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PROSPECTUS

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'Equipping you with the skills for life, work and learning.'

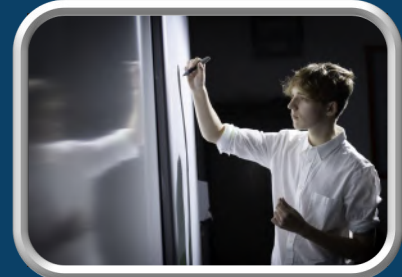
Unique and
challenging learning
environment



Highly
qualified,
dedicated and
experienced staff

Exciting
enrichment
opportunities

Designated
study area &
food/drink
outlet

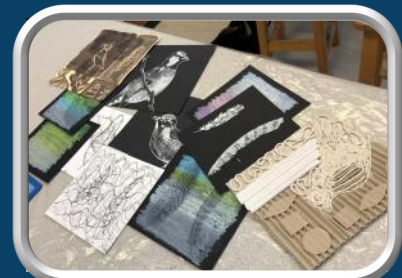


Extensive Post
18
Pathways
workshops

Student run
social
committee

Supporting the wider
community
through our
House system

"Students excel in
their academic
achievement and
personal
development."



Dedicated
pastoral
support



25 subjects
on offer

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Welcome to Charters Sixth Form

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We are delighted that you are interested in joining the Sixth Form at Charters.

We hope the prospectus will help you to decide to join us as we believe that academic challenge, specialist guidance and excellent enrichment opportunities will help you to gain the knowledge and skills you will need for the next stage of your life after leaving us in 2025.

Along with the class teaching, which is of the highest standards, the Sixth Formers develop their skills for life, their spirit of independence and their sense of community.

Our spacious, Sixth Form area provides a lively yet focused environment for learning. Along with the academic areas for work, The Durning Room and specialist teaching facilities, there are social spaces and quiet places for relaxation and a common room with a café to catch up with friends.

To help bridge the gap between being at school and becoming a university student or apprentice, every Sixth Former is encouraged to take on responsibilities inside and outside the school. We run the PiXL Edge programme too for this very reason. We also encourage our students to support the school and local community.

From the first days of Year 12, we encourage you to think about what you want to achieve in higher education and beyond, so we can help you plan the best way to fulfil your goals. We support you every step of the way, encouraging, challenging and helping you to develop the personal strengths and learning skills which will set you up on your journey through life.

The Sixth Form team are highly experienced and dedicated to providing every possible opportunity for our students and supporting them in the decisions they have to make around UCAS and higher-level apprenticeships. In joining us in 2023, you will be well supported in your journey towards the next stage of your life.

We look forward to welcoming you into the Sixth Form in September.

Mr John Fletcher
Headteacher



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Welcome to Charters Sixth Form

As Head of Charters Sixth Form I have the pleasure of supporting and challenging our students to ensure that they can achieve their future aspirations. Our Sixth Form vision is integral to all that we do and through support, advice and guidance we help our students become the young adults they wish to be, preparing them to be valued members of society. Our holistic approach ensures that along with great academic teaching, students are given opportunities to develop and display the skills and attributes that are not measurable by examinations but are fundamental to their success. When you ask our Sixth Formers 'Why Charters?' they will tell you that our support and encouragement is second to none.

I look forward to welcoming you into our Charters family in the future.

