

Sir John Hunt Community Sports College

Sixth Form Prospectus



Our Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is made up of a diverse and unique mix of students, some who have been with us throughout secondary school and others who have joined us from other schools locally, nationally and internationally.

Our students progress to study at top Universities, Higher Education providers or Apprenticeship schemes and leave us well equipped to pursue the career of their choice.

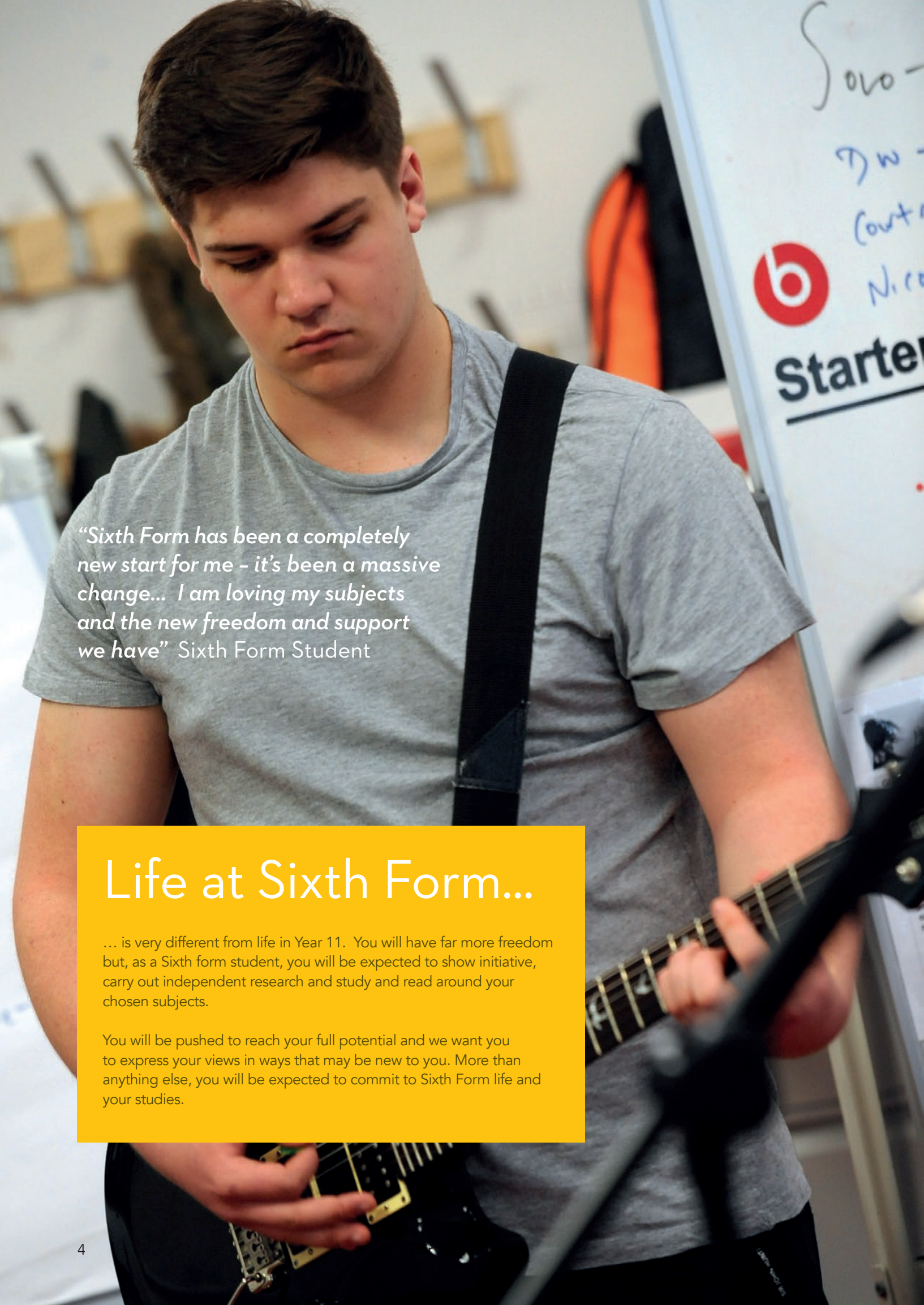
We pride ourselves on being an inclusive and forward thinking Sixth Form and we offer a huge range of courses including A Levels, BTECs and vocational qualifications. Whatever your skills and ambitions, we will work closely with you to agree a study programme which will meet your needs.

“School leaders, and in fact all staff, are proud of the fact that Sir John Hunt can rightly claim to be a fully inclusive school”
Ofsted Report – January 2014



Mrs J Bevan, Principal





“Sixth Form has been a completely new start for me – it’s been a massive change... I am loving my subjects and the new freedom and support we have” Sixth Form Student

Life at Sixth Form...

... is very different from life in Year 11. You will have far more freedom but, as a Sixth form student, you will be expected to show initiative, carry out independent research and study and read around your chosen subjects.

You will be pushed to reach your full potential and we want you to express your views in ways that may be new to you. More than anything else, you will be expected to commit to Sixth Form life and your studies.

Course Choices and Entry Requirements

At Sir John Hunt we offer a wide range of courses, including A Levels, BