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Welcome

Hellesdon is a well established and successful Sixth Form and whilst it is a natural progression for Hellesdon High School students, we also welcome Year 11 students from further afield, such as Taverham, Drayton and Norwich City Centre.

It is large enough to offer you a fantastic selection of post-16 courses, alongside outstanding facilities and extra-curricular activities, whilst still being small enough to give you a welcoming and supportive environment in which to study. You will benefit from being taught in small groups and from one-to-one support, advice and guidance from both a personal tutor and a dedicated pastoral worker.

As well as an excellent track record in achieving fantastic exam results, our staff take great care in supporting you to be ready, confident and equipped to take your next chosen step.

With 75% of our students going on to university, we will help you gain a place at your first choice campus. We will also support those who wish to pursue higher level apprenticeships or first career roles by helping with applications and CV development.

Please come along to our Open Evening and take a look at our website to get a feel for life at our Sixth Form. We look forward to welcoming you.

Richard Taylor

Director of Hellesdon Sixth Form



Hellesdon Sixth Form

OUR facilities

Having spent over £278,000 on updating and upgrading the facilities, Hellesdon Sixth Form is a fantastic place for you to both study and relax with friends.

The fully refurbished Sixth Form has a large Study Centre - a quiet, purposeful environment where you will have access to one of more than 70 PCs and laptops.

The area is where you will spend allocated time when you're not in lessons to complete homework or research areas in subjects and it is staffed by a Study Centre Supervisor who is on hand to help you with any issues that may arise.

With our growth in student numbers in recent years we have doubled the size of the Common Room to ensure you have somewhere to relax and socialise during the breaks between lessons or at the start/end of the day.

You have access to a comfortable seating area, as well as a kitchen to make food and hot drinks.

Both the Study Centre and the Common Room are equipped with WiFi, enabling you to work on your own devices should you wish to.

▷ "The new Study Centre and Common Room have a really grown up, university feel about them. I can complete my work in a quiet focused environment, away from the distractions of daily life, as well as relax with friends at the end of a busy day and during breaks."

Year 12 student



Supporting YOU ON YOUR NEXT STEP

As a new Year 12 student, you will have a dedicated Head of Year who oversees your transition and ensures you make a positive start on your next step with us. Our full time Pastoral Officer is also there for those times you may need some extra support and guidance.

You will also be assigned a Personal Tutor who oversees both your academic progress and pastoral support over your two years at Hellesdon. Our tutors are experienced in supporting you as you progress through Sixth Form, guiding you to your next step.



▷ "The Sixth Form takes wellbeing really seriously. We have our own pastoral officer and are encouraged to take care of our mental health. The new Pets As Therapy dog and Wellbeing Wednesday, where we get to do sport or board games, are really fun and take the pressure off a bit."

Y12 student.



▷ "I love being a Personal Tutor with my Y13 students - having mature conversations about next steps and knowing I played a small part helping them in their decisions, is really satisfying."

Year 13 Personal Tutor

Expert TEACHING

Post-16 teachers at Hellesdon are experts in their fields, whether it's A-Levels in the more traditional subjects or the wide range of vocational subjects we offer.

We deliberately keep class sizes smaller so you can benefit from the more independent and focused learning that takes place at Post-16 level.

You also have access to specialist science laboratories and creative facilities, including an Art Workroom used exclusively for Sixth Form students.

▶ *"With small class sizes and motivated students, I really look forward to my A-Level lessons. Helping students on their learning journey at Hellesdon is a real privilege."*

y13 A-Level Teacher.



Valuable LEARNING

Beyond an outstanding Sixth Form education, we also provide a host of enrichment opportunities outside the classroom. These activities provide valuable experiences and additional skill sets.

Ranging from subject trips to our weekly conference, where you hear from guest speakers on diverse areas such as political and environment issues, and health topics.

All students have work experience as part of their Programme of Study, aimed to enhance your future prospects with guidance on interviews and application processes.

The opportunity to become a Student Leader is highly valued by our students - whether that is mentoring younger pupils or being part of the Senior Student Leadership Team and helping shape the student experience at Hellesdon.



OUR courses

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Hellesdon Sixth Form offers a wide range of Post-16 courses, divided into three Pathways.

Pathway 1 - A-Levels/Single Award BTEC

Entry Criteria: 6 GCSEs at grade 4 or above - some A-Levels may require grade 6 or above

- ▶ Art
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Business Studies
- ▶ Business BTEC
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Core Maths
- ▶ Drama & Theatre Studies
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ English Lit & Lang
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ Film Studies
- ▶ Further Maths
- ▶ French
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Graphic Communication
- ▶ Health & Social Care
- ▶ History
- ▶ BTEC Information Technology
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Product Design
- ▶ Media Studies
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ PE Training Course
- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Sociology
- ▶ Spanish

Plus the Physical Education Teacher Programme



Scan here for
further details
on all our courses

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Pathway 2 - Full-time Vocational Courses

Entry Criteria: 4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above

- ▶ Health & Social Care (Triple Award)
- ▶ Football: Community Sports Foundation

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Pathway 3 - Combination of Double Award BTEC/OCR + one other course

Choose the Double Award course below

Entry Criteria: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above

- ▶ Health & Social Care BTEC (Double Award)

Please note all courses are subject to minimum numbers.



