



RAWLINS

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM

Act wisely and make the most of every opportunity

WELCOME

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our Sixth Form, where the next two years will be some of the most exciting and transformative of your educational journey. Our goal is to help you reach your full potential and prepare you to face and overcome future challenges.

The size of our Sixth Form allows us to offer a wide range of A-level courses, giving you the chance to create a personalised study programme. We maintain a personal and supportive community, offering high quality academic, pastoral and careers support. You will be taught by an experienced team, providing a strong academic foundation for your future career and educational aspirations. As a result, our students achieve some of the highest A-level results in Leicestershire and the East Midlands.

We have excellent partnerships with external providers to guide you onto your chosen career path. Most students go on to university, with many successfully applying to prestigious Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. We also have a growing number of students who enter high-quality apprenticeships, employment programmes and gap years.

We aim to develop well-rounded individuals

and encourage engagement with our extension offer for self-development beyond the curriculum. This includes a variety of extra-curricular activities in sports and arts, as well as leadership opportunities like the School Council and volunteering. These opportunities help students flourish and make a difference in the community. We also offer super-curricular opportunities like the Extended Project Qualification and societies for Oxbridge and Medicine.

At the core of our offering is our dedicated Sixth Form staff who work with teachers and tutors to ensure you are well-informed about the world around you. Students will benefit from a robust PSHE and tutor programme that covers vital and topical world issues. We celebrate our diverse student body and are committed to creating a warm and welcoming environment that respects everyone as an individual.

We are inspired by our students' achievements and believe that by studying with us, you will be well-positioned to build a prosperous future. We look forward to meeting you.

Matt Kinsey
Head of Sixth Form



OUR VISION

We feel strongly that education is more than just academic standards. It is about educating the whole person so that whilst academic success is important, every student is guided to make the most of every opportunity.

Our vision is:

Developing Trust • Inspiring Hope • Building Success • Shaping the Future

MAKING CHOICES

Sixth Form is about choosing the courses that match your interests and aspirations. We currently offer an extensive array of A-level and wider extension courses that allow you to create a study programme that is personal to you.

Building upon your GCSE success is imperative. We provide guidance and support in order that you can make informed decisions about your future and ensure you have the necessary qualifications for the next step, be that university, an advanced apprenticeship or a different route. Whichever route you choose, we will ensure you are clear about the expectations and entry requirements and that you are able to ask the right questions.

If you are applying for university, be it Oxbridge, one of the Russell Group universities or elsewhere, you will be supported throughout Years 12 and 13 in crucial areas such as writing your personal statement and understanding the UCAS process from beginning to end. We organise assemblies and information evenings to explain any potentially confusing matters such as student finance and UCAS applications.

LEARNING ROUTES

Students in our Sixth Form traditionally study three A-level courses.










A small number of students start with four subjects as they look to build the best programme of study for their needs. Many of these students make a decision to reduce to three subjects once they have the information required to make an informed decision. There is no requirement to study four A-level subjects, however a small number of students do decide to pursue this route.

Every student also follows our extension programme, which enables everyone to select suitable learning activities from a wide range of options. These include the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) with additional A-level accreditation, volunteering, mentoring, sports and other vocational experiences. This programme begins at the end of the first month of study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of six GCSEs (or equivalent) — three at grade 4 (or above) and three at grade 5 (or above) including English and Maths.

Students must have at least a grade 4 in both English and Maths. There are also subject-specific entry requirements which are in place to ensure that all students make appropriate choices.

