



THE
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
SCHOOL

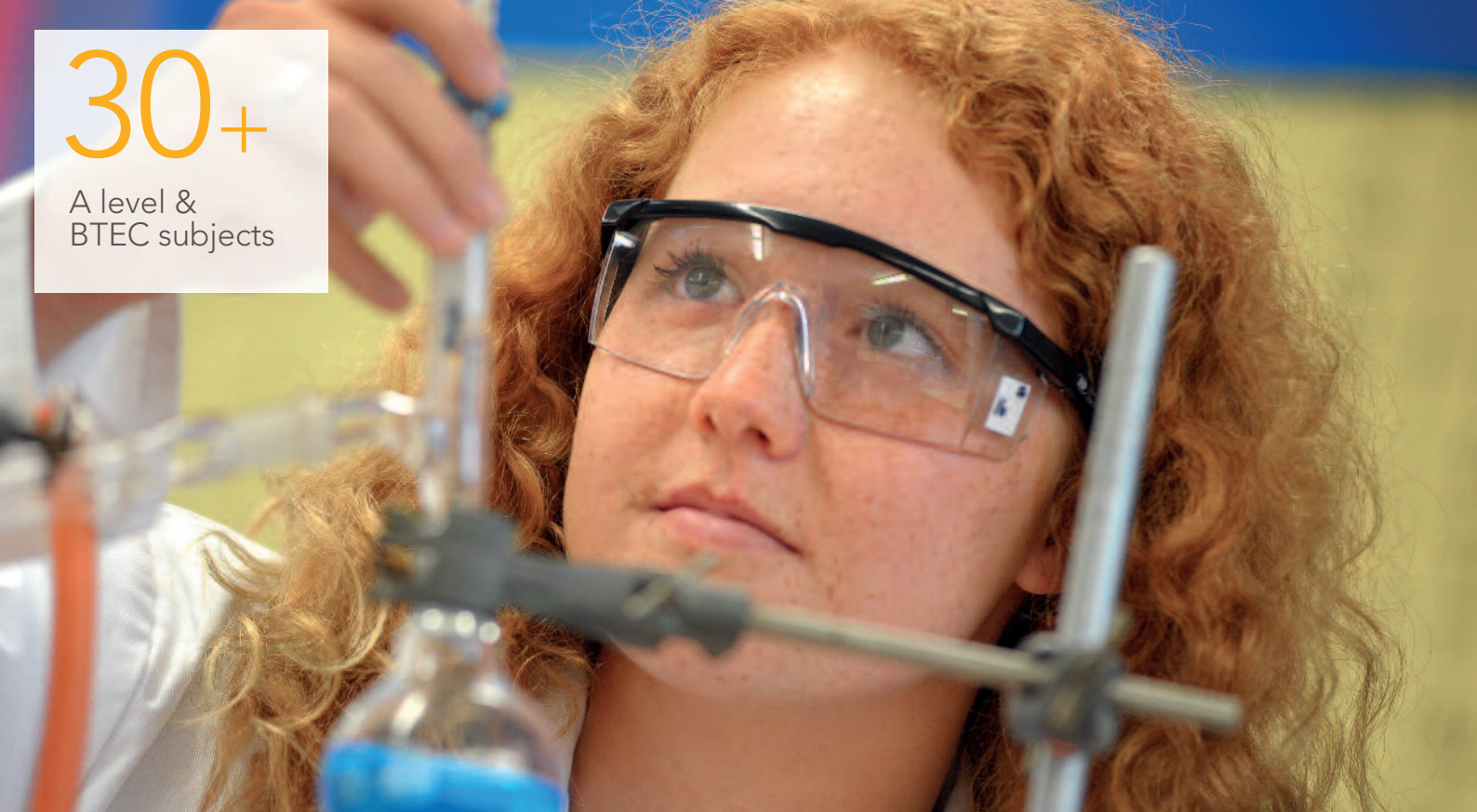
SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

2018



30+

A level &
BTEC subjects



New opportunities for your future

It's an exciting time, thinking about which sixth form to choose. What are you looking for? How about the opportunity to reach your full academic potential, a brilliant range of activities and trips, a warm and respectful environment and the encouragement to develop as an individual?

You can expect all this and much more at The Knights Templar School, and we'll expect a lot of you if you join our Sixth Form. So read on – Knights Templar could be exactly what you're looking for!

