

With effort comes reward



Proud to Be



“I would just like to say thank you for everything that you and the rest of the staff have done for me and the year group. I do not think I would have got into university without your help and support.”

YEAR 13 STUDENT



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Katharine Lady Berkeley's School

Welcome to Sixth Form

Welcome to Katharine Lady Berkeley's School, a highly successful 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school which has educated secondary age students since its foundation in 1384.

We hope that you enjoy looking at our Sixth Form prospectus in which we try to give a glimpse of life at this school. We are tremendously proud of the positive relationships and culture which are evident throughout the school every day. This provides young people with a safe, secure and stimulating environment in which they learn with confidence and enjoyment. We strive to ensure

that all students make the best possible progress. Not only do students gain excellent examination results, but they also develop the personal qualities that will serve them well in continuing education, employment and adult life.

We offer a warm welcome to students who are considering moving to Katharine Lady Berkeley's Sixth Form and hope that this prospectus gives you encouragement to do so.

Hannah Khan
Headteacher

“Sixth Form students set a fine example for pupils in the rest of the school. They are self-assured and confident, but also embody qualities such as modesty and humility. They, like other pupils in the school, are caring and altruistic. As such, students are highly effective ambassadors for the school ”

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“KLB has been the best experience for our child and us as parents. So supportive, understanding, caring not to mention excellent staff and teaching. We are extremely proud to be part of KLB.”

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An Inspiring Learning Environment

We are committed to creating and maintaining an environment in which Sixth Form students are inspired to do the best that they can. The school offers an exceptionally wide range of opportunities both in the timetabled curriculum and beyond. Our Sixth Form curriculum is particularly rich with a wide range of courses to provide continuity from GCSE together with new courses such as Economics, Film Studies, Photography and Psychology.

Beyond the school timetable, there are fabulous opportunities available in a range of areas including sport, performing arts, public speaking, debating and overseas work experience. We will strive to make the school the best possible place to come and learn and for our students to enjoy their studies, achieve great results and move on confidently to higher education, work-based training or employment.

Exceptional results

2023 RESULTS

Excellent teaching and comprehensive support enable students to achieve the outstanding results at A level which consistently place this as one of the best performing comprehensive schools in the country. High numbers of students achieve grades A*-B so they are successful in gaining places on the most competitive university courses.

14%

of A level entries
were graded as

A*

PROGRESS IS THE HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY (ALPS 2022/23)

For many years, national progress measures place KLB Sixth Form amongst the **top schools in the country**. Whilst the 2022 and 2023 16-18 DfE Performance Tables have not included progress measures (due to Covid disruption), many schools continue to use the Alps system to measure the progress made by students. This uses the strong correlation between average GCSE performance and A level results. This year, the overarching Alps progress measure which incorporates all individual progress measures over the past three years, has placed KLB Sixth Form in the top percentile of centres nationally.

34%

of A level entries
were graded as

A*-A

“The fact that our three children have all been successful in achieving very good A level results, and as a result their chosen university courses, is a real testament to the high quality of tuition and support provided by the school.”

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63%

of A level entries
were graded as

A*-B



Teaching

In our most recent Ofsted report, inspectors made the following comments about teaching and the curriculum in the Sixth Form: 'Students enjoy their courses and respond well to the teaching they receive.' 'Teaching strikes the right balance between support and challenge for students. They are encouraged to think for themselves, develop powers of argument and learn how to interrogate ideas and challenge hypotheses. When students need help, staff provide them with the personalised attention that moves them forward. These relationships with staff are highly valued.' 'Students follow personalised study programmes that meet their needs and interests.'

Careers Advice

In these final years at school, our students will make critical choices about their future. Many will be aiming for university and will need guidance in choosing the most appropriate courses based on their interests, strengths and, in some cases, their career aspirations. Some students will be making the difficult choice as to whether they should move straight from Year 13 to Higher Education, while others will be thinking of moving on to apprenticeships or other work based training routes. In all cases we will provide support to help the students with their decision making.

Higher Education

Most of our students apply for Higher Education and will be competing against the best from other state and independent schools. Our Higher Education consultant and Sixth Form team aim to offer students the best possible support, whether it's choosing the right courses, crafting a UCAS personal statement that will stand out from the rest or preparing for that all-important interview. We take great pride in seeing our students do well, with many gaining places on the most competitive degree courses in the country.

“We couldn’t have asked for better from a school. The help given to my son when he was applying for his university places, once again, shows that KLB go above and beyond. It is clear that KLB want all students to access the best opportunities during Sixth Form and once they leave KLB.”

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Enrichment opportunities

All students have the opportunity to enrich their time at KLB Sixth Form and enhance any application they may make to university, employment or apprenticeship.

Our enrichment programme has time allocated each week in the Sixth Form timetable giving students the opportunity and space to develop those skills that have been identified as vital to achieving success in adult life.

These opportunities include:

- Working in local primary schools
- Working in local care homes
- Taking a first aid course
- TEFL
- Boost Leadership Course with Gloucestershire Police
- Leading Patient Participation Projects with local GP surgery
- Sign language
- Charity work
- Book club
- Working towards the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Recreational sport
- Cooking
- Film club

“The enrichment activities offered in Sixth Form are excellent. My daughter has absolutely thrived at KLB. A massive thank you for providing her with the opportunities to grow and learn.”

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Extra-Curricular

To achieve a healthy balance with work, we encourage our students to embrace the range of extra-curricular activities on offer such as sports, hobbies, social events or visits. Social activities help each student find their place in the Sixth Form and achieve a sense of well-being.



SPORT

The school has excellent sports facilities including the use of Wotton Community Sports Foundation's full-size artificial turf hockey pitch and their separate artificial 3G pitch. In addition, the school has extensive grass pitches, two indoor sports facilities and a fitness suite. These provide outstanding opportunities for students to practise their sports and to participate in competition against other schools. Katharine Lady Berkeley's has a superb record of success in county, regional and national competitions which include state and independent schools. The latest news section of our website and the school's social media feeds frequently reports the school's impressive results.

SOCIAL ASPECTS

Being a member of the Sixth Form at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School is very much about being a member of a supportive community. Every year, our elected social committee arranges a number of exciting events, whether parties,

charity activities, competitions, excursions and, of course, our end of year leavers' prom. Not only do these events provide relief from the pressures of study, but they help the Sixth Form to be a socially cohesive group.

“The sixth-form curriculum offer is exceptional. Students take up an impressive range of courses and opportunities. These include extensive trips, music, drama and leadership roles.”

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Find out more about life at KLB Sixth Form.

Testimonials



**Find out more
from our
Students.**



Naomi Clarke (Rednock School)

Plans: Pursue a career in medicine and healthcare or working with a foreign aid healthcare.

Subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Economics

"I have found everyone at KLB to have a superb work ethic, to enjoy healthy competition and to be successful at what they do. KLB works for me as it's local, high achieving and has an incredible community feel. Coming to KLB is the best decision I have made yet, and I'm so thankful that I had such amazing support throughout the moving process."

Isaac Goodfield (Yate Academy)

Plans: A career within the film or book industry.

Subjects: Maths, History, Chemistry and Economics

"I have settled in very quickly into my new classes and have found all of my teachers kind and approachable when I need help. Although A-Levels are hard work, I am really confident that the help and support provided throughout the time here at KLB will help me get through it. I couldn't have asked for a better experience."



Josephine Barber (Emmaus)

Plans: Biology based degree at University after travelling.

Subjects: Biology, Spanish and Sociology

"The Sixth Form offers effective help for each subject and I've always had so much support from my teachers, regardless of how I'm doing. I've found that having the opportunity to work independently, paired with the support has enabled me to flourish in my chosen subjects of Biology, Spanish and Sociology."

Tom Gregory (QEH)

Plans: To go to university and potentially study business and politics.

Subjects: Business, History, Sociology and Economics.

"I chose KLB because I heard great things from other students who had studied here previously. The transition felt strange at first, but it took a week or so to feel like I had fully transitioned into a KLB student – I have not looked back since!"



Megan Rigby (Castle School)

Plans: Film making apprenticeships or university to study Film/Media/Photography.

Subjects: Psychology, Fine Art, Film Studies & Photography

"KLB offers an opportunity for independent study alongside excellent teaching, which is allowing me to work at my full potential. It has a great learning environment, specifically facilities and quality of equipment in art and photography. The rooms are light and surrounded by countryside, which has helped to create an atmosphere of creativity and focus."

Bea Herbert (SWR)

Plans: Politics and international relations degree at university.

Subjects: Sociology, History, Art

"I have been given a sense of freedom in my education that has felt so mature and impactful just through the introduction of free periods that you get in A-levels. Some of my favourite things KLB offers are 'Cake Fridays', Sixth Form tutor quiz, the common room that's really great for socialising and a study library that provides a great working environment."



Charlotte Covell (Redmaids High School)

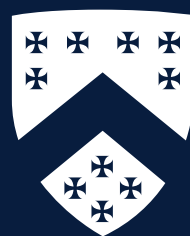
Plans: Move on to university to study engineering.

Subjects: Physics, Maths, Geography and Economics

"The relationship between students and teachers is amazing, with every teacher willing to help you at any time. Everyone has a positive work ethic and a willingness to embrace everything new, which really works well along with the passionate teachers who strive to support and challenge us in every area of Sixth Form life."

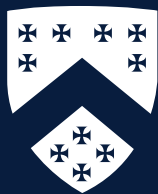
“I just wanted to say thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to go to Sixth Form. It really has changed my life completely and given me a much better chance of a successful future so I can’t thank you enough for that. I really appreciate it.”

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Accessible and successful...

TRAVEL BY CAR TO WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE FROM...

Yate	15 mins
Chipping Sodbury	16 mins
Thornbury	17 mins
Tetbury	19 mins
Stroud	26 mins
Malmesbury	28 mins
Cirencester	34 mins
Gloucester	34 mins



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