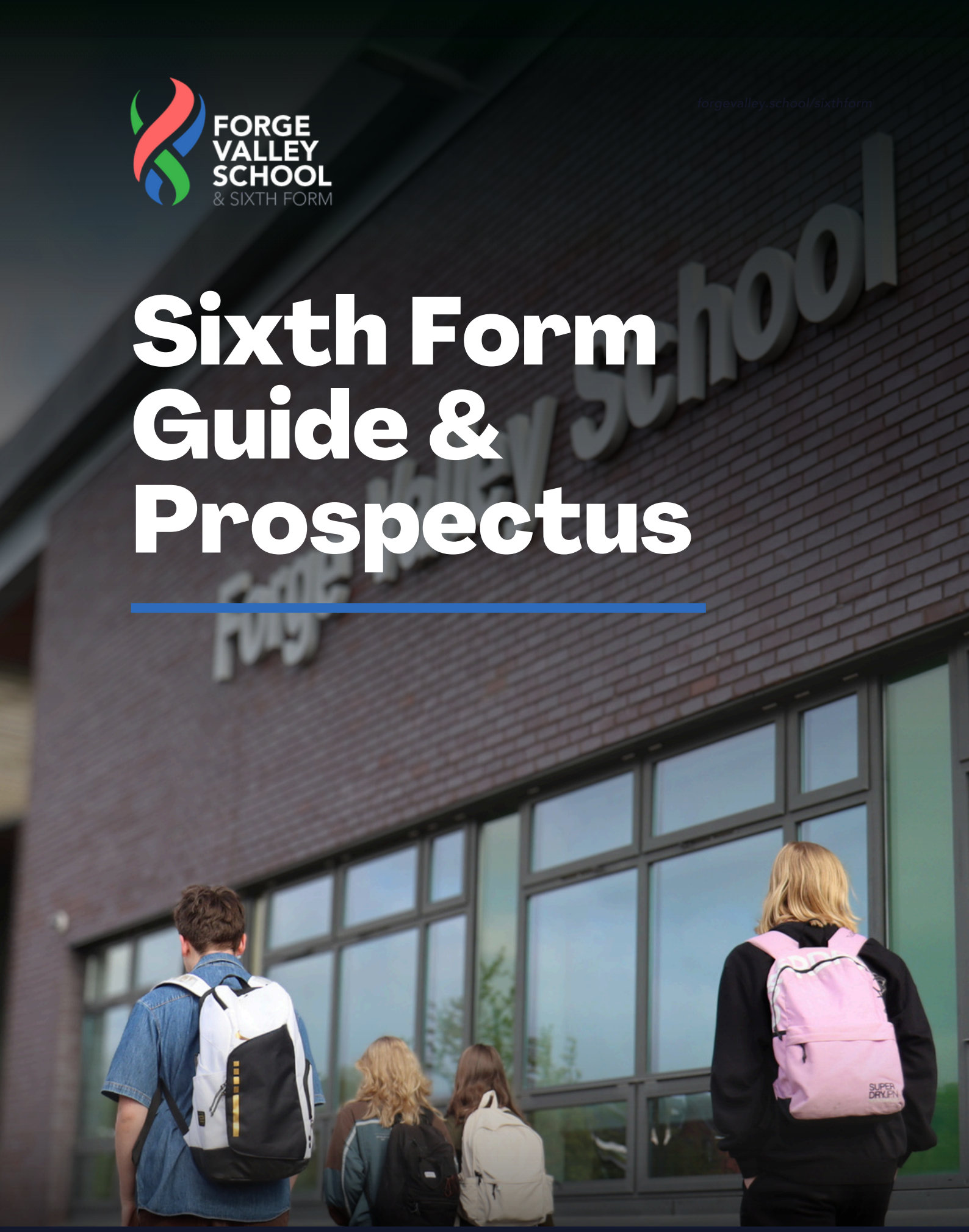
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Sixth Form Guide & Prospectus



AMBITION IGNITED. ENDEAVOUR CELEBRATED. SUCCESS ACHIEVED.