Unique PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

As the official education partner of Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, we are able to provide you with an opportunity to continue your education, combined with an outstanding football experience through three unique programmes for boys and girls.

In partnership with



COMMUNITY
SPORTS
FOUNDATION

▷ "Everything we learn is relevant, engaging and versatile. It gives us a pathway to follow and whilst it is helping me with my future plans to be a teacher, it is also providing me with skills and information I can use elsewhere."

Year 13 Student



Football and Education Programmes

The Football and Education Programme for boys is a football-focussed offering that replicates the professional environment. Players have aspirations to further their on-pitch development whilst also building a dual career pathway at the same time.

The Football and Education Programme for girls is a football-focused offering that provides a direct link into Norwich City Women's FC and potential exit routes into overseas scholarships and the national league structure.

The Football Learning Programme has a wider football perspective with more focus on careers development for those considering a non-playing career in sport, such as coaching, media or science-based progressions.

PET Programme

For those who aspire to become a PE Teacher, Hellesdon Sixth Form works with the Foundation and the University of East Anglia to offer a unique career pathway.

You can gain a Level 3 PE Teacher qualification, which is achieved alongside three A-Levels. Through the programme's partnership with the UEA, if you achieve the required entry grades you will then be guaranteed an offer to study a degree in Physical Education at the UEA.

To find out more details about the programme, or to register your interest and apply, scan here



▷ "The course is unique in that it offers teaching experience placements across a variety of settings, vocational qualifications to further enhance CVs and skill sets, whilst the partnership with the UEA is ensuring the next steps are already being supported for our students to achieve."

Steve Bramble

Head of Curriculum
at Norwich City CSF



Your TYPICAL DAY AT SIXTH FORM

Ask any student and they will tell you that life at Hellesdon Sixth Form is busy!

Monday to Wednesday starts with Tutor Time - an opportunity to discuss things in a group of around 15 students with an experienced Post-16 Tutor.

Thursday and Friday follows on with individual mentoring across the term. Here students build up a good working relationship with their Tutor and discuss any academic and pastoral issues or goals.

Morning

It's then off to lessons.

Subject specific lessons are delivered by specialist Post-16 teachers, in well-equipped classrooms, who will challenge you to think and help develop the skills needed to gain top grades.

10am

9am

11am

afternoon

12pm

During break and lunchtime students enjoy using the common room, with its well equipped kitchen and comfortable seating, giving time to relax and catch up with friends.

Unique to Hellesdon Sixth Form is our weekly Conference.

This is a meeting for the whole year group, with guest speakers and opportunities to take part in extracurricular activities throughout the year.

All-in-all a very busy, but enjoyable time. Believe us - the two years pass very quickly!

In partnership with



Your NEXT STEP

Whether it's a top university, Higher Level Apprenticeship with a national firm, or employment locally, students benefit from a structured 'Post-18 Choices' programme. This individually tailored programme, partnered with the UEA, allows students to investigate all their options before deciding on the route they wish to take.

Individual guidance is available from tutors and outside agencies to ensure every student progresses on to a fulfilling future. Students looking to apply to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities have a bespoke application programme to ensure they are fully prepared for the process.



ON AVERAGE
75% OF OUR
STUDENTS
GO ON TO
UNIVERSITY



GETTING *here*

walk

If you live locally, we would recommend you walk or bike to Hellesdon Sixth Form.

drive

For Sixth Form students who have a full driver's licence and want to travel in by car, a parking permit is required. You can get one of these in agreement with the Head of Year in return for a donation of £10 towards the Sixth Form's chosen charity.

bus

Norfolk County Council currently run school bus services between Horsford, Newton St Faith, Felthorpe and Hellesdon Sixth Form. In order to use this transport you will need to apply to the Post 16 travel scheme. All the details about the scheme are on the Norfolk County Council website.

First Bus also run services from Hellesdon to Norwich City Centre, Long Stratton, Harleston and Mulbarton, whilst Sanders Coaches run bus services between Aylsham and Hellesdon.





Ten reasons TO JOIN HELLESDON SIXTH FORM



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We offer a wide range of courses.

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We provide a welcoming and supportive environment.

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You will benefit from enjoyable and small class sizes.

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You will receive expert tuition.

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On average, 75% of our students go to university.

Hellesdon Sixth Form

Your next step

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We have fantastic exam results.

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We have great facilities to study and relax.

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We give students a voice.

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Our unique partnerships will provide you with valuable opportunities and experiences.

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We will prepare you for your next step.

START HERE



Scan here for further details on all our courses

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