Mrs Kate Hill
Head of Sixth Form



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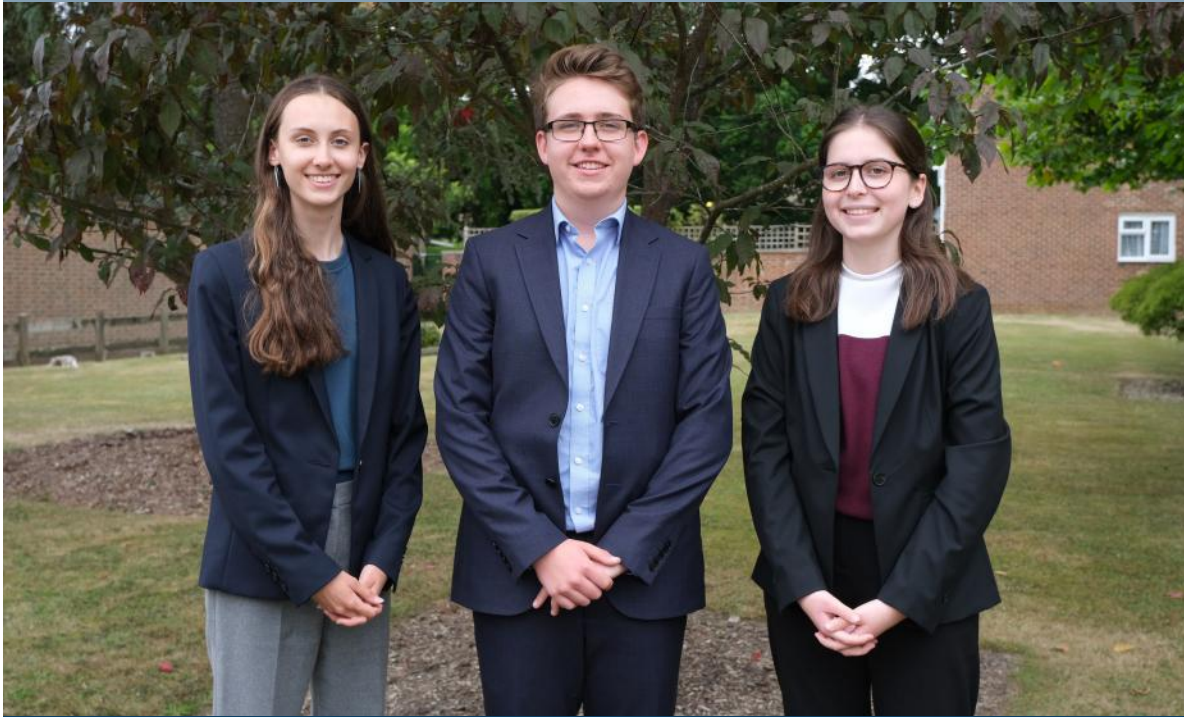
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**"We walk beside you,
to help you achieve"**

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Welcome from our Head Student Team

At Charters, there is a great balance between study and community. Teachers deliver engaging lessons, which stretch and challenge students to discover knowledge themselves, creating independent and adaptive learners, perfect for entry into work or further study. Charters assists you with this journey, offering expert advice on higher education, apprenticeships and career opportunities. This enables Charters' students to have a seamless transition into the wider world.

Charters life is not all about study. It offers a vast range of enriching opportunities which allow every student to achieve beyond the curriculum. Opportunities such as sports, drama, DofE and outreach programmes to care homes have helped us develop skills which we would not have in the classroom. It is this which, in our view, puts Charters above other schools as it gives students the chance to hone their skills, nurturing well-rounded individuals, ready for the next step along the path to success.

We are certainly grateful for the excellent education and multitude of opportunities we have had during our time at the school, and hope that you choose Charters for the next step on your journey.

Head Student Team: Alanna Fraser, Lauren Spooner and Joseph Searle.

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“The science facilities at Charters are very sophisticated and make you feel like a real scientist, preparing you well for the real world of science.”

Academic Excellence

Whilst we firmly believe that your education at Charters is more than academic success we are incredibly proud of the academic achievements of our students.

Our headline figures

- A*-A 29.1%
- A*-B 56.5%

We have successfully supported students applying to university and are delighted that we have such a great success rate with applications to Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

EPQ goes from strength to strength producing outstanding results.

- A*-A 92.8%
- A*-B 100%



“My experiences have developed my skills, as well as broadening my knowledge on key aspects that can be applied in the future.”

