



6TH FORM PROSPECTUS 2023



Harton Academy



WELCOME.

The 6th Form at Harton Academy is proud to provide the wide-ranging and high quality academic and extra-curricular opportunities in our purpose-built 6th Form facility. Our teachers understand young people and are friendly, approachable, committed and highly qualified specialists in their subject areas.

The 6th Form has a long and successful record of academic success since opening in 2010. We are proud of our students' achievements, and our inclusive 6th Form allows all students to flourish and move on to positive things in the future. From their individual starting points, students make strong academic progress and progression has been consistently very positive. In 2023, 75% of year 13 students progressed on to Higher Education.

Life in the 6th Form is lively, stimulating and exciting. Harton 6th Form is very popular with current Harton students and each year, we attract a significant number of students in Year 12 from other schools (78 out of 164 - 47.5% in 2023). You are assured of a warm welcome and we pride ourselves on our induction programmes for new 6th Form students and the continuing support you will receive. In 6th Form, you will be encouraged to take advantage of a wide range of additional opportunities that enhance your studies and experiences. These will both enrich you as a person and help develop key transferable skills and qualities that are so vital in supporting post-18 applications into higher education, apprenticeship or employment.

Decisions about your post-16 choices will certainly help define and shape your future, and we are confident that we can offer an experience that is memorable, challenges you and sets you on a long term path of success and happiness.



MR D. AMOS
ACTING HEADTEACHER



MR R. BURROUGHS
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER / DIRECTOR OF 6TH FORM



MRS K. COULTER
HEAD OF YEAR 12



MRS K. BROWN
HEAD OF YEAR 13

WHY HARTON 6TH FORM?

- We are passionate about helping young people thrive now and in the future.
- We challenge young people to challenge themselves and develop a growth mind-set.
- We enjoy broadening young people's minds and offering a wide range of opportunities.
- We want to help develop reflective, thoughtful, respectful, kind and caring young people.
- We help young people to develop high aspirations and in wanting to make positive differences in the world.

“We welcome you to Harton 6th Form.”

**Mr Richards Burroughs
Deputy Head Teacher /
Director of 6th Form**



2023 ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

It was another extremely positive year in terms of academic performance and progression, and we had record numbers of students progressing on to the most competitive courses and universities. We are very proud of the students' achievements and, as ever, it is great to see all their hard work and commitment rewarded.

Percentage of grades achieved:

5.4% of grades were **A***

24.7% of grades were **A*-A**

53% of grades were **A*-B**

82.1% of grades were **A*-C**

93.4% of grades **A*-D**

99.2% of grades were **A*-E**

Average grade achieved = **-B**

Achievement and Progression

75% of students in year 13 progressed on to Higher Education - compared to 64% nationally.

35% of students gained places at research-led universities, compared to an average of 21% in the North East of England.

Name and destination of top academic performing students:

Alex - 5 A-Levels - **A*, A, A, A, B**
Mathematics and Financial Mathematics
University of Manchester

Asif - 4 A-Levels - **A*, A*, A*, A***
Computing - **Imperial College London**

Caprice - **A*, A*, A**
English Language
Newcastle University

Nicole - **A*, A*, A**
Human Physiology, Physical Activity & Health - **University of Leeds**

Lewis - **A*, Distinction*, A**
Psychology with Criminology
Northumbria University

Jasmine - **A*, A, A**
Biological Sciences
University of Leeds

Joseph - **A*, Distinction*, A**
Contemporary and Popular Music
Newcastle University

Alexander - **A*, A, A**
Law - **University of Nottingham**

Emily - **A*, A, A**
Film and Media
University of Sunderland

Elizabeth - **A*, A, A**
Geography - **Newcastle University**

James - **A*, A, A**
Law - **Durham University**

Callum - **A, A, A**
Games Computing
Northumbria University

Tahmid - **A, A, A**
Dental Surgery
University of Liverpool

Rezanur - **A, A, A**
Accounting and finance
Newcastle University

Ester - **A, A, A**
Law - **Newcastle University**

Saimon - **A, A, A**
Medicine - **University of Birmingham**

Name and Value Added of students that made most progress from Key Stage 4 target grades:

Lewis **+2.36** | Callum **+2.05** | Alexander **+1.92** | Caprice **+1.84** | Asif **+1.34**

Daniel **+1.33** | Saad **+1.25** | Abbie **+1.03** | Adam **+0.94** | James **+0.80** | Emmie **+0.79**

Paige **+0.77** | Rezanur **+0.71**

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

In an ever-competitive university and employment market, our extra-curricular activities really help ensure that our 6th Form students have the edge and have plenty to say about themselves. As a student in the 6th Form, you will be encouraged to take advantage of a range of opportunities that enhance your studies, skills and 6th Form experience. We have developed an interesting, varied and worthwhile enrichment programme. On Wednesday afternoons, you have time to enjoy your chosen enrichment activity. Partnerships with external organisations allow us to provide that individualised and exclusive experience for everyone.

Enrichment Options include:

Sign Language / Fitness / First Aid / Golf / Digital Inclusion / Film Club / Board Games / Becoming X skills builder / Debating / Yoga / School primary placements / SEN school placement / Fundraising and enterprise / Creative crafts and upcycling.