Mrs Rachel Petters

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Welcome Message

Sixth Form marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter. We are delighted that you are considering continuing your post-16 education with us and look forward to supporting our new Year 12 students on their journey towards adulthood.

This guide indicates how we work with every student to achieve their full potential, both academically and personally. Alongside excellent teaching and support, our wider Sixth Form experience helps students develop the skills, confidence and ambition needed for success beyond Year 13.

The two years of Sixth Form pass quickly. Students are challenged to work independently, embrace higher levels of academic study and maintain outstanding standards of behaviour and commitment. We encourage every student to aim high and make the most of every opportunity available to them.

During their time with us, students grow significantly as individuals. While every journey is different, our commitment remains the same: to provide the guidance, support and challenge needed to help each young person achieve academic success and become ready for the next stage of life.

I am looking forward to starting this journey with a new Year 12 cohort in September 2027!

> *I hope that our students and families are as proud to be members of our Sixth Form community as I am to lead them.*

Timings of the Day

YEAR 12	
Arrival	8:30am - 8:40am
Tutor Time / Registration	8:40am - 9:10am
Period 1	9:10am - 10:10am
Period 2	10:10am - 11:10am
Break	**11:10am - 11:30am**
Period 3	11:30am - 12:30pm
Period 4	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Lunch	**1:30pm - 2:00pm**
Period 5	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Period 6	3:00pm - 4:00pm

YEAR 13	
Arrival	8:30am - 8:40am
Tutor Time / Registration	8:40am - 9:10am
Period 1	9:10am - 10:10am
Break	**10:10am - 10:30am**
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Period 5	2:00pm - 3:00pm
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Sixth Form students follow their own individual timetable which will consist of the following mandatory sessions:

- Registration
- Directed Study - Two periods per week
- Lessons

Attendance to all timetabled sessions is compulsory. Students are expected to manage their time effectively to ensure they are on time for all sessions.

Students can leave the school site when 'free' but must understand this is a privilege which may be revoked should we deem it necessary to support productive working.

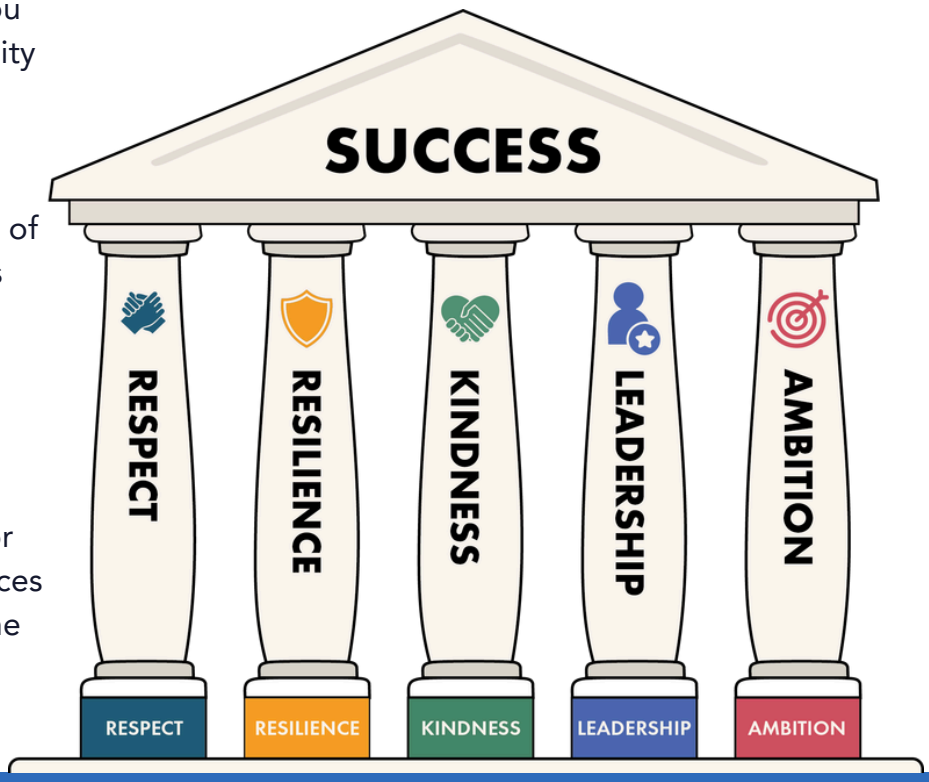
On occasion, we may need students to attend a session outside of their published timetable. If that is the case we will give as much notice as possible.

