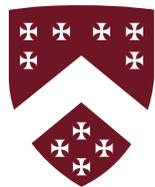




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Sixth Form

Parent of Year 13 students:

“The fact that our three children have all been successful in achieving very good A Level results that allow them to follow their chosen University courses is a real testament to the high quality of tuition and support provided by the school.”



Welcome to Sixth Form at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School

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. We invite you to spend a day with us so that you can meet staff and students, ask any questions that you might have and be in the best possible position to make the decision as to whether this is the right school for you.



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.

Parent of a Year 13 student:

“He really found himself in the last two years and it was wonderful to see him finally start to get excited about learning!”

He loved being on the school council, helping out at the British School, and he thoroughly enjoyed the recent mock general election! The EPQ was a particular highlight for him, as was the trip to Poland. We couldn't have asked for better from a school.

The help given to him when he was applying for his university places again shows that KLB go above and beyond. It is not just about the time they have at KLB but that they get the best opportunities possible to them when they leave KLB.”





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* to B in the facilitating subjects so that students are successful in gaining places on the most competitive university courses. Nationally recognised measures of progress also show that, year after year, students achieve grades which place this school in the top 20% of schools across the country in relation to their starting points at GCSE.

Year 13 student:

"I recently graduated from Aberystwyth with not only first class honours in physical geography, but also being awarded the Gregynog and James Fairgrieve award for the highest graded BSc student in the Geography and Earth Science department. I really believe that it was thanks to my background at such a great school that I was able to achieve this."



OFSTED:

“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.”

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.’



OFSTED:

“Leadership, provision and the quality of teaching in the sixth form are outstanding.”



Year 13 student:
"I'm very grateful for everything you did for me and our year group and the hard working attitude you encouraged will not be absent in my university life."





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 or not 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.

Year 13 student:

"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."



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.



Year 13 student:

"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. It has been a tough couple of years and your guidance has meant a great deal. I am really happy with my results. I honestly do not know what I would have done without you and the staff and I'm sure the rest of the year group would agree."





Enrichment

While the majority of the week for sixth form students is spent in lessons or in private study, the students can also benefit from other organised activities. We therefore have an enrichment programme in which students choose from a wide range of activities, including:

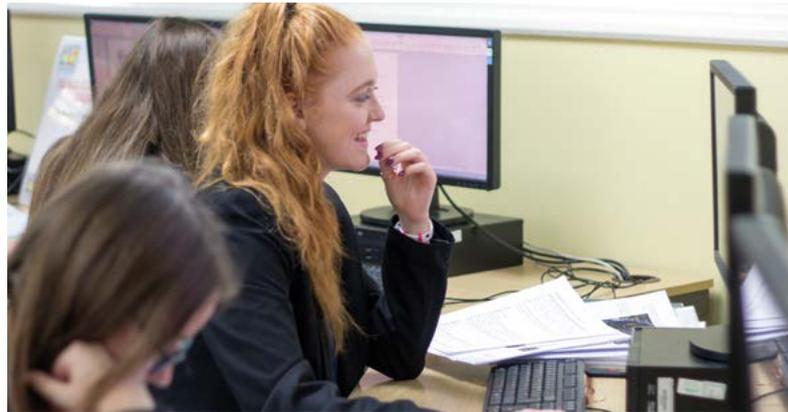
- Working in local primary schools
- Working in local care homes
- Taking a first aid course
- Young Enterprise
- Community Sports Leader award
- Charity work
- Book club
- Working towards the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

These activities provide different ways for students to work together and can help them to maintain existing interests, to develop new interests and to contribute to the local community.

