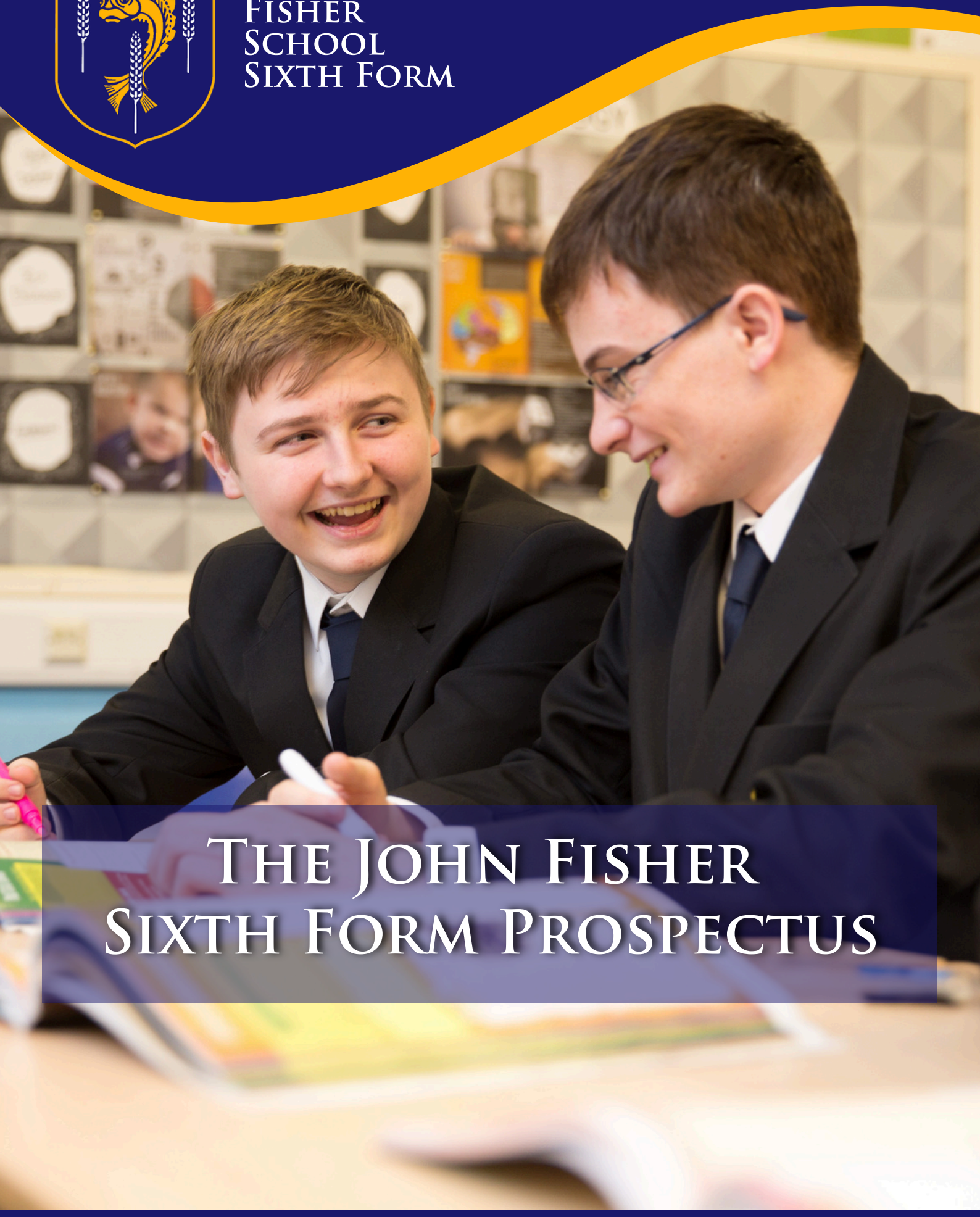
The John Fisher School Sixth Form



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Catholic Formation for Life

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Welcome from Mr Teague, Headteacher at The John Fisher School

The John Fisher School is a community that is both forward-looking and deeply rooted in tradition. For almost a century, we have sought to provide an education that combines academic ambition with the formation of character, guided by the principles and values of our Catholic faith.

The two years of Sixth Form are among the most important in a young person's education. They provide a bridge between school and university, further training or employment, during which students develop the knowledge, confidence and independence that will shape their future opportunities.

Our ambition is to establish John Fisher as a Sixth Form of genuine academic distinction, recognised for the quality of its teaching, the intellectual curiosity of its students and the strength of their achievements.

