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Welcome to the Sixth Form

Entry 2027

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Choosing your Sixth Form pathway is an exciting step in shaping your future. At Tonbridge Grammar School, we are committed to providing an environment where you can thrive academically and personally. Our Sixth Form is a vibrant and ambitious community where academic excellence goes hand in hand with personal growth. Education here is more than the pursuit of knowledge—it is the development of character and the preparation for life beyond school.

Our ethos is rooted in the belief that education should empower you—not only with knowledge but with the character and confidence to make a positive impact in the world. As a Sixth Form student, you will be encouraged to explore your place in the world and to make a meaningful difference, locally and globally, through service and leadership. We aim to nurture independent thinkers, compassionate leaders, and resilient individuals who are ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges of the future.

In our Sixth Form you will be supported by dedicated teachers and surrounded by peers who share your ambition and curiosity. Together, we will help you develop the virtues of courage, honour, integrity, kindness, respect, and responsibility, which will guide you throughout your life.

We encourage you to embrace every challenge, take every opportunity, and make the most of these transformative years. Your journey here is the foundation for a future full of possibilities.

Mr Fitt and Mr Jardine-Viner, Co-Head Teachers

Director of Sixth Form



Welcome to our warm and caring Sixth Form community - a place where your experience is truly tailored to you. We celebrate every student's individuality and work proactively to help you grow in confidence, character, and resilience. Our Sixth Form offers a rich array of programmes and experiences, complemented by strong academic support, to guide you through these important years and prepare you for your next steps.

We place great emphasis on building a super-curricular programme that inspires you and supports your personal development. Our pastoral system is built on strong relationships and mutual respect, ensuring every student feels seen and heard. Well-being is central to our ethos, and our open-door policy means you always know where to turn for support.

Whether you are continuing from Year 11 or joining us from another school, you'll feel at home from day one. Our induction programme helps you settle in quickly, make friends, and understand how Sixth Form life works at TGS. You'll have a personal guidance meeting to plan your programme, a dedicated Form Tutor for daily support, and immediate opportunities to join societies, take on leadership roles, and participate in enrichment activities - including a whole year group team-building day.



We strive to create an atmosphere where everyone feels they can be themselves - from our embedded leadership programme to our flexible dress code, which encourages individuality while respecting context. This is your opportunity to grow, lead, and express yourself in a community that values you.

Miss Duncan

Enrichment & Leadership

Lead and drive change

Our established leadership programme is sincere and 'lived'. Here students are recognised by teachers as leaders and really can be agents for change. There is a role for every interest, be it Head Student, Ambassador for Diversity and Inclusion, House Leader or Subject Ambassador amongst others. We also run the 'Women in Leadership' programme.

Leadership can take you wherever your interests lie and as well as the formal opportunities students are empowered to follow their interests. Recent projects have included setting up links with a reading charity and school in Africa, running a whole school Culture Day, leading a Maths Challenge in the Netherlands, having a leading role in changing school policies, chairing the School Council, conducting the orchestra, running Drama Club, coaching sports teams, mentoring younger students and working across year groups (e.g. Sixth Form Sustainability Ambassadors working with Form Eco Reps).



2024-25 Leadership Team

Grow your leadership skills through voluntary work

We have an established volunteering programme and up to date links with a wide range of organisations including local and international charities, community foodbanks and special educational providers to name but a few. We offer you the opportunity to lead and really make a difference in the world.

Celebrating Diversity & Student Voice

At TGS, diversity isn't just a value—it's part of everyday life. Our community celebrates multiple perspectives, and your voice plays a central role in shaping an inclusive environment.

You'll have opportunities to lead initiatives that promote belonging, from organising events to welcoming new students. Our curriculum reflects diverse viewpoints, ensuring you engage with underrepresented voices and global perspectives.

Our flagship programme, TGS in Conversation, takes this further. Students invite speakers from a wide range of backgrounds, develop questions, and lead discussions—fostering curiosity, respect, and critical engagement.





Culture Day is one of the most exciting events in the TGS calendar - a vibrant, joyful celebration of the diversity that makes our community unique. The school bursts into life with colour, music, and storytelling as students wear traditional attire and share their heritage.

"As I walked to school this morning and saw all the colourful costumes, I felt proud to be part of such a diverse community." Year 12 student

Everyone takes part in interactive sessions exploring food, music, dance, sport, craft, and stories from around the world. A highlight is the Sixth Form-led fashion show, showcasing cultural pride and creativity. Culture Day is more than a celebration - it's student-led, inspiring understanding, respect, and global awareness.

Your career, our focus

Whether you already have next steps in mind or require guidance our careers programme will inspire and support you. You'll benefit from one-to-one meetings with our UCAS co-ordinator and careers advisors and be inspired by a wide variety of speakers representing different career paths.

Build real world work experience into your programme of study.

We know that work experience sets you apart from other university and degree apprenticeship applicants but that limiting this to a specified week each year limits your options. That's why we offer a flexible programme, giving you time away from school when it suits you and your host employer so you can build meaningful experience throughout your placement.

An entire community supporting you to success



A network of over 3,500 engaged alumni, parents and friends of the school will support you every step of the way. Whether that be practice Oxbridge /Medicine university interviews with someone from the university you are applying for, inspiring talks by former students or an informal conversation with someone studying the subject you hope to pursue at university. You will receive tailored support.