Our Values

During your time at Forge Valley Sixth Form we urge you to - embrace every opportunity that Sixth Form offers.

Show respect through your actions, resilience in the face of challenges, kindness towards those around you, and leadership through the example you set.

Aim high, believe in your potential, and never settle for less than your best. The choices you make today will shape the opportunities of tomorrow.



Sixth Form Non-Negotiables

Respect	Resilience	Kindness	Leadership	Ambition
Respect yourself	Understand your Sixth Form journey is not easy	Celebrate the opportunity to meet new people	Be a role model	Aim high
Respect others	Try	Value others	Listen to others	Believe in yourself
Show respect through your maturity	Re-evaluate	Include others	Be fair	Push beyond good enough
Maintain excellent attendance	Ask for help	Always consider how your actions and words will make someone else feel	Do the right, not easy, things	Positive attitude
Be punctual	Take on board advice		Lead for change	
Listen carefully	Persevere		Lead to support	
Communicate appropriately at all times	Talk to someone if you are worried or struggling		Mentor	
Do what is asked of you				

Student Wellbeing

Students should feel supported throughout their Sixth Form journey and know that help is always available. Every student should be able to identify a trusted adult they can turn to, whether that is their Form Tutor, Academic and Pastoral Mentor, a member of the Sixth Form team, a Subject Teacher, or a member of the Safeguarding team.

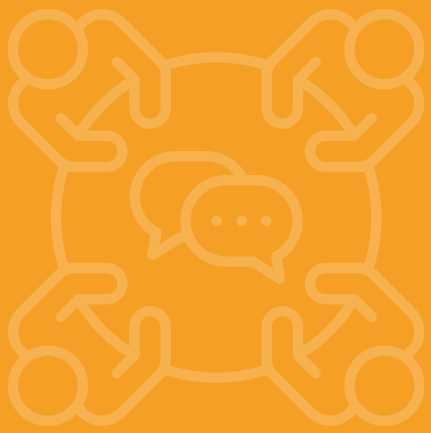
No concern is too small or too big to share. Students are encouraged to seek support as early as possible, whether they are facing academic challenges, personal difficulties, wellbeing concerns, or simply need someone to talk to. The sooner we know about an issue, the sooner we can work together to provide the right support and help students achieve their full potential.

Alongside our in-school support, students can access a range of specialist services, including:

- **Kooth** – a free, safe, and anonymous online mental wellbeing platform offering professional counselling, self-help resources, and peer support.
- **The Mix** – providing advice and support for young people on mental health, wellbeing, relationships, money, housing, and more.
- **NHS Mental Health Services** – offering trusted information, wellbeing resources, and access to professional support.
- **Childline** – a confidential service available 24 hours a day for young people needing advice or someone to talk to.
- **Young Minds** – providing mental health information, practical advice, and wellbeing resources specifically for young people.

Our aim is to create an environment where every student feels valued, respected, and empowered to succeed.

We want students to leave Forge Valley Sixth Form not only with excellent qualifications, but with the confidence, resilience, and support network needed for their next steps.



16-19 Bursary

Need help with the cost of Sixth Form?
The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to support eligible students with the expenses that come with Sixth Form study.

What can the bursary help with?

The fund can contribute towards essential educational costs, including:

- Textbooks and study materials
- Stationery and equipment
- Scientific calculators
- Public transport and travel costs
- University application fees
- Other approved learning resources

How does it work?

Applications are made at the start of the year, all requests are managed by the school.

Rather than providing cash payments directly to students, support is provided through the purchase or reimbursement of approved educational expenses.

Who should apply?