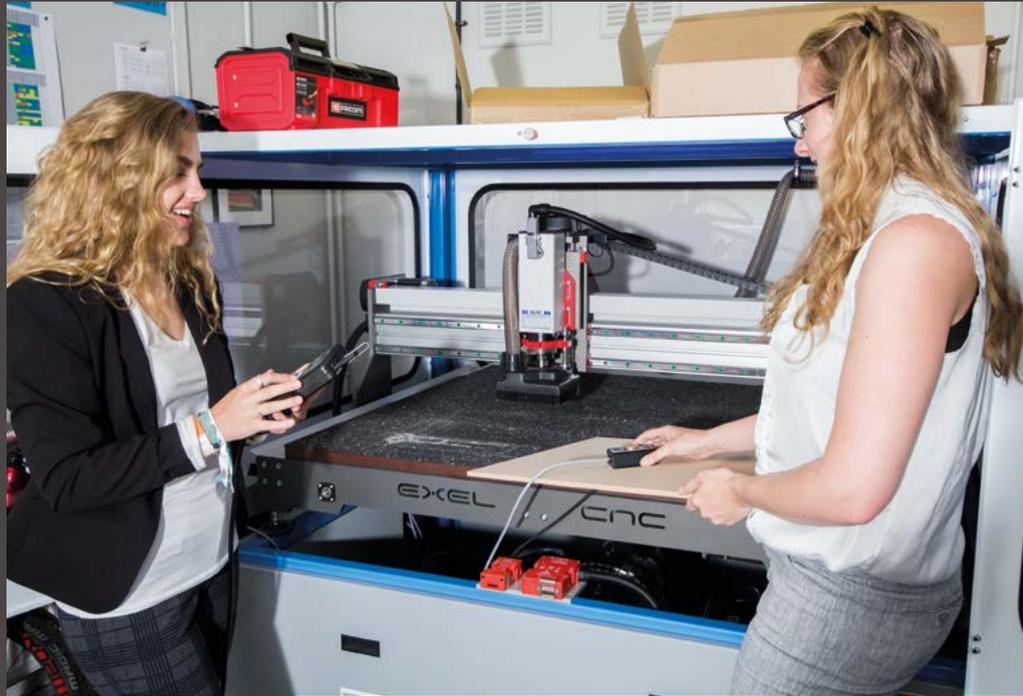


OFSTED:

"Students' excellent attitudes to learning reflect their high standards of behaviour and attendance."







Extra Curricular

In addition to their academic studies, our students enjoy taking part in a wide range of extracurricular activities such as:

- Drama productions
- Music
- Public speaking
- Debating
- Medical society
- Arts society
- Sixth form committee
- Paired reading with younger students
- Helping in lessons with younger students
- Outdoor club
- World Challenge
- Yoga
- Archery

Parent of a Year 13 student:

“He has embraced all that is good and that makes KLB the special place it is. He has really enjoyed organising the two political debates in school and please pass on our thanks to all involved in this. The opportunity to go to Strasbourg was fantastic and watching the videos of him at the European Parliament was a very proud moment for me. To see him engaged and confident was wonderful.”







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 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.

Year 13 student

"I can't thank you enough for the help and support you and other teachers have provided over the past 2 years at sixth form, and I know that I have a bright future ahead of me at Birmingham thanks to you, your advice and the amazing teachers that have taught me so well. The Uptown Funk video was incredible and it's things like that that make me so happy to be a part of KLB sixth form. After 7 years at KLB it now feels more like a home than just a school and I have enjoyed every minute of my time here! I am so glad to be a part of such an amazing and close year group."

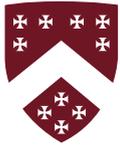


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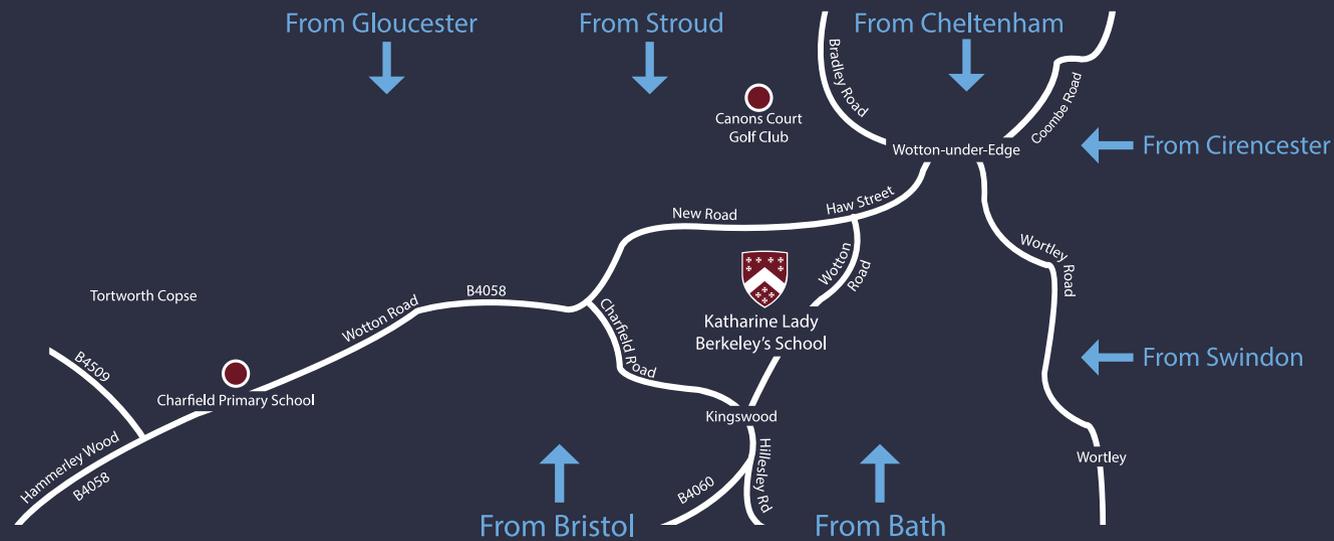
"I am emailing to say a massive thank you to you all for everything you have done over the past few years. Your support and guidance has been excellent, and has helped me achieve more than I could have ever hoped for. I truly appreciate all the hard work you have put in for me and it has inspired me to continue learning with an open mind."

Parent of a Year 13 student:

"Thank you again for all the KLBS did for my son – not only educationally, but also in developing him as a person. We knew at the Open Evening we attended many years ago, that KLBS was the right environment for him and it was."



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