Careers Support & Guidance

Our Careers Education programme gives you the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make informed decisions and take your next steps with clarity and ambition.

You'll benefit from:

- Career Exploration – Discover a wide range of pathways, from university to apprenticeships, with tailored guidance and up-to-date labour market insights.
- Career Management – Learn how to plan effectively and adapt confidently to change.
- Self Development – Reflect on your strengths, values, and aspirations to build resilience and confidence.

Support includes workshops, one-to-one guidance, employer engagement, and enrichment opportunities. For Oxbridge applicants, our dedicated group offers advice, discussion sessions, and interview preparation. For Medicine, Veterinary Science, and Dentistry, MedSoc, provides bespoke support, including UCAT preparation, work experience advice, and alumni insights.



Subject-specific help is available through the curriculum and lunchtime enrichment sessions.

"Pupils are exceptionally well prepared for their next steps… supplemented by outside speakers and alumni connections." Ofsted 2024

Your Sixth Form Experience

A place for you, a place for everyone



Join our warm, inclusive internationally-minded Sixth Form where each student and their interests and passions are supported and celebrated, helping you to grow in confidence, character, and resilience. You are unique and our Sixth Form is a place where you can be confident that you will be known and supported to success in the way that works best for you. Here, you can truly be you.

"Parents and carers extol the virtues of a school that 'cares about the students as whole individuals', is characterised by 'supportive and respectful' relationships and engenders pupils who are 'freethinkers who have confidence'." Ofsted 2024

The Sixth Form Team

Every Sixth Form student at Tonbridge Grammar School benefits from a strong, multi-layered support team dedicated to your personal and academic development.

- Form Tutor is your main point of contact for advice and wellbeing. You'll have daily interactions and regular one-to-one reviews to reflect on your academic journey, attendance, enrichment, time management, and future aspirations—setting meaningful goals along the way.
- Student Support are here to provide care and guidance, and a dedicated School Nurse is available for health advice—so you always feel supported throughout Sixth Form.
- Director & Deputy Director of Sixth Form offer strategic and personalised guidance to help you thrive academically and personally.
- University & Careers Coordinator supports you in planning your next steps—whether that's higher education, apprenticeships, or future careers.

We take the time to understand your strengths, needs, and ambitions - offering expert advice, encouragement, and care throughout your Sixth Form journey. Our pastoral support never stands still; it evolves in response to student feedback and lived experience. We build on what works and refine what could be better - always keeping you at the heart of every decision.

"The school's provision ably supports their pastoral and social development, knowing that this too is essential in creating well-rounded pupils that can take on the world." Ofsted 2025

Personal Development Learning (PDL)

Thriving academically goes hand-in-hand with growing personally. Our Sixth Form PDL programme equips you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to lead healthy, happy, and independent lives and prepare for life beyond school.

You'll explore:

- Health and wellbeing
- Relationships and living in the wider world
- British values, diversity, and sustainability
- Careers education and future pathways

Through PSHE, Citizenship, and Careers guidance, PDL helps you become an informed, active, and responsible global citizen.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)

At TGS, we value the abilities and achievements of every student and are committed to creating an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive. If you have SEND, you'll receive tailored support to help you achieve your best outcomes and prepare for the next stage of education and life.

Our approach is built on:

- Inclusive Education - Access to a broad, balanced curriculum through high-quality teaching.
- Personalised Support - Adjustments and strategies to meet your individual needs.
- Empowerment - Helping you become confident and independent.
- Collaboration - Working closely with you and your family so your voice is heard.
- High Aspirations - Setting ambitious goals for your success.

"The school supports pupils with SEND especially well… ensuring they access the same rich curriculum as their peers." Ofsted 2025

Sixth Form Promise

We believe every student deserves the chance to thrive. The Sixth Form Promise removes financial barriers, so ambition and achievement are never compromised.

For students who received the Pupil Premium Grant in Year 11, this support goes beyond the standard 16–19 Bursary. It ensures you can:

- Access the full A Level programme
- Take part in enrichment and trips
- Immerse yourself fully in Sixth Form life

What's included?

- Travel Support – Equivalent to the Kent Young Person's Travel Pass
- Dress Code Grant – £100 annually for Sixth Form clothing
- Laptop – Enhanced access to IT for academic success
- Essential Equipment – Calculator, folders, stationery, diary, lab coat
- Curriculum Trips – Free field trips and enrichment contributions
- International Experience – Contribution toward one overseas trip
- Career Guidance – One-on-one advice and planning support
- Higher Education Visits – Financial support for university visits
- £500 Destination Grant – Toward university or apprenticeship setup costs

All support is provided discreetly, ensuring confidentiality for every student and their family.

The Sixth Form Promise means your potential—not your circumstances—defines your future.

Practical Information

Sixth Form Centre & facilities



Our modern dedicated Sixth Form Centre is at the centre of the school site and a place for our Sixth Form students to study independently and relax.

It's also home to our Sixth Form leadership and wellbeing teams.

Ground Floor…is home to a Sixth Form only café: an ideal place to grab lunch, coffee or a snack. Students socialise and undertake groupwork in the large open plan space.







Upstairs… there are a variety of rooms for study. Some are for silent study and others for group work.







Outside…



Students also enjoy working, collaborating and socialising in the outdoor areas that surround the building.

Gym and Sports Facilities

Sixth Form students have full access to the onsite gym and all other sports facilities.