Staying on at The Knights Templar School

Our current students know that we are a family school, an integral part of the local community, with one of the most successful sixth forms in North Hertfordshire. Our highly experienced teachers and pastoral tutors provide continuity to ensure you make a smooth transition from Year 11.

You will notice some big changes in the Sixth Form: a professional dress code instead of The Knights Templar School uniform; the expectation that you plan your own independent learning, take more responsibility and act as a role model for younger pupils; and more freedom to leave the campus at lunchtime and manage your own time.

Joining The Knights Templar School

Each year we welcome students from a wide range of local state and independent schools who are keen to learn in our Sixth Form. We will help you settle in as quickly as possible and you will discover that we are a diverse, mixed sixth form. Belonging to a Sixth Form tutor group will give you the chance to make friends and enjoy collaborative learning as well as develop positive links with younger Knights Templar students.

Enabling participation

In common with other schools, we offer a range of academic, travel and other sixth form bursaries. More information is available from the Sixth Form office or our website.



The Knights Templar Sixth Form is a very friendly environment and a close community. KTS has taught me to work hard and instilled a good work ethic in me, which I apply not only to my subjects, but also to the sporting activities I am involved in. I believe being pushed hard in the Sixth Form enables me to achieve success and gain great satisfaction in my work. The teachers create good relationships with pupils on a one-to-one basis. This has helped to motivate me, and contributes to the happy environment.

Jamie Allen

I find the courses really interesting, a chance to expand my knowledge in the subjects of my choice.

Maximising your academic potential

My time at The Knights Templar Sixth Form has been both the most challenging and enjoyable two years of my life. I have learnt so much, being guided to manage my time effectively and keep calm when things don't go to plan.

Bethany Jones

Excellent facilities and results

Our dedicated Sixth Form building incorporates state-of-the-art teaching rooms, the latest information technology, private study areas and our new science centre. Sixth-formers also use the extensive collection of books and journals in the main school's learning resources centre and you can relax with friends in your own common room.

Our committed key stage 5 teachers are experts in their different fields, passionate about sharing their knowledge with you through innovative and inspiring lessons. You will be encouraged to discover things for

yourself during independent study time and ask questions to deepen your learning. The high quality of teaching and learning at The Knights Templar School is reflected in our consistently high A level results.