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"At Charters you are treated as an individual not a number."

"Charters is a great place to study, as it offers the support and teaching that a school offers, but also provides the independence students need in a Sixth Form."

Choosing Courses

Whatever you decide to do at Charters we strongly believe that these choices must be yours and so would encourage you to consider your responses to the following questions.

- Which subjects are you passionate about?
- Is there a particular area that you would like to pursue as a career?
- What subjects are you successfully studying currently?

It is vital that you research carefully before making your choices as you might like to go on to study a course at university where you are required to have specific subject combinations. Visit <https://www.ucas.com/> and <http://russellgroup.ac.uk/> to help you find out more information.

For apprenticeship requirements visit <https://gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Further details on our courses can be found on our website

<https://www.chartersschool.org.uk/3003/curriculum-offer-and-entry-requirements-2022-1>



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"It's great there is a choice between studying as a group in the Common Room and silent study in the Durning Room."

Network of Support

At Charters we are committed to supporting you not only in terms of your academic progress but also with regard to your personal wellbeing. Our dedicated pastoral support is extensive and all teaching and support staff in the Sixth Form are here to help you succeed through

- Regular contact with your Tutor
- Dedicated supervised independent study time
- Extensive Post-18 pathways workshops and extended tutor sessions.

Aspiring High

We want all of our students to aim high and we have extensive independent advice and guidance for you before you leave Charters to start at university or the world of work and apprenticeships.

Our most able students who make UCAS applications to the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge, or want to pursue a career in Law, Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science have fortnightly sessions to prepare them for the rigorous application, testing and interview process.

Furthermore, we have a Medical Society and regular visits from and to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge as well as close ties with St Mary's School, Ascot. Our Alumni who are currently studying at these universities are regular visitors to the school and are on hand to share their experiences of the whole process.

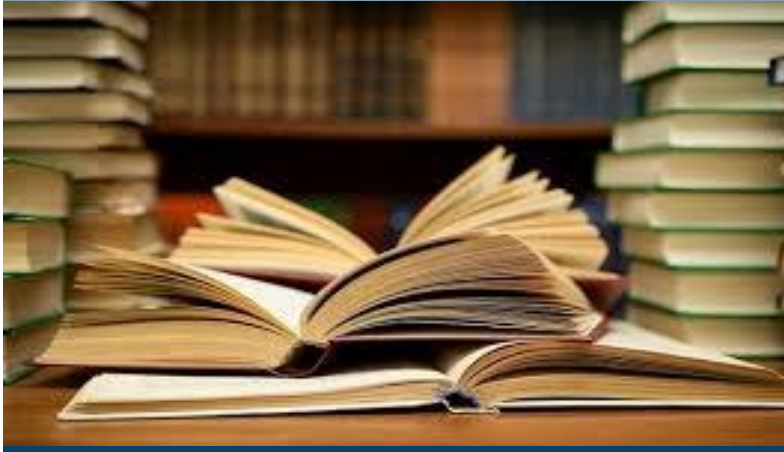
"Charters have an excellent track record with Oxbridge and other top university applications, and rarely do I come across such bright, committed and intellectually engaged students. The staff and school set up seems to me to be particularly attuned to supporting students through their university applications and to think for themselves."

Dr Joe Organ, Schools Officer, Brasenose College, Oxford University

We help you
succeed!

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Financial Assistance

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is used to support financially disadvantaged young people taking up or continuing in their education or training post-16 and achieving their learning aim(s). The contact at Sixth Form for all 16-19 Bursary support/enquiries is the Sixth Form Administrator a.boxall@chartersschool.org.uk

There are two types of Bursary available:

Guaranteed Bursary

A Guaranteed Bursary is available to all young people who meet the general eligibility criteria as set out in 16-19 Bursary Fund policy and who have been identified as being most in need, as set out in the policy.

