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“Pupils and staff speak about the ‘Arden family’ – where no one is left out. The positive relationships between staff and pupils are a joy to observe.”

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Welcome to Arden

Arden is more than just a school. We are an aspirational and caring community where every student is valued and supported.

Our sixth form is a remarkable place to learn and develop. The feeling of the Arden Family is evident in all aspects of sixth form life as students, staff, and parents work together to ensure each student has every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Our core values – Aspiration, Resilience, and Belonging embody our school and our sixth form. These values are woven into everything we do: we aim high in all that we pursue; we never give up when faced with challenges; we stand together, united by a strong sense of community and care.

We are a highly academic sixth form offering a wide range of A Level subjects, our students achieve excellent academic outcomes and we are immensely proud of their achievements



Mr Warwood,
Associate Headteacher



Mr White,
Assistant Headteacher,
Sixth Form

and the destinations and pathways that they select to pursue. This academic success is a key aspect of the Arden experience, which is, an education in its widest sense, an education that develops the whole person – academically, socially, and emotionally preparing them not only for exams, but for life.

Students at Arden are supported to develop through a vast array of opportunities to take part in clubs, visits and experiences outside of the classroom, all of which helps them shape their aspirations for their future. With high expectations and unwavering support, Arden is a truly unique and exceptional environment for all our students to flourish in their A Level study.

A culture of excellence underpins both our teaching and our students' learning experiences.

We believe every student having met the standard for our academic sixth form, regardless of background or prior achievement, deserves high-quality and intellectually challenging lessons every day.

Our teachers hold high aspirations for every student. They foster resilience, encourage risk-taking, and support learning both in class and at home. Mistakes are seen as opportunities to grow. Our inclusive classrooms are purposeful, engaging, and enable students to often exceed their highly ambitious targets. Lessons challenge and

support every learner. Whether mastering a skill or honing exam skills and technique, we adapt our teaching to guide students to develop and understand the steps to success.

We empower students to take ownership of their learning. Independence becomes an invaluable skill as we support students to transition into successful A Level study, helping them to understand the need for strong organisational and independent skills.

At Arden, we teach with purpose, inspire with passion, and believe in every learner.

Learning at Arden






“Sixth form students spoken to are very supportive and complimentary about the teaching they receive from adults at Arden. They consider their teachers to be 100% for them in everything that they do and would recommend whole heartedly the provision on offer.”

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A photograph of three students in school uniforms sitting outdoors. A young man with brown hair is on the left, smiling. A young woman with blonde hair is in the center, laughing. A young man with dark hair is on the right, partially visible. They are all wearing dark blue blazers over white shirts and green ties with yellow patterns. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a building.

“All students spoken to are ambitious and want to do well. They feel well equipped to go on to university and to succeed as lawyers, engineers and in some cases, teachers!”

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Inspiring Curriculum

**Our curriculum is broad,
balanced and ambitious;
it is designed to help
every student thrive.**

Students' strong outcomes at Key Stage 4 open doors to our academically focused Sixth Form.

Our post-16 curriculum is based on a superb range of A levels across the arts, humanities, social sciences and sciences; it builds on students' strengths and enables them to achieve their future aspirations.

We are proud of the mathematical and scientific pathways with subjects such as mathematics & further mathematics, computer science, physics, chemistry and biology. Many of these highly sought after qualifications are amongst Arden's most popular subjects.

Our curriculum offers subjects that may be entirely new to students including psychology, sociology and economics and they create great enthusiasm through their combination of detailed written argument, case studies and data analysis.


Through this they create a new way of understanding the world.

Those who wish to focus on creative and artistic A levels have many choices such as photography, fine art, drama, music and media. The standard produced on canvas or stage is staggering.

The humanities at Arden have a rich history of superb outcomes and the sheer range of subjects from English to history, from business to geography allow our students to develop rigorous intellectual argument and to evaluate, analyse and debate the most complex of texts and concepts.

Arden is known for combining academic ambition with its caring ethos and this is why students, staff and families often speak of the strong sense of belonging.



A photograph of three students in a classroom setting, focused on their work. They are wearing school uniforms consisting of white shirts, blue blazers, and patterned ties. The student in the foreground is a young man with dark hair, looking down at a document. The student in the middle is wearing glasses and is also looking down. The student in the background is partially visible. The scene is lit with soft, natural light from a window on the left.

Our core values are
Aspiration – we aim high;
Resilience – we never give up;
Belonging – we stand together.

Personal Development Values

Our values guide every aspect of life in Arden's Sixth Form.

We encourage our students to live by our motto, Ad Altiora, by aiming high, believing in themselves, and pursuing their ambitions with confidence. We teach them that success requires effort, and that with resilience, determination, and the right support, they can overcome challenges and grow through every experience. Students are expertly prepared for life beyond Arden through a programme that enables them to make informed choices so that they are able to follow their preferred pathway whether that is a degree at university, a degree apprenticeship, a gap year where they gain useful experience, or entering the world of work.

Equally important is our sense of belonging. Arden is a community where every student is known, valued and supported. We celebrate diversity, promote kindness, and ensure every child feels safe, seen and part of something bigger. This sense of belonging helps students build confidence and feel secure enough to take risks and embrace new opportunities. Our sixth form students are house leaders, mentors to younger students, they are presidents of the leadership team or run magazines and debating societies.



To join Arden Sixth Form is to be part of the Arden Family.

Our values are not just words – they are put into practice every day. They guide how we teach, how we support, and how we help students grow into thoughtful, capable young people. When we talk about personal development at Arden, we mean the whole child: the learner in the classroom; the teammate on the field; the friend in the corridor; and the future citizen of the world.

We aim high. We never give up. We stand together.

“It was encouraging to see a sixth form student assisting in a year 7 French lesson, here they were offering accurate advice and guidance to the younger learners under the direction of the teacher.”

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Student Experience

written by Jenna & Matteo

Arden Sixth Form provides so much: from outstanding lessons to extracurriculars and leadership opportunities.



Academically, you'll have access to a broad range of A-level subjects, allowing you to tailor your choices to your interests and ambitions. If your passion lies in the sciences, humanities or creative arts, Arden offers passionate teachers who will challenge and push you to achieve the very best you can. Beyond the classroom, you will develop leadership skills by running clubs and representing your peers as the voice of the sixth form. The qualifications and experiences provided are designed to open doors, giving you the skills needed for your chosen career path.

The support you'll receive here is second to none. Our friendly and experienced staff want

the best for your future and strike the perfect balance between promoting independence and preparing you for life beyond school. They treat you like adults but ensure you're never alone when facing challenges; whether it's subject guidance, UCAS applications, or personal wellbeing, support is always available.

What most sets us apart is the close, familial community present in the sixth form. You'll find yourself part of a supportive network where everyone celebrates each other's successes and helps one another overcome challenges. This isn't just where you'll study, it's where close friendships are acquired, strengthened and sustained.



“The Sixth Form is clearly a major strength of the school; both lessons and Student Voice exemplified high levels of expectation, commitment and understanding from both students and their teachers. We are confident that this will be translated into excellent results in the summer.”

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