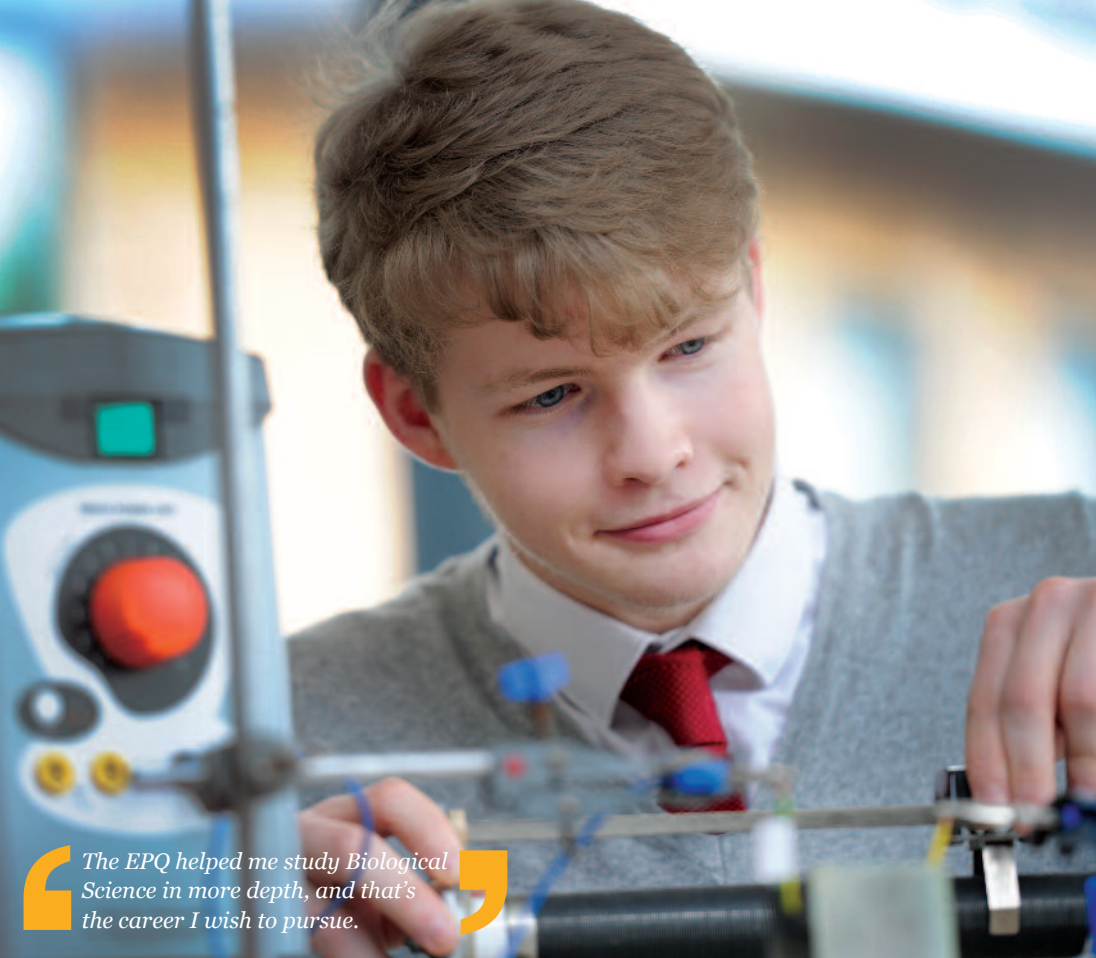
Subject-based trips

Many A level subjects offer the experience of learning beyond the classroom. For example, our sixth-formers take part in a wide range of Biology and Geography field trips, a History trip to Berlin, visits to theatres and galleries in London and elsewhere, as well as a wide range of workshops and conferences for all subjects.

over
a third

of students
achieved one or
more A*/A grades





The EPQ helped me study Biological Science in more depth, and that's the career I wish to pursue.



The trip to Berlin in Year 12 as part of the A Level History course is fantastic. It is a living example of the course and is extremely beneficial to students both socially and academically.

Choose from these A level and BTEC courses:

Art
Art Photography
Biology
Business Studies
Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
Dance
Economics
English Language and Literature
English Literature
Ethics and Philosophy
Design and Technology:
Fashion and Textiles
Design and Technology:
Product Design
Film Studies
Further Maths
Geography
Government and Politics
History
Maths
Media
Modern Languages
Music
Music Technology RSL Diploma
PE
Performing Arts
(Musical Theatre) @ EDA
Performing Arts BTEC (Acting)
Physics
Psychology
Sociology
Sport Studies BTEC
Statistics

Wider Curriculum Subjects

Extended Project Qualification
GCSE Spanish
IFS Financial Studies
LAMDA Public Speaking
RSL Certificate in Music
Performance/Composition
Theatre Studies



The extracurricular activities provided by KTS Sixth Form had opportunities no other school would usually have. From travelling across Europe to play in Venice, to performing in the Big Band in the Christmas Concerts, these memories were made by KTS. I fully recommend this Sixth Form.

Lucy Brewer

20+

clubs to
choose from

Enriching your experience

Research shows that the most fulfilled, happy, successful and interesting adults balance a busy, challenging work life with a variety of other activities and interests. Our dedicated Enrichment Hour on Wednesday afternoons is just one of the opportunities you will have to broaden your Sixth Form experience and enhance your CV.

Duke of Edinburgh – Gold Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme aims to develop young people through adventure, challenge, service, learning new skills and teamwork. The scheme has been running at The Knights Templar School for over 30 years and is a cornerstone of the school's Sixth Form extra-curricular activities.

Clubs and activities

Are you into rugby or robotics, biology or brass bands, drama or dance? You can sign up for these and many more lunchtime and after-school clubs at our Sixth Form Induction Days in June. And don't forget to check out our fantastic Sports Centre with its fitness room, dance studio, sports hall, plus outdoor pitches and courts.

Engaging Minds

For Year 12 students, this series of inspirational talks features high profile speakers, such as Andy Halliday, Claire Fox and Dr Peter Lovatt.

Connecting with our community

Interact, the youth wing of Rotary, oversees many of the fundraising activities within the school. A group of Sixth Form students meet once a week with Rotary members to plan and organise community events, such as an annual Christmas party for the elderly citizens of Baldock, and Easter egg hunts and Halloween parties for children at Weston Way Nursery.

Joining Interact will give you the chance to develop new skills, take on a leadership role, and become an active citizen serving the wider community.






one
in five

of 2017 leavers
earned places
at Russell Group
Universities

The PE Department are very encouraging and change the way each lesson is taught – it keeps the subject interesting and engaging. Their relaxed nature stops you feeling too stressed about the subject.