We encourage applications from students who:

- Receive Free School Meals
- Meet other eligibility criteria outlined in our policy

Please note

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is a limited allocation provided annually to support a large number of students. While we aim to help as many students as possible, we may not be able to fund every request.

Find out more: [Forge Valley Sixth Form]

Personal & Social Development

Our Personal Development Programme equips students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive in Sixth Form and beyond.

Year 12: Building Foundations

Focus on developing independence, wellbeing and life skills.

- First Aid
- Active Citizenship
- Life Goals
- Personal Safety
- Online Safety
- Finance
- Relationship & Sex Education
- Business
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Food & Nutrition

Year 13: Preparing for the Future

Focused on helping students navigate adulthood, higher education and employment.

- Careers & Post-18 Pathways
- Travel & Independent Living
- Financial Ventures
- Health & Wellbeing
- Mental Health
- Drugs Awareness
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Loans & Debt Management

Beyond the Classroom

Sixth Form is about more than just achieving great grades. It's about exploring your interests, discovering new passions and developing the skills that will help you stand out when applying for university, apprenticeships and future careers.

Some of the things we have engaged in over the years include:

Sports and Physical Activity
- Yoga
- Sports Teams
- Sixth Form Football Team
- Sports Mentoring
- Sixth Form Sports Day

Arts and Culture
- Geography Residential
- Royal Shakespeare Company Trip
- Spanish Exchange
- Art Exhibition
- ForgeFest
- Halloween trip to Alton Towers
- Royal Literary Fund – Writers Workshop

Nature/Outdoors/Adventure
- Duke of Edinburgh (Gold)
- Camps International
- Dam Flask Trek

Developing Wider Skills
- First Aid guidance
- UKMT Senior Maths Challenge
- Lessons from Auschwitz Project
- University days - Taster sessions for a range of subjects
- Super curricular lecture series
- CERN Trip
- Speaker for schools
- Chemistry Christmas Lectures
- Subject specific trips
- Work Experience
- UCAS Fair
- Visit to University of Cambridge and Oxford
- Whole Year 12 trip to university
- Volunteering with Bookmark Reading
- Subject specific revision Tutor2U conferences