Discretionary Bursary

A Discretionary Bursary is available to all young people who meet the general and additional eligibility criteria as set out in the policy. The 16 - 19 Bursary Fund policy and application form can be found at

<https://www.charterschool.org.uk/64/16-18-bursary>

Assessment and Reporting

All students are placed into a Tutor Group with an experienced Sixth Form Tutor who is often one of their subject teachers too. This allows your Tutor to get to know you well, providing you with effective support, advice and encouragement.

We want all of our students to reach their full potential and to support this we complete progress reports for all students, in all subjects, three times a year. Any student who is identified as struggling in a particular area will receive extra support and guidance, from both their subject teacher and their Tutor. You will enjoy a more interactive relationship with teaching staff who share your commitment to academic achievement.

Communication with your parents is equally important and we actively encourage them to establish links with your Tutor throughout your time in our Sixth Form. There will also be a parents' evening in Year 12 and Year 13. As all of our subjects are now full two-year courses, we sit mock examinations at the end of Year 12 and again in January of Year 13. This ensures that we have a clear picture of your current progress and can put appropriate support in place.

"Charters gives you the best opportunity to achieve your future aspirations whatever they may be!"

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Exhibiting at the Royal Society



Sound Engineer opportunities

Sixth Form Jazz Band



Social Action

At Charters we believe all of our Sixth Formers are ambassadors for the school and role models for our younger students to aspire to. We actively encourage all students to be involved in as many different types of activity as possible to enhance their personal qualities and develop the softer skills that employers look for.

Students make up the Sixth Form social committee and if there is an event you'd like to run or a place you would like to visit, support would be given to help you arrange this. Among other events the social committee annually organise a Christmas party for local pensioners, which is something that both the students and guests thoroughly enjoy.

Community Service

All students become Learning Leaders during Year 12. We provide opportunities for them to engage in supporting the younger community in lessons, through a buddy system and small group activities. The wide variety of activities on offer ensures that we provide a breadth of useful experiences that encourage students to have a shared ambition, learn from one another and develop those leadership qualities that future employers are looking to harness.

Enrichment Opportunities

At Charters Sixth Form, there are many opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular or social activities. In the past our students have had the opportunity to take part in many different trips such as a World Challenge trip to Malawi, a music tour to Barcelona and work experience in France and Spain among others. Many subjects run extra-curricular trips in their own subject areas.

Our Wednesday afternoon enrichment programme offers a diverse range of activities, from supporting the local community through outreach work in primary schools and care homes, to studying cryptography. Students can take an EPQ, play football, get involved in our amnesty group to name but a few.

The Sixth Form represent the school in local and county leagues in a variety of sports. Some Sixth Form students have also gone on to represent the district and county teams in individual sports.

Extracurricular Music is thriving at Charters, with opportunities for all types of musicians. We have a series of instrumental and vocal ensembles that aim to get you involved in active music making, as well as making the most of a range of performance opportunities.

Whether you study Music or not, there are plenty of options for you. The Music Department also runs regular trips to see shows, orchestral concerts and other events. We also run a biennial Music Tour, the last of which went to Barcelona.

There are also opportunities for Sixth Form students to participate in school productions as either cast or crew; organise, lead and run drama clubs with KS3 students; assist with KS3 House competitions in drama; and experience the Performing Arts tour to New York or the West End.



Life's Great Adventure

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Charters gives you the chance to do something completely new and improve on things you are already doing. It takes you out of your comfort zone and into a place where you'll push yourself and have amazing new experiences. You'll build confidence, resilience, skills for work and friendship groups.

Every other year Charters runs a World Challenge expedition for students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form. Countries visited in the past have included Sri Lanka, India and Malawi. The expedition helps students develop important life skills and many students return from the expedition describing it as a life changing experience.

"I enjoy the independence the Sixth Form gives you, as I feel it prepares you for university."



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"You are treated like a young adult, with more independence, responsibility and trust."

pixledge



Have you got the Edge?