At the heart of our approach is a renewed emphasis on academic rigour and purposeful study. We offer a carefully considered curriculum, with particular emphasis on subjects that provide strong foundations for university study and future careers. Our developing Sixth Form pathways, Veritas, Vita and Via, reflect our determination to provide clear routes for progression, with students guided towards courses that best suit their abilities, interests and aspirations.

We are fortunate to have specialist teachers who bring scholarship, enthusiasm and considerable experience to their subjects.

We want our students to develop an intellectual confidence that extends beyond the demands of examinations: to grasp the larger ideas that give their studies meaning, to make connections between different fields of knowledge and to discover the pleasure of learning for its own sake.

Academic excellence flourishes within a wider culture of opportunity and personal development. Our distinguished traditions in sport and music, together with opportunities for leadership, mentoring, service and enrichment, allow students to develop their talents and contribute to the life of the school. Our Catholic ethos encourages them to consider their responsibilities towards others and to put their gifts at the service of the wider community.

One of the great strengths of our Sixth Form is the personal attention we can offer. Students are known as individuals, supported by teachers who understand their strengths and encouraged to set themselves ambitious goals. We take seriously our responsibility to help each student identify the opportunities and destinations that will enable them to flourish.

We want our Sixth Formers to leave John Fisher with excellent qualifications, a love of learning, a strong sense of purpose and the character to make a positive contribution to society.

I warmly invite you to discover what The John Fisher School Sixth Form can offer.

Mr R F Teague
Headteacher



A Message from Dr Dowle, Head of The John Fisher School Sixth Form

I am delighted to welcome you to the Sixth Form at The John Fisher School.

Our Sixth Form is a vibrant and ambitious community that strives for academic excellence, personal growth and spiritual formation. We offer a wide range of courses that cater to diverse interests and aspirations, ensuring that each student can pursue a pathway suited to their talents and future goals.

Sixth Form life provides a careful balance between personalised support and increasing independence, preparing young men for success beyond school. Our subject specialists work closely with students each day, challenging, inspiring and encouraging them to fulfil their potential. As a result, many of our students go on to study at Russell Group universities and other leading institutions.

The Sixth Form team, consisting of myself, Mr O'Connor and Mrs Cooney, is committed to ensuring that every student feels known, valued and supported.

Strong pastoral care lies at the heart of our provision. We believe that young people flourish when they are listened to, encouraged and given the confidence to become the very best version of themselves.

As a Catholic school, faith is woven into the fabric of Sixth Form life. Guided by the Gospel and the rich traditions of the Catholic Church, we encourage our students to seek the Good, the True and the Beautiful in all that they do. We strive to develop not only successful scholars but also compassionate, faith-filled young men who will make a positive contribution to the world around them.

The ambitions of our Sixth Form are high and this is an exciting time to become part of a thriving community that continues to grow and flourish.

Dr L J Dowle
Head of Sixth Form

Sixth Form Life

The main base for our students is the Sixth Form Centre, recently renovated, which consists of two floors and is located at the front of the school. Downstairs is our Sixth Form Common Room, a space for fellowship and food from our dedicated Sixth Form café in between study periods and lessons. Students enjoy the atmosphere as space to get some work done, play a board game, catch up with friends or, most popularly, play a game of chess.

Upstairs is our Sixth Form Study Area. Students study in a silent environment, supervised by teachers throughout the day to ensure a culture of silence and study. There are a variety of laptops for students to make use of as part of their work.

All Sixth Form students receive dedicated RSHE time each week during which our specialist Sixth Form tutors cover a wide range of topics, skills and activities. This is designed to supplement our academic curriculum and provide students with opportunities to develop, discuss and reflect. We seek to prepare students to manage their current lives and lay the foundations for managing future experiences.

Watch our latest Sixth Form Film

Core RE is also a key part of our Sixth Form experience. The aim of the course is to provide students with an opportunity to reflect and develop on their own faith position. It is hope that this will help develop their moral and spiritual development as well as give students an opportunity to learn about the wider community. This course is compulsory and takes place once per week.

All students will also have timetabled enrichment once a week. This is a double period of physical and/or mental nourishment away from their academic studies. Students can select from a range of activities including, but not limited to, rugby, football, basketball, weight-training, tennis, cricket, chess and more.



Catholic Life



At The John Fisher School Sixth Form, our Catholic ethos remains central to Sixth Form life and shapes everything we do. We are committed to developing the whole person - spiritually, academically and morally - encouraging students to live with faith, integrity, compassion and respect for others. Through high academic standards, strong pastoral care, and a calm, supportive environment, we help every student grow in confidence, resilience, and character.

