



## **Sixth Form FAQs for Parents/Carers**

### **HOW MANY SUBJECTS WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO STUDY IN THE SIXTH FORM?**

Your child will need to opt for three different subjects. These subjects will be selected from different option blocks (A, B, C, D and E). Unfortunately, students are unable to select two subjects from the same option block e.g. if History and Geography were in Block A, the student would have to choose one or the other. A small number of students opt to study four subjects at the beginning of sixth form. This is something we can discuss with students on an individual basis.

### **WHAT ARE INDEPENDENT STUDY (IS) LESSONS?**

Every student will have nine “Independent Study lessons” on their timetable, per cycle. These lessons are compulsory and there to help support students learning. They take place in the school library. IS lessons provide students with an opportunity to complete homework, revision notes, assignments, extra reading or any other additional work. They enable students to become self-programming and more independent, which are key skills when moving into the world of university, apprenticeships and employment.

### **IF STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE A LESSON PERIOD 1, DO THEY NEED TO COME INTO SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION?**

Yes. Registration starts at 8.50am and takes place in a student's allocated tutor room. Attendance to registration counts towards a student's overall attendance figure. During tutorial time students will participate in a tutorial programme designed to support their needs and to pass on key messages to all students.

### **ONCE STUDENTS HAVE FINISHED THEIR LESSONS, CAN THEY GO HOME?**

Yes. If a student is 'free' they can sign out of school and go home. If a free is timetabled during the last lesson of the day, then students can have an early finish.

### **CAN STUDENTS PARK THEIR CAR IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK?**

Yes, sixth form students can travel to school in their own car. They should park in the car park by the tennis courts. Parking spaces are available on a first come first served basis. Cars are parked at the students' own risk.

### **WILL STUDENTS GET THE CHANCE TO DO WORK EXPERIENCE?**

All students have the opportunity to complete work experience in Year 12 during the final week of the Summer Term. Work experience is essential in helping students decide on a future career pathway. Tutors will help support students in looking for appropriate placements. We strongly encourage students to self-place and look for a placement that reflects their future careers intentions.

If you have any further questions regarding our sixth form, please contact Mr Ironside either via telephone: 0191 2371505 or email: [adam.ironside@svf.org.uk](mailto:adam.ironside@svf.org.uk)