As a school that never stands still and is always looking to improve, we want our students to follow our footsteps and strive to be the best they can be. The Edge programme will allow them to develop and be accredited for five key attributes essential for employability and life.

We hope this will encourage them to get involved in as many extracurricular opportunities as possible both in and out of school – some of which they may have never even thought of before now!

This can and should continue throughout their school life in to and including the Sixth Form. There are numerous activities in which our young people can be accredited for; from something as simple as supporting PE lessons and after school clubs through to organising stalls for the school Summer Fair. Sixth Formers working towards their Graduate and Masters level Edge programmes have taken on such diverse activities as writing a regular blog about their sport to being involved with the National Citizen Service, from doing their Gold DofE to running productions at the local theatre.

We want to ensure that your child leaves Charters Sixth Form not only with the best qualifications possible but with a myriad of personal attributes allowing them to stand out from the crowd and achieve their goals. Competition for University places and employment today is ever increasing and together we can help your child embrace this programme that will undoubtedly give them the Edge.

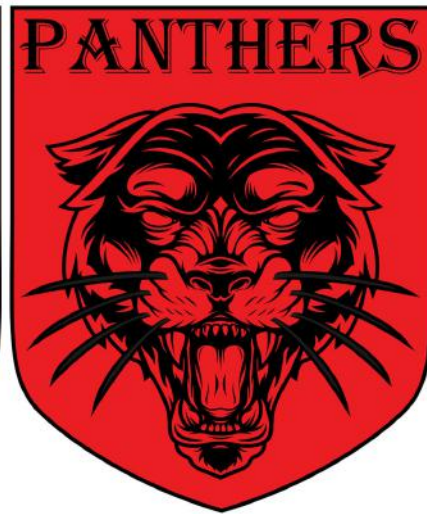
Having the Edge is about getting the Edge. Getting the Edge is about acquiring the characteristics - being inspirational and supporting each other and our staff at Charters School. Getting the Edge requires dedication, hard work and commitment: it certainly won't happen in a day...

- It's not just one challenge, it's a constant test of mettle and of spirit
- It's not just our passion, it's believing that nothing matters more
- It's not just getting better, it's courage that never knows when it's beaten
- It's not just the first day, week or month, it's every day, week and month
- It's not just a child or a class or a school, it's a better future and a brighter hope

Our students are so much more than "just" the certificates of academic achievement that they leave us with. This national programme will encourage and develop these employability and life skills in students.

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Charters House System

The House system at Charters has been highly successful and unifying over the past number of years. The students are given the chance to work together with a mixture of year groups, participating in numerous activities throughout the school year.

The House Captain role is the key to providing a link between staff and the students in the rest of the school. It is an important role which can lead to other roles within the Sixth Form Team.



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"I have enjoyed the excellent balance between the academic expectations made by teachers and the new freedoms you are given in Charters Sixth Form."



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Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will be taking place on

13 October 5.30-8.00pm

The Open Evening is an opportunity for you to hear about Charters Sixth Form and all that it has to offer.

There will be an introductory presentation by our Headteacher, Mr Fletcher, and our Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Hill, at 5.30 pm in the Main Hall. The presentation will be repeated at 6.30 pm.

How to Apply

Online applications for September 2023 will open on **Friday 14 October 2022** and will close on **Friday 9 December 2022**.

If you wish to apply after this date, please contact

Mrs A Boxall, Sixth Form Administrator

Call us: **01344 298776**

email: a.boxall@chartersschool.org.uk

Location

By Road from Bracknell (A329) or Windsor (A322)

In Ascot High Street turn into Station Road (A330). Follow the A330 past the Berystede Hotel crossroads on Devenish Road to Charters on the left. The School is in Charters Road about seventy-five yards from the junction.

By Road from Virginia Water or Egham

Continue along A30 to Sunningdale. Proceed over the level crossing and turn right into Charters Road at the Sunningdale car showrooms. Follow Charters Road until you reach the School on the left.



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