We believe in the importance of community, service, and leadership, and encourage our students to make a positive difference both within the school and beyond. Guided by the teachings and values of the Catholic Church, we inspire young men to fulfil their potential and lead lives of purpose, responsibility and service to others.

Our Catholic life includes:

- Holy Mass: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- Holy Rosary: Monday and Wednesday
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fridays
- Charity work and service projects
- Strong links with the parish and Diocese

Caritas Service Programme

Faith in Action. Service in Practice. Leadership for Life.

The Caritas Service Programme is an exciting new addition to the Sixth Form life at The John Fisher School. Embedded within the Sixth Form timetable, it provides every student with structured opportunities to serve others, develop leadership skills and live out the values of the Gospel through meaningful action.

Through Caritas, students develop the habits of servant leadership whilst building a portfolio of experiences that can support university, apprenticeship and employment applications.

Every Sixth Form student participates in the Caritas Service Programme, a timetabled programme of service, leadership and formation each week. Students rotate through three strands.

Our vision is simple: scholarship, service and leadership working together to form young men of faith, character and purpose.

In-House Service
Mentoring and supporting younger pupils through structured programmes focused on English and Mathematics.

Community Service
Working with local Catholic primary schools, charities, parishes and community organisations.

Leadership and Formation
Our Caritas programme, exploring leadership, formation and service.





Our Three Sixth Form Pathways

Three pathways. One Sixth Form.

Veritas

Our flagship academic scholarship pathway

Designed for academically ambitious students, Veritas offers the opportunity to study four A-Levels in Year 12, alongside an extensive programme of academic enrichment, university preparation, Catholic intellectual formation and leadership development.

Entry Requirements:

Six GCSEs at Grade 7 or above, including Maths and English (Language or Literature). At least four GCSEs at Grade 8 or above.

Vita

Our traditional academic A-level pathway

Vita provides a strong academic foundation, with students typically studying three A-Levels. Students benefit from the full range of Sixth Form support, enrichment opportunities and guidance to help them achieve their ambitions.

Entry Requirements:

Six GCSEs at Grade 6 or above, including Maths and English (Language or Literature).

Via

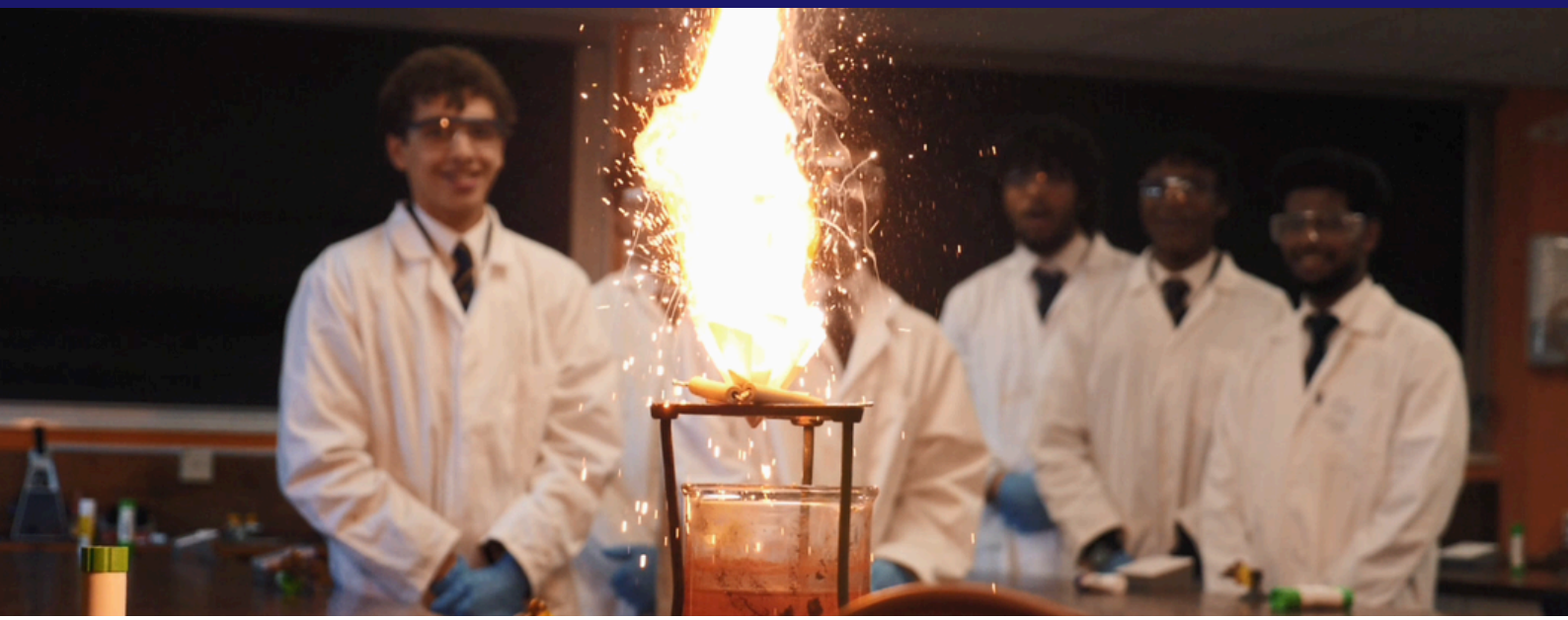
Our vocational and blended learning pathway

