

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



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WELCOME

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am delighted that you are considering Magdalen College School Sixth Form for the next step in your education.

At this point you are facing some important decisions. Should you join Magdalen College School Sixth Form, follow a course at college or elsewhere, or seek an apprenticeship?

You will have to consider each of these options carefully in the light of available information, objective advice and careful assessment of your aspirations, personal strengths and interests.

You will also have considerable challenges as sixth form education requires commitment and dedication, but the rewards are high. Academic achievement is crucial to enable you to move on to achieving your ambitions, whether you aspire to a career or to further study.

The subjects that you choose should be considered very carefully and our sixth form team is here to assist your decision making. We will talk through the options open to you here to help you make the most appropriate choices.

What makes Magdalen College School different is not only our extensive and varied study pathways, but also the enrichment activities and opportunities for personal development. We are also proud of our high quality pastoral support and careers guidance to help you achieve to your highest potential.

Underpinning our work is the strong positive relationship between school and home; students, parents and staff working together to help you achieve your goals.

I look forward to welcoming you to Magdalen.

Yours sincerely



I H Colling (Mr)
Headteacher





MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICES

Our curriculum is recognised as being an outstanding element of our provision.

At Magdalen, sixth form students are offered a wide range of A-level courses organised to offer the best preparation for progressing to higher education institutions or the world of work. The majority of students take 3 A-levels over 2 years; some also study an Extended Project, and a minority study 4 A-levels. The curriculum is reviewed each year to ensure that we explore new initiatives and make decisions which reflect the needs of our students to prepare them most effectively for higher education and employment.

Full details of the courses available are given in the sixth form booklet. The course booklet is an invaluable guide to the options open to you. Please note that provision is subject to demand and staffing resources. If you would like to discuss any of the options please contact our sixth form team.

Our sixth form students fulfil a vital role within the school community offering leadership skills, support for younger students and aspiration for achievement. Their many talents and achievements inspire us all.

SETTLING IN

Whether you are new to Magdalen College School or have been here for a number of years, the daily routine in the sixth form will be very different from what you are used to. Our sixth form team is available to support you throughout your time with us. You will be part of a tutor group and will be required to meet expectations on attendance and commitment to your studies. You will benefit from greater independence and a greater responsibility for your own learning and development.

You will have use of the sixth form centre and access to a wide range of enhanced curriculum activities. You will have opportunities to develop your leadership skills by working with our younger students on joint projects and you will be able to contribute to many aspects of school life. Whilst you need to commit to achieving and contributing to the best of your ability the staff are here to support, encourage and advise you at every step and to help celebrate each success and achievement along the way.