All Harton 6th Form students also get free access to Harton Sports Centre gym during term time.

OVERSEAS EXPEDITIONS

Over the past thirteen years, we have provided the opportunity for students to undertake expeditions all over the world (Vietnam, Peru, Tanzania, India, Ecuador, Borneo, Cambodia, Nepal, Kenya, Morocco) It is an incredible

opportunity that involves students having to work individually and as part of a team to fundraise for 18 months. The rewards are to experience a new culture, complete a community-based project, visit cultural, religious and historical sites and undertake a trek, before enjoying some rest and relaxation. It is truly a life-changing experience and will lead to incredible friendships and memories. We have a team going to Kenya in 2024 and two teams heading to Borneo in 2025, which is great to see.

Ski Trip

Each year, 6th Form students have the opportunity to be part of the annual ski trip that the school organises.





ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

6th Form Leadership Team

Students have the opportunity to apply for positions of responsibility as part of the 6th Form Leadership Team. It gives students the chance to meet with a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team and affords students the opportunity to be a voice for topics, such as student mental health, environmental issues and fundraising, to name but a few.

Classroom support opportunity

Students are given the chance to gain hands-on work experience by helping to support in classes lower down the school. This is incredibly useful if students are looking to go into a career in education or in supporting others.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (Silver and Gold)

The numbers completing the silver and gold levels of the award continue to grow and we are delighted to be able to offer this highly sought-after award.

Students have to complete four sections for silver:

Volunteering, Physical, Skill and Expedition and, in addition, a residential experience for gold.

It is a great opportunity for students to develop skills and qualities in a range of areas and will certainly provide them with immense challenges and memories for life.



GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

Every student is unique, and our support recognises this. We offer a host of support services, all designed to enable students to achieve the best they can. Students are supported by an experienced team of 6th Form tutors, a Progress Mentor and Careers Advisor.

In year 12

We offer a Personal Development Programme, in which students cover a wide range of topics such as:

- The importance of mind-set.
- Key transferable skills development.
- Effective time management.
- Efficient study skills.
- Future progression planning.
- How to make you stand out.

Students also learn and discuss a range of topical issues in the Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) lessons where topics include: respectful / intimate relationships, mental health and emotional well-being, healthy choices and safety, diversity and inclusion.

In year 13

We focus on supporting students in researching and applying for future progression routes, using a UNIFROG programme. Students also have

RSHE lessons where topics include: building and maintaining relationships, resilience, risk management and environmental ethics.

During the two years, we invite a range of organisations to come into school and deliver presentations about different progression pathways so that students are well informed before they need to make decisions about their future. Guidance is given to all students, including university, employment, gap years and the expanding range of higher-level apprenticeships which can lead to degree level qualifications.

There are separate programmes of support for students applying to Oxford or Cambridge and other extremely competitive universities and courses, such as Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry and Midwifery.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Financial support is available at two levels to help students. Details of the bursary scheme can be found on the Harton 6th Form website: <https://harton-tc.co.uk/sixth-form/support/financial-support>

The aim of the bursary scheme is to support students with travel, meal costs, equipment and resources and additional education experiences / visits.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

The 6th Form is run by a team of teaching and support staff, led by **Mr R. Burroughs** (Deputy Head Teacher / Director of Sixth Form), **Mrs K. Coulter** (Head of Year 12) and **Mrs K. Brown** (Head of Year 13). The team is supported by a dedicated administrator, **Mrs K. Belfield**, who is on-hand during the day to assist both students and parents.

At Harton 6th Form, our commitment to pastoral care and support, especially our students' mental health and wellbeing, is paramount. We recognise that, as students progress to A-Level, the pressure to work hard and achieve results can increase and that each student reacts differently to this. Our in-house mentor, **Mrs L. Law**, is central to the provision of specialist pastoral care and support for our 6th Form students. A significant part of this provision is to provide our 6th Form students with some insight and understanding to enable them to better manage their own mental health and to give them guidance in identifying when they may be in need of additional support. Harton Academy also has two mental health counsellors who can offer additional guidance and support.

YEAR 13 PERSONAL TUTORIAL SESSIONS

To ensure the support offered is personal and bespoke, year 13 students are allocated a one-to-one meeting each fortnight with their 6th form tutor. The tutor acts as a first point of contact for any issues students may have and they maintain an overview of each student's progress. They monitor academic progress and take responsibility for compiling references for their students and also assist students in their next steps post-18.





A hand in a dark blue sweater holds a white sociology textbook. The book's spine has 'SOCILOGY' in large red letters and 'FOR AQA' in smaller red letters below it. At the top of the spine, it says 'Browne, Blundell & Law'. In the background, there are white library shelves with other books and a window showing greenery outside.

COURSES OFFERED

A LEVELS

Art
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Design and Technology - Product Design
Economics
English Language
English Literature
French
Further Mathematics
Geography
History
Law
Mathematics
Media Studies
Philosophy and Ethics
Physical Education
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

LEVEL 3 VOCATIONAL COURSES

Criminology
Health and Social Care
BTEC Music
CNAT Business

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION / AWARDS

EPQ - Extended Project Qualification
Core Mathematics
Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Silver/Gold)
Sports Leadership Award



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