Via offers a vocational route, with students studying vocational qualifications alongside the potential opportunity to access selected A-Level subjects, where subject-specific entry requirements are met.

Entry Requirements:

Four GCSEs at Grade 5 or above, including Maths and English (Language or Literature).

Subject Choices



Admission to The John Fisher School Sixth Form is based on a combination of overall GCSE attainment and subject-specific entry requirements. Our Veritas, Vita and Via pathways have been designed to ensure that every student follows a programme that is both ambitious and suited to their individual strengths, interests and aspirations. Further information for entry requirements can be found on the admissions page of this prospectus (Page 15).

A-Levels

Humanities

- Geography
- History
- Theology

English and Languages

- English Literature
- Spanish
- French

Creative Arts and Design

- Art
- Music
- Design Technology

Mathematics and Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Further Maths
- Computer Science

Physical Education

- Physical Education (PE)

Business and Social Sciences

- Business Studies
- Economics
- Law
- Government and Politics
- Psychology



BTEC

Vocational Subjects

- IT
- Business Studies
- Sports Science

Recognition from Ofsted

At The John Fisher School Sixth Form, you will become part of a caring, inclusive community where you are valued as an individual and encouraged to achieve your very best. Our ethos is built on dignity, respect and a genuine commitment to supporting every student.

As Ofsted recognised in 2022:

"*This is a caring community, where all pupils are welcomed and included in the 'Fisher Family'.*"
We pride ourselves on knowing our students well and providing outstanding pastoral support, ensuring everyone feels listened to, encouraged and supported.

"*Pastoral care is strong, with pupils' individual needs and circumstances front and centre.*"
Beyond the classroom, we offer opportunities to discover new interests, develop talents and grow in confidence.

"*The extra-curricular provision has been developed purposefully, with the aim of fostering pupils' talents and interests.*"
At The John Fisher School Sixth Form, you will be supported to aim high, embrace opportunities and become the very best version of yourself.



2026 Exam Results

A Level results in 2026, saw significant improvements across almost all of the school's key measures.

Almost half of all A Level grades were awarded at A*–B, while more than three-quarters were at A*–C. The proportion of the very highest grades also rose strongly, with 22.3% of entries achieving A or A*. The overall A Level pass rate was an impressive 98.4%.

The results continue the strong upward trajectory of recent years. Average points per A Level entry increased to 34.4, compared with 32.1 last year, while the proportion of A*–B grades rose to 48.8% and A*–C grades to 76.9%. Particularly encouraging value-added outcomes were recorded in a number of subjects, including Art, English Literature and Chemistry.

Students following vocational courses also enjoyed considerable success, with the average BTEC outcome rising to a Distinction and a strongly positive value-added score.

"We are delighted for the boys. These results represent a great deal of hard work, determination and perseverance on their part, supported by exceptional commitment from their teachers. What is particularly pleasing is the improvement across such a wide range of measures and the number of boys who have secured the grades they need to move on to excellent universities, apprenticeships and other opportunities."

-Mr R F Teague

Summary of A Level Results

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Average points per entry	27.46	32.1	32.1	**34.4**
A*/A %	12.3	23.8	17.4	**22.3**
A* - B %	33.3	43.6	44.8	**48.8**
A* - C %	58.3	66.7	71.6	**76.9**
A* - D %	79.0	83.9	87.1	**92.6**
A* - E %	89.7	97.4	96.0	**98.4**

Summary of BTEC Results

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Average points per entry	26.38	29.39	29.56	**36.32**
Expressed as an equivalent grade	Merit	Merit +	Merit +	**Distinction**
A*/A %	6.8	6.1	11.8	**29.8**
A* - B %	8.1	9.1	14.7	**36.2**
A* - C %	33.8	51.5	48.5	**66.0**
A* - D %	75.7	90.9	88.2	**93.6**
A* - E %	94.6	97.0	97.1	**97.9**

Grades above are expressed as equivalents to A Level grades.