ENRICHMENT

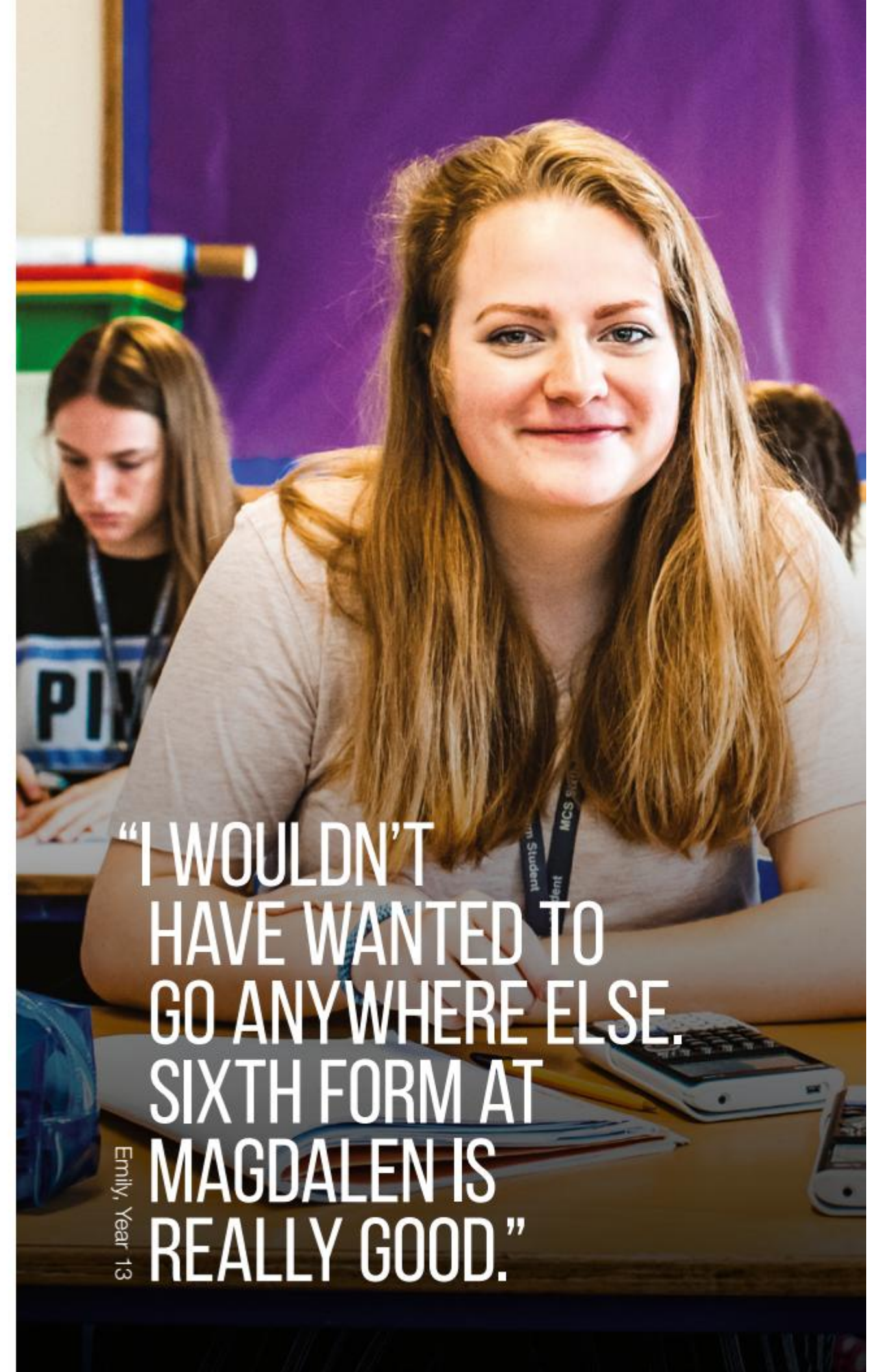
At Magdalen we develop students' personal, social and leadership skills alongside their academic success. Enrichment activities are a part of everyday life in our school. Our sixth form students are expected to contribute to the life of the school by participating in the Extended Curriculum Options. These include:

- Work experience
- Supporting younger students in lessons
- Leading clubs for younger pupils
- A Mentoring Programme to support students in the lower school
- Volunteering in local primary schools or via the local volunteering bureau.

Academic success is complemented by a full range of extra-curricular activities as it is important to develop the needs of the whole person and give as many opportunities to try new things and develop new interests.

Students will have opportunities to:

- take on leadership roles including election as Head Girl, Head Boy or Head of House, or becoming a member of our Student Council.
- participate in activities including Duke of Edinburgh, PE and sixth form sports teams, school and chapel choir, jazz band and full orchestra and other instrumental groups.
- attend "The Magdalen Lectures" with keynote speakers.
- take part in
 - Subject visits
 - International trips
 - Overseas expedition
 - School and Sixth Form drama productions.
- organise and participate in charity fundraising activities.



**"I WOULDN'T
HAVE WANTED TO
GO ANYWHERE ELSE.
SIXTH FORM AT
MAGDALEN IS
REALLY GOOD."**

Emily, Year 13



PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

We take great pride in preparing our students for life after leaving Magdalen College School. Our aspiration is for as many students as possible to progress to the very best universities in the country, or degree and higher level apprenticeships, if they choose to. Our sixth form team has a wealth of experience to support students in making the right choice for preparing for their next step, whether that is an Oxbridge or Russell Group university, an apprenticeship, or employment. Help with preparing UCAS applications, visiting universities, preparing applications for employment and researching degree, higher level or vocational apprenticeships are just some of the services that we offer our students.

