistry	Combined Science or Chemistry at a grade 6-6 or above. Mathematics at a grade 5 or above
Computing	No Extra requirements
Product Design	Maths at grade 4 or above
English Literature	English Language or Literature at Grade 6 or above
Film Studies	English/Film or Media at grade 5 or above
Geography	Geography at grade 6 or above
Health and Social Care	No extra requirements
History	History at grade 6 or above
Mathematics	Mathematics at grade 7 or above (Core Maths is available with an entry requirement of a 4 but must be taken along side 3 other A levels)
Media Studies	English/Film or Media at grade 5 or above
Performing Arts	An Art subject at grade 4 or above
Photography	An Art subject at grade 4 or above
Physics	Combined Science or Chemistry at a grade 6-6 or above. Mathematics at a grade 5 or above
Politics	English at a grade 6 or above
Psychology	English and Science at grade 5 or above
Religious Studies	English at a grade 6 or above and Maths at a grade 5 or above
Sociology	English at grade 5 or above
Sport	Science at grade 4 or above

Transition Pathway



We are proud of the breadth of opportunities that are available to our Sixth Form students. Our curriculum offer recognises that some students need further time and support to broaden their Level 2 range of qualifications before they are ready to realise their potential and study Level 3 courses.

Our Transition Year allows students to study a suite of new and exciting GCSE courses during Year 12. These courses vary each year but are always courses we do not offer during Key Stage 4. These course will equip students with the depth of understanding and knowledge required to progress to A Level, Applied courses or even Apprenticeships in Years 13 and 14.

All students who undertake the Transition year will either take resit English or resit Mathematics long side 3 other GCSE courses.

Volunteering



- **Foodbank**— This is run by our year 12 volunteers who organise a twice yearly collection from students across the whole school.
- **Environmental committee**—A selection of year 12 students who are looking for ways that the school can be more environmentally conscious from rewilding areas of the school to looking at ways to improve recycling.
- **Reader Leader** – This is a national initiative where students are trained to support younger students in their reading. Year 12 students lead reading with students from the lower school to help improve their reading skills.
- **Dementia Friends**—Year 12/13 student volunteers visit the memory café (Age UK) in Sandwich. During this time they get the opportunity to speak to a variety of people who either have Dementia or who are supporting family members with Dementia.
- **Age UK**—Collections made by year 12 students
- **Student Library monitors**—Students from our year 12 help within the library ranging from helping students to choose books to monitoring the entrance of students in and out of the library.
- **Buddie Buddies Mentoring**—Students from year 12 and 13 mentor students from KS3 in small groups. Students who participate in this are creating conversations and relationships with some of our quieter students in the school.
- **Re-wilding**—Year 12 and 13 students looking at ways to create more wildlife within our pond area.
- **DDC Dementia Tag Initiative**—This is anew initiative created by KCC in regards to Dementia tags within the community. Students from both years can participate in this.

We are always welcoming new ideas from our students on possible different volunteering projects and encourage students to seek their own volunteering and work experience that can also link in to the careers they wish to follow.

External Applicants



If you are currently an external student and wish to apply to Sandwich Technology School for a September 2025 start, you will need to apply online through Kent Choices at [Young People and Parents | KentChoices \(kentprospectus.co.uk\)](https://www.kentchoices.co.uk) .

If you currently attend a school in Kent you will be issued a username and password that will be shared with you by your school. This will enable you to register your account.

If you attend a school outside of Kent you will still be able to apply to us through this website by registering an account .

Step 1

Go to the Young People and Parents section of the website if you have not gone through the link above then click on the purple “ create an account” button. Choose from the options to start creating a new account.

Step 2

A username and password will then be provided for you.

Step 3

Use your new username and password to login to your account and make an online application. We encourage students to make their applications as soon as possible.

Step 4

The school will then contact you after the deadline date for applications and invite you for an interview. This will be the end of term 4 (March/April) .

If you have any questions please contact us at SixthFormAnswers@sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk



Sixth Form Contract



In choosing to enrol as a member of STS Sixth Form I am agreeing to the following:

- I will attend school on a daily basis between the hours of 9am and 3:30pm
- I will inform school on the first day of any absence to explain my absence. I will either contact the Sixth Form office on 01304 610070 or email Mark.Shenton@Sandwich-Tech.kent.sch.uk and I will provide a doctor's note/parental letter or email so my absence can be authorised.
- I will arrange holidays, medical and other private appointments e.g. driving lessons after school hours or during the school holidays. If I attend a doctors, dentist or other medical appointment during school hours I will be required to provide proof of this appointment via letter /email in order for my absence to be authorised.
- I will arrive punctually for all registrations, assemblies and lessons. If these expectations are not met then I will be required to stay on site for all non-contact period and may be required to stay behind for intervention sessions after school.
- I will use timetabled periods of private study to work on assignments, for background reading and research in ways which will improve my chances of academic success.
- I will work with the necessary commitment to complete assignments by the required deadlines and to a standard that reflects my personal target grade. If these expectations are not met then I will be required to stay on site for all non-contact period and may be required to stay behind for intervention sessions after school.
- Students are expected to commit to a minimum of 5 additional hours of work per subject per week outside of lesson time.
- I will complete the courses that I enrol upon or, if a change is absolutely necessary I will consult Head of Sixth Form who will advise me as to the correct procedure which I will then follow.
- I understand that if I fail to complete a course or fail to submit coursework within the deadlines, the school reserves the right to request payment for examination entries. In addition, if an attendance level of 85% is not achieved, the school reserves the right to request payment for examination entries.
- I will abide by the sixth form dress code at all stages of the school year. I understand the importance of dressing smartly within a school environment and therefore if I do not follow this required dress code I am aware I will be sent home.
- I understand that whilst part time employment brings benefits, I will limit the number of hours per week, to 10 hours or less as any more is likely to have a detrimental effect on my academic grades.

Sixth Form Dress Code



The school aim is to prepare our students for all aspects of life beyond Sandwich Technology School. Whilst we value individuality, students and parents /carers need to recognise that appropriate dress, along with basic etiquette, are common requirements in the workplace and professional settings.

Below are our minimum expectations:

Tops – No spaghetti straps (or straps that are less than two inches) unless covered by a jacket or a top. No tops which are strapless, low cut, see through or revealing midriffs (**No Midriffs are to be shown**). All tops must cover shoulders and chest. No clothing with offensive / inappropriate slogans or images is permitted.

Trousers/shorts/skirts– Coloured denim is permissible. No ripped or torn garments are allowed. Skirts should not be too short; the ideal length is just above the knee. Clothing should not restrict movement nor should it prevent a task from being undertaken with dignity. Shorts for any gender are permitted but must be above the knee and should be **tailored**.

Sportswear – For those studying sport subjects only. Otherwise, no football shirts are allowed. Track-suit material bottoms, flannel joggers or shorts **are not permitted**. No cycling shorts are to be worn

Tights and leggings – Tights should be plain in design with no visible deliberate rips. Leggings should be plain in colour and be covered by a long top/tunic or dress.

Footwear –Heel heights over 3 inches (8 cm) or flip flops are not allowed.

Safeguarding – No hats or hoods are to be worn whilst in the school buildings and should be removed upon entry.

Hair – Hair should be of a natural colour, any students with extreme colours or styles of hair will be asked to remove or change it.

Specific Subjects – Some subjects may have their own dress requirement for safety reasons (i.e. closed toed shoes in the science rooms), please check with your teachers and follow these.

The Dress Code will be monitored and sanctions will be put in place if a student persistently fails to meet the conditions of the Dress Code. In extreme cases students will be sent home to change if they are dressed inappropriately for the school environment.

Given the constantly evolving nature of fashion, Sandwich Technology School reserves the right to add to these requirements and determine that particular items are not appropriate. students are expected to exercise mature judgement in their choices. In instances of uncertainty, a member of the Sixth Form team should be consulted in advance.

Year 12 Key Events



Term	Events /Milestones
Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students start create a portfolio/folder of each of their subjects. • Year 6 Open Evening • Sign up for community projects in form and around the school
Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Summer School applications open. • Outside speaks for Higher Education • Students Selected for the EPQ programme ready to start at Easter • Sixth Form Open Evening and Celebration of Achievement evening.
Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment 1 and reports sent home • Deadline date for Summer Schools • Exams for Applied Courses (BTEC) • Year 12 Parents Evening
Term 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with Head of Year around first report and destinations • Resits for some Applied courses • Meetings with Mrs Rooke (Careers advisor)
Term 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprenticeship talks • University Fair • Students set up accounts for UCAS hub during form. • Destination meetings with Head of Year • Exams for Applied courses and transition students.
Term 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment 2 and reports sent home • Interviews for Student Leadership • University Information Evening for Parents on Student Finance • Work Experience • Future First— Careers conference • Personal Statement writing for those applying to Oxford/Cambridge or any medical/veterinary course. • Research Universities and Apprenticeships via UCAS HUB • Research and Attend Open Days • Summer School residentials commence

Year 13 Key Events



Term	Events /Milestones
Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCAS deadline is 15 October for Oxbridge/ Medicine/Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine • Assessment 1 and reports sent home • Students begin drafting personal statements. • References are written and applications can start to be submitted.
Term 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend university open days • Parents Evening • UCAS application process supported by Head of Sixth Form
Term 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCAS deadline 29 January 2025 • Reports home • Assessment 2
Term 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb—UCAS extra opens for those who have not received offers. • March—Students Finance opens • Meetings with HEAD OF Year for support • Examination style assessments in the hall
Term 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCAS – June 6th -Students reply to their Firm and Insurance offers • Parents Evening • Public Level 3 exams • May—Student Finance Deadline
Term 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Level 3 exams • Prom and leavers day
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 13 results day and UCAS/offers and clearing