AREA	SUBJECTS	REQUIREMENTS
 Science	Biology • Chemistry • Physics	Grade 6 in Science (6–6 in Double) and Maths
 Maths	Maths • Further Maths	Grade 6 in Maths • Grade 7 in Maths
 English	English Literature	Grade 6 in English
 Languages	French	Grade 6 in French
 Computing	Computer Science	Grade 6 in Maths
 Art and Design	Fine Art • Art Photography Design and Technology	Grade 5 in any Art or Design subject if studied (portfolio may be required)
 Humanities and Social Sciences	Geography • History • Politics Sociology • Psychology Business • Economics Philosophy and Ethics	Grade 5 in English and Maths and any other Humanities-based subject
 Performance	PE • Dance • Drama and Theatre	Grade 5 in English (evidence of practical performance may be required)
 Creative	Media Studies • Film Studies	Grade 4 in English

PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT

Each student is supported by the dedicated work of the Sixth Form team, alongside form tutors and subject teachers who are experienced in working with older students. Together, they provide guidance and continuity, ensuring that every individual is encouraged to make the most of their opportunities.

Our highly skilled team is committed to providing the care and empathy which we believe underpins student success. With the best interests of every individual at heart, we work closely together and demonstrate strong teamwork to ensure that where personal issues create barriers to learning or cause distress, support is readily available, including any necessary intervention to keep students on track.

ENRICHMENT

At Rawlins, we believe in educating the whole person which involves providing opportunities for a range of experiences which contribute to each individual's development. Combined with a student's academic success, they add valuable depth to university and work applications. Enrichment is more than just extra...it's essential! Enrichment activities include:

SPORT

Rawlins is renowned for its successful sports teams. Whether you are competing or supporting, there is a wide range of opportunities to get involved.

THE ARTS










From outstanding visual art to music, dance and drama, students can study these subjects at A-level or simply enjoy them through enrichment activities.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our calendar is packed with trips, visits, concerts and school shows, offering unforgettable experiences that broaden horizons and build confidence.

Whether you are performing on stage, volunteering in the community, or representing your House, enrichment at Rawlins helps you grow as a learner and as a person.

EXTENSION COURSES

COURSE	OFFER TYPE	DESCRIPTION
 Duke of Edinburgh Award	Enrichment Programme	A nationally recognised award promoting leadership, resilience and outdoor skills. Includes volunteering, physical activity and expedition components.
 Right to Read Programme	Community Engagement	Students support younger pupils with literacy, acting as reading mentors to boost confidence and comprehension.
 Core PE	Wellbeing Curriculum	Non-exam physical education sessions focused on fitness, teamwork and mental wellbeing.
 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	Academic Extension	A Level 3 qualification allowing students to research a topic of personal interest and produce a dissertation or artefact.
 Core Maths	Academic Extension	Core Maths is an additional qualification designed to support students who wish to continue developing their mathematical skills, particularly in real-world and academic contexts, without taking A-level Mathematics.
 Volunteering in Lessons	Leadership and Support	Sixth Formers assist in lower school lessons, gaining experience in mentoring, classroom support and subject leadership.
 School Council/ House System	Student Leadership	Opportunities to represent peers, lead events and contribute to school culture and decision-making.
 Oxbridge Society	Academic Preparation	A support group for students applying to Oxford or Cambridge, including interview prep, personal statement guidance and enrichment activities.
 Medicine Society	Career Preparation	A specialist group supporting students interested in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science. Includes mock interviews, application guidance and guest speakers.

We adjust our programme yearly to support evolving student interests and opportunities.



TRANSITION TO RAWLINS

Great care is taken to continue to build on the strong links we have with our feeder secondary schools; our aim is to make the transition to Rawlins seamless and supportive for everyone. We prioritise a smooth transition from Year 11 to the Sixth Form as we know that this is really important for your success.

You need to be highly organised and prepared to work more independently. If you choose to study at Rawlins Sixth Form, a series of induction activities will prepare you for those first important few weeks. Bridging projects are set to be completed over the summer holiday so that you are ready for advanced study right at the start of Year 12.

Transition support continues throughout the autumn term, with our Meet the Tutor and Sixth Form Team event providing an opportunity to strengthen partnerships with parents. Together, we work to ensure every student feels settled, supported and ready to thrive.

HOW TO APPLY

Please complete and submit an application form by the date on the website, or contact enquiries@rawlins.embracemat.org.uk for more information.





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