SCHOLARSHIP

At Magdalen we offer scholarships to the most able students, in collaboration with Magdalen College School, Oxford. These are designed to help prepare students for entry to the very best universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities. Students who are selected for a scholarship work alongside students from the Oxford school to carry out a research project on a topic of their choice. This extends their understanding and skills beyond those of A-level, culminating in an extended essay which is assessed by Oxford staff and university academics. Support is provided for this both from our staff and through weekly visits to Oxford to attend lectures and tutorials alongside students from Oxford. Places are limited and final decisions are made on receipt of GCSE results.

ADMISSIONS

We offer Open Evenings, consultations and interviews to provide the opportunity to discuss the options available here at Magdalen and help students make the most appropriate choice for them. Students from other schools can combine their interview with a tour of the school. Individual interviews with the sixth form team generally take place during February and March.

Please contact the school for further information. Information is also available on our website.

SUCCESS STORIES

"I am very grateful to the school. Magdalen gave me a great start to go to a good university and begin my career as a lawyer. I am very happy to help the school whenever I can."

Tom Redman - Kimbells Freeth Solicitors, Former Sixth Form Student

"Personally I remember my years at Magdalen very fondly. The teachers were always supportive and kind and allowed you to be an individual. I always felt that they cared for my well-being and future. I particularly enjoyed Geography, RE and History and I gained a huge amount of support through lunch time and after school sessions in classes that I was less confident in - such as Maths."

Natalie Whiting - Vodafone UK, Former Sixth Form Student

"I believe that students here are supported and encouraged to aim high and are given every opportunity to reach their fullest potential by the time their leave."

Current parent

"I am kept fully informed of my child's progress."

Current parent

"Parents and students have their say"

Current parent

"There is fantastic sixth form pastoral support"

Current parent

"We were all absolutely thrilled at my daughter's final examination results. Thank you and well done Magdalen."

Former parent year 13



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Mathew Year 13



CONTACT DETAILS



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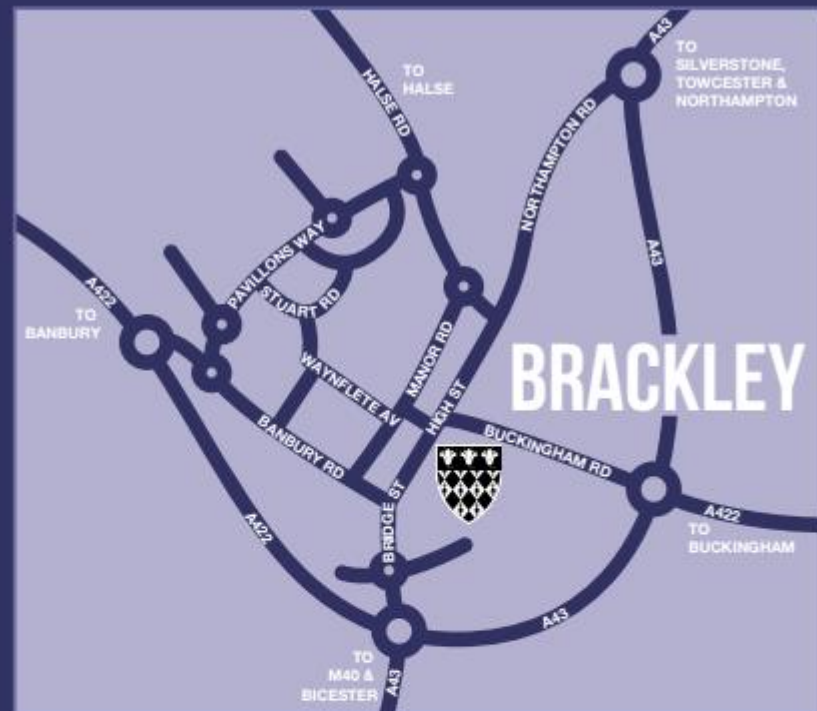
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