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# Welcome

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**Townsend Sixth Form provides a challenging, enriching and welcoming environment in which our students are known, nurtured and inspired to grow in academic excellence. The courses we offer are taught by well-qualified, experienced and dedicated teachers in a fully equipped, studious Sixth Form Centre that is highly conducive to independent learning.**

Our Sixth Form is a place where everyone is welcome and everyone succeeds. We welcome students of all faiths and of no faith. Our Sixth Form culture is underpinned by our whole school Respect for All and Achievement for All policies, which together with our Bible-based vision for Love Your Neighbour, taken from the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25 – 37) create a fully inclusive and warm environment. We encourage students to develop self-respect, to take pride in positive achievement and to care for their own physical and mental health.

We take delight in the extremely positive working relationships which develop between students, staff and parents alike. The Christian family atmosphere and caring community that we foster in the Sixth Form enables our students to develop a sense of worth, show responsibility and leadership and become the very best version of themselves. The pastoral team have a strong commitment to ensuring all our students feel part of our school community and are successful.





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# Sixth Form

We are a smaller than average Sixth Form and because of this our class sizes are usually more intimate than in many other Post-16 settings. As a result of this we are able to provide excellent support, feedback and monitoring for all our students throughout their time here.

Examination results in the Sixth Form are good and students who have the ambition to go on to study further at University are successful at doing so. Students also successfully take other paths such as apprenticeships, employment and other higher education courses.

We will help you to develop a wide range of transferable skills. We will also encourage you to take on responsibilities and provide you with personal development opportunities throughout your time here. Students regularly achieve the highest grades in examinations and overall students achieve results in line with or above expectations.





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“Joining Townsend’s Sixth Form offers great opportunities to achieve both in and out of the classroom. There is a very friendly vibe in the Sixth Form and everyone gets on really well. The teachers at Townsend are very welcoming and easy to go to for help and advice. The Sixth Form is also a good place to get closer to your friends and make new ones.”

## Sixth Form Centre

**You will have access to the Sixth Form Centre. This separate wing of the school has been designed to provide Sixth Form students with the best possible working environment.**

A study room equipped with desktop computers and Chromebooks, study areas, as well as wireless internet access provides a comfortable

environment to work independently. This is complemented by a suite of classrooms and meeting rooms exclusively for Sixth Form students. The large Sixth Form common room with soft seating and fully equipped kitchen area provides the perfect space for break and lunchtime.

The Sixth Form Centre encourages students to integrate with their peers and foster a culture of hard work and aspire to achieve their absolute best.

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# Sixth Form Study Paths

## A Level Pathway

A traditional 3 A Level pathway where students choose 3 subjects to study at A Level.

There is also the option to take additional qualifications (subject to GCSE grades) such as Further Mathematics and the Extended Project Qualification.

### Pathway options

(subject to availability – this may change on a yearly basis)

## Vocational Pathway

Subject to availability we do offer a vocational pathway where students can study a diploma or extended diploma BTEC.

## Complementary studies

In addition to your courses you will also be required to participate in the complementary studies programme that includes Learning for Life and Religious Education lessons, Physical Education lessons, Core Maths and other courses designed to support your learning.



# Alban Learning Partners



“The consortium system enables you to have the experience of learning in a new environment and to meet new people from other schools. Going to other schools for lessons also opens up more opportunities to study subjects that might not be available at Townsend or clash with another subject.”



**Townsend works within a consortium of schools known as the Alban Learning Partners.**

If the course is unavailable or clashes with another subject choice at Townsend, it is highly likely it will be offered across the Alban Learning Partners due to the extensive range of subjects available across the schools in the consortium.

Students who attend the Sixth Form here at Townsend can take one subject at one of our consortium partners:

- Loreto College
- St Albans Girls' School
- Samuel Ryder Academy,
- Nicholas Breakspear School
- Marlborough Science Academy

Students at a partner school, may also study one subject at Townsend.



# Subject Information

Students joining the Sixth Form are encouraged to follow a broad, challenging curriculum. Most students will select three courses for their studies from a wide range available. The course booklet will provide more in-depth information for each subject, including entry requirements and assessment guidance.

Townsend Sixth Form can offer a comprehensive range of subjects.

## A Level Courses

Art & Design  
Biology  
Business  
Chemistry  
Criminology  
English Literature  
Fashion & Textiles  
French  
Geography  
Government and Politics

History  
Mathematics  
Further Mathematics  
Film and TV  
Physical Education  
Physics  
Psychology  
Philosophy & Ethics  
Product Design  
Sociology

## Vocational Courses

Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care  
Diploma in Business







# Choosing what to study

Choosing what to study may be a difficult decision to make. You must first consider what you would like to do after Sixth Form, this will help you choose appropriate subjects and pathway for you. Some subjects are more frequently required for entry to degree courses than others.

It is good to do some careful research to think through your possibilities. Take advice from family, friends and teachers so you can make an informed decision, based on accurate up-to-date information - but remember, the final choice is yours as you are the one that will have to put the hard work in. Don't assume you will like the subject at A Level just because you liked it at GCSE – it could be very different. We also suggest you don't take all new subjects unless you have researched





them thoroughly. It is also important you take one step at a time and don't take subjects just because you think you need them for your chosen career if you don't really like the subject or it is not one of your stronger subjects.

Some careers require very specific course combinations. This should therefore be investigated carefully. Information to help you can be researched on websites such as:

#### **UCAS**

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

#### **Services for Young People**

[www.servicesforyoungpeople.org](http://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org)

#### **Unifrog**

[www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)

#### **Individual university websites**

Your GCSE results are likely to have the biggest bearing on what you finally decide to do when you come to enrol for the Sixth Form on GCSE results day.



"The Sixth Form provides a more individual experience than the rest of school and prepares you well for adult life. This is partly due to the fact that we have an excellent Sixth Form Centre. The common room is a great place to relax and unwind during break and lunchtime. The smaller classes give you chance to have better relationships with both your peers and teachers, and this also adds to the positive attitude of Sixth Form students at Townsend."

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# Expectations



## Townsend Sixth Form Aims are to:

- Develop skilled and educated young people, prepared for adult and working life
- Provide an environment that enables and encourages all students to reach their full potential
- Provide clear progression opportunities and flexible pathways
- Offer learning environments where you feel safe, valued and informed





## A Townsend Sixth Form student will display the following characteristics and qualities:

- Hard working with the ability to meet deadlines and complete all assignments that are required
  - A sense of responsibility which demonstrates high expectations and standards
  - A growth mindset which enables the development of independent skills and self-reliance
  - Self-reflective and evaluative of own performance
  - A role model within the school community
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# Academic Progress

It is important that you, your parents/carers and staff know that you are demonstrating progress in your studies. When you join the Sixth Form, your GCSE results will be analysed and you will be given a target grade for each of your courses, based on your GCSE results. Your academic progress will be monitored on a regular basis and you will be challenged if you are under-performing in any area. The support you are offered as a sixth form student is high quality and teachers are available for individual support when needed.

Throughout Sixth Form, your teachers will regularly report on class attainment. This information will be used to track progress and identify areas of support that are needed. Students who are underperforming will be challenged and supported to improve attainment levels. By the end of Year 12, all students should be demonstrating the ability to succeed in their chosen courses.

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**“Sixth Form life often gives students the chance to become more responsible and mature people. There are many positions of responsibility, such as anti-bullying ambassadors, lesson assistants, paired reading mentors and running the school shop. I love the opportunity given to me within the student leadership team as this has developed my interpersonal skills.”**

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The Parent/Carers Consultation evening is an opportunity for you and your parents/carers to discuss progress with individual teachers. If you study a course at a consortium provider, you will be expected to attend the appropriate parent/carer consultation evening at that institution.





# Personal Development and Enrichment

**During Sixth Form, students develop into young adults and demonstrate more maturity and independence. Therefore, it is important to gain experience of the world outside of the classroom.**

Townsend Sixth Form provides several opportunities and events that will add to your personal development in the Sixth Form. Activities include, for Year 12, work experience, University and Apprenticeship trips, external talks about mental health, personal statements and personal safety, plus students can volunteer to lead on organising a senior citizens' Christmas party and taking part in a leadership conference.

In Year 13, students have access to seminars about student finance, UCAS and applying for an apprenticeship.

They take part in a mock interview day and Post-18 employability coaching sessions.

We offer additional opportunities such as a First Aid Qualification, Mental Health Awareness Training and a variety of local, national and international visits and residentials.





# Next Steps...

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**If you would like to apply for the Sixth Form you need to complete and return a Sixth Form application. The Head of Sixth Form will then meet with you to discuss your application and to check the details and appropriateness of your chosen courses.**

You will also have an opportunity to take part in various activities throughout Year 11 to prepare you for Sixth Form at Townsend.

In August, when the GCSE results are published, you need to send us your grades for each subject. Subject to meeting the entry criteria, you will be enrolled onto the course/s you applied for. If you did not achieve the grades you were expecting, please contact us as we may have an alternative option for you.

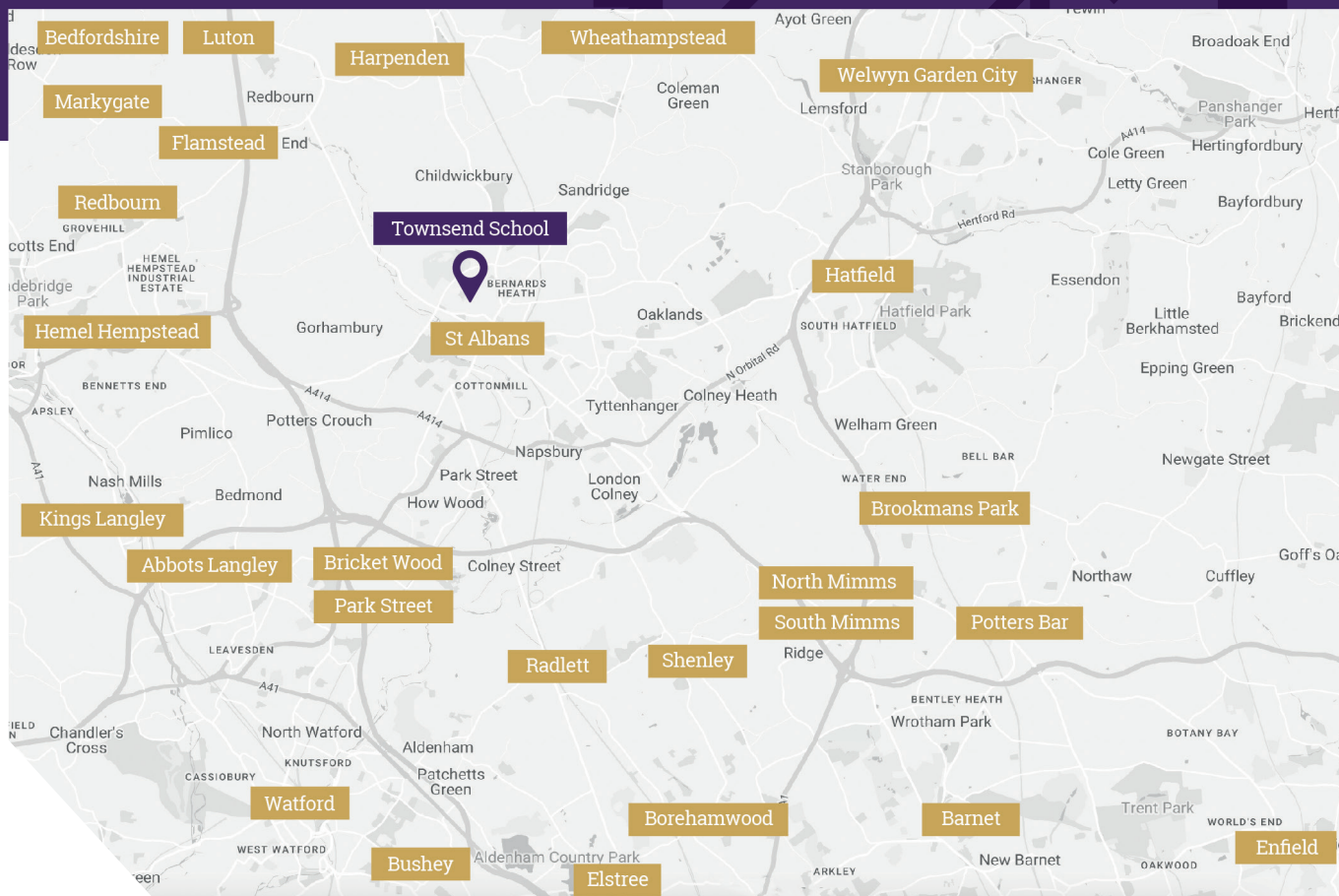
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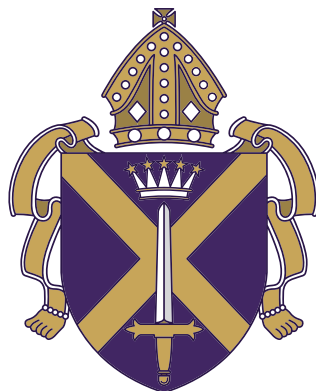




# Getting here

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