Extra Curricular Activities



Sporting Success

The school holds a national reputation for its sporting achievements across a number of sports. In recent years, several former students have gone on to make a career in Premiership Rugby and the school was awarded The National Rugby School of the Year 2017. The school is also fortunate to boast of two national Athletics Champions in 100m and 800m. There are few, if any, state schools who are able to consistently achieve this level of success across a range of sports.

Our Sixth Form students have opportunities to take coaching awards in a variety of sports as well as to become community sports leaders. The school's major extra-curricular sports are rugby and cross-country in the winter and cricket and athletics in the summer.

The rugby squads have an outstanding fixture list of schools in the private sector, including Eton. The teams compete at the highest national level, and enjoy a tour every other year; with a tour this academic year to South Africa. Other popular sports at the school include football, athletics and basketball.

Our senior rugby sides have enjoyed many successes over the years, particularly in rugby 7's, which have resulted in playing in front of a packed Twickenham stadium on a number of occasions.

"The extra-curricular provision has been developed purposefully, with the aim of fostering pupils' talents and interests."
-Ofsted, 2022



"The extracurricular opportunities at The John Fisher School and Sixth Form have been one of the best parts of my time here. Whether it's representing the school in sport, performing in concerts, or taking part in clubs after school, there's always something to get involved in. I've made great friends, developed my confidence, and discovered interests I never knew I had."

-Year 11 Student





Art

Art provides students with the opportunity to develop their creativity, imagination and technical skills in a supportive environment. Through a variety of artistic disciplines and enrichment opportunities, pupils are encouraged to express themselves and take pride in their work.

Music

Music plays a vibrant role in life at The John Fisher School and Sixth Form with opportunities for students of all abilities to develop their talents and perform with confidence. Through ensembles, choirs and instrumental tuition, pupils are encouraged to discover a lifelong appreciation of music.

Other

A wide range of clubs and activities allows students to pursue their interests beyond the classroom while developing new skills and friendships.

Our Alumni



The John Fisher School has a proud tradition of developing young men who go on to achieve success in every walk of life. Our alumni have built distinguished careers in medicine, law, business, education, the armed forces and the creative industries, while our sporting heritage is recognised nationally and internationally.

Among our notable Old Boys are actor **Bill Nighy**; broadcaster and DJ **Gilles Peterson**; England rugby internationals **Alex Dombrandt** and **Paul Sackey**; Olympians **Martyn Rooney** and **Walter D'Hondt**; world-renowned cancer scientist **Professor Sir David Lane**; journalist and editor **Stefano Hatfield**; sculptor **Diarmuid Byron O'Connor**; historian **Professor Jack Scarisbrick**; and leading motorsport engineer **Professor Tony Purnell.**

Many other former pupils have gone on to represent their countries and excel in professional sport, academia, engineering and public service, reflecting the breadth of talent and ambition fostered at The John Fisher School.

The John Fisher School is proud of its long tradition of producing successful alumni who have excelled in sport, business, public service, and many other professions.

Just as importantly, many former students remain an active part of our school community, returning to mentor pupils, support careers events and inspire the next generation. At John Fisher, becoming an Old Boy means joining a lifelong community built on friendship, service and success.



Sixth Form Admissions 2026-2027

Applications for entry into The John Fisher School Sixth Form in September 2027 open on Monday 9th November 2026 and close on Monday 4th January 2027.

APPLY TO THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

Students must meet the entry requirements for their chosen pathway, as well as any requirements for individual subjects they wish to study. Whilst students who are currently below the published entry requirements are enco uraged to apply and continue striving towards their goals, all offers remain conditional upon the required grades being achieved in August.

The entry requirements can be found using the link/ QR code below.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

These have been carefully established to ensure that students are well placed to thrive and succeed in their chosen Sixth Form programme.
Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application in January 2027.

Students applying from other schools are warmly welcomed. If you are an external applicant and would like to visit the school or meet our Head of Sixth Form, please contact Mrs Cooney at c.cooney@johnfisherschool.org to arrange an appointment.

We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to The John Fisher School Sixth Form.



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

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"Dicit ei Iesus: Ego sum via, et veritas, et vita" ***John 14:6***