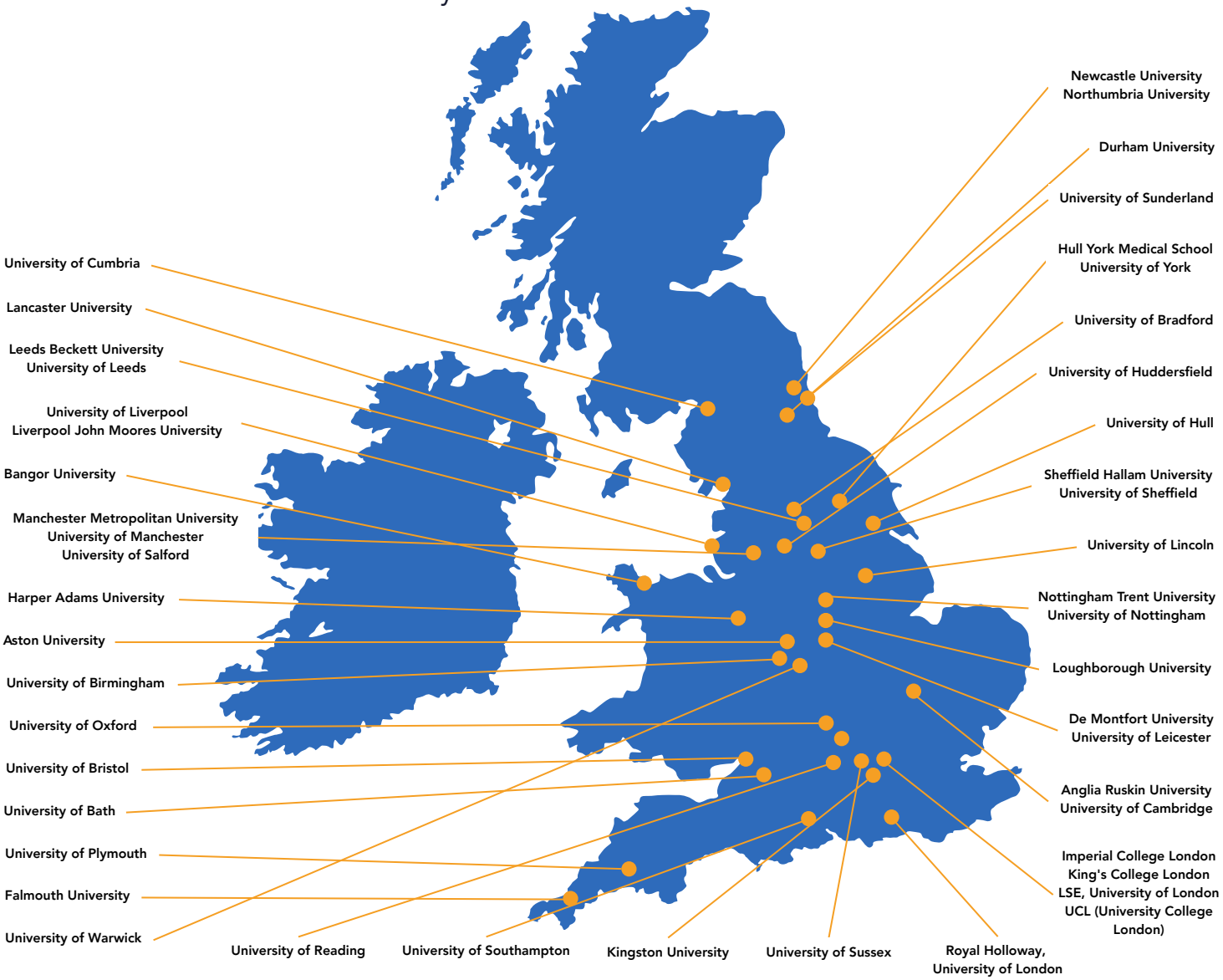
Civic Engagement
- Lead Learners representing school at Open Evening
- Macmillan Coffee morning
- Reading mentors
- Student Leadership
- Food bank collections
- Support to Iftar meal
- Just like us LGBTQ+ Assembly

Careers & Destinations

At Forge Valley Sixth Form, we offer a comprehensive careers programme that helps you explore your options and make informed decisions about life after Sixth Form. Guided by the Gatsby Benchmarks, we support students in progressing to university, apprenticeships, employment, or other pathways with confidence.
Our support includes:

- University research and application guidance
- Further, Higher and Degree Apprenticeship advice
- Careers and labour market information
- CV writing, applications and interview preparation
- Understanding how your subjects and skills link to future careers

Support is delivered through one-to-one careers guidance, employer and university encounters, and work experience opportunities, helping you make confident and well-informed decisions about your future.



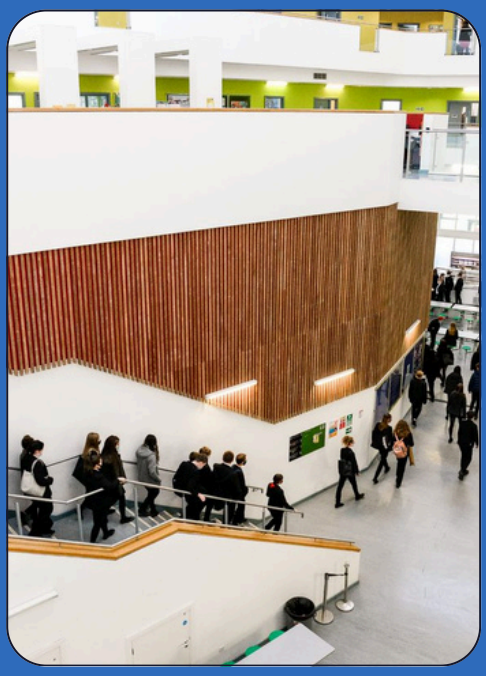






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Please note that the availability of courses is dependent upon student demand and staffing. Consequently, some subjects may not run if minimum enrolment numbers are not reached. For the most up-to-date information, please contact the Sixth Form directly or visit our website.

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