The School Council
gives me the ability
to represent my peers.



53%

of all grades
achieved were
A*/B

Leading by example

Sixth Form Council

Sixth Form Council members represent each of our year 12 and year 13 tutor groups, meeting once a week to discuss issues relevant to the Sixth Form. As a council member you represent your fellow students, get more involved with student life and give valuable feedback to teachers and your peers on school-wide issues.

The Sixth Form Council do an amazing job leading whole-school events such as our Macmillan Coffee Morning, as well as organising regular Sixth Form quizzes and the annual Sixth Form dinner dance.

We love being on the Sixth Form Council because it's really great to be involved in the whole school community and to make decisions.

Mentoring and one-to-one reading

These initiatives are hugely successful. Trained sixth-formers coach students from years 7 to 11, discussing particular subject concerns, study and organisation skills, and helping younger students plan their next steps.

Our one-to-one reading programme teams carefully trained members of the Sixth Form with year 7 pupils. The opportunity to read out loud in a quiet and supportive environment helps build their confidence and supports their studies. You might also be involved in our Year 11 Mentoring Initiative.

Working alongside younger pupils ensures that you have the chance to develop the wider skills which universities and employers are looking for.

Prefects

Sixth Form prefects, including our Head Boy and Head Girl, are appointed by a combination of election by fellow students and formal interviews. Serving as a prefect gives you the opportunity to represent the school on many occasions throughout the year.

I was at Knights Templar from Year 7 to Year 13. I chose to stay for Sixth Form due to the good relationships I had with the teachers and the fantastic opportunities available.

Knights Templar gave me the ability to add depth to my learning, go beyond the curriculum and learn to truly love my subjects.


I believe the support and the strong teaching led me to be successful at interview for Geography at Manchester, and a gap tutor role in New Zealand.

At KTS students are inspired, motivated and encouraged to be good role models for younger students.


Matthew Cockburn



Preparing for your future



The art facilities are great, you have the opportunity to explore and develop skills in many mediums. There is even a darkroom, and an entire computer room dedicated to art and art photography equipped with Photoshop.



Caring for each individual

Our system of pastoral care is a key strength at The Knights Templar School. And of course, our Sixth Form is not so big that you risk feeling overwhelmed or lost in a crowd. With a maximum of 20 students per tutor group, and the same form tutor for years 12 and 13, you will benefit from one-to-one advice and guidance from someone who knows you really well. Your tutor will work with you on key areas, such as A Level study skills in year 12 and further education applications in year 13.

Being together in your year group in weekly assemblies and other activities, and being part of the wider school on a regular basis, are both vitally important.

Getting you where you want to go

Whether you're planning to head for higher education, employment, an apprenticeship or gap year travels, your form tutor will be dedicated to helping you get where you want to go.

In addition to registration sessions you will also have lesson times with your tutor, which prepare you for life beyond school. For example, our pre-university lessons look at topics such as sourcing, referencing and advanced study skills.

We also invite speakers on issues ranging from safe driving and teenage health to apprenticeships, UCAS and student finance. You will build further key skills through bridging workshops in year 12 and Mock Interviews in year 13, when members of our local community come in to support students. In addition, our Careers Fair, where we welcome over 40 exhibitors from a wide range of sectors, gives our students the opportunity to directly discuss their future choices and options.

Taking the next step

Joining our Sixth Form will give you an extraordinary range of opportunities through which to enjoy developing the skills for higher education or the world of work.

You will be challenged, supported and developed by a team of professionals committed to your success. We want to ensure that you leave with confidence and enthusiasm, as well as outstanding academic achievements.

If you would enjoy taking an active part in an outstanding Sixth Form with very high standards – ‘Courage and Courtesy’ is our school motto – then please apply!

We look forward to welcoming you.

The UCAS fair we went to as part of our tutorial gave me the chance to speak to representatives from the universities. This helped to ensure I was making the right decision regarding my choices.

Sixth form at KTS has been a great experience, with a good balance between school work and extra-curricular activities. The Sixth Form has given me many valuable skills for the future, including interview skills from the Mock Interview event in Year 13. Our Post-18 options were well explained, to give us a wide variety of choice and help us in our move towards the future.

Chloe Gower

Tutorials are encouraging and make me feel as if I can succeed, I can do it.

79%

of 2017 leavers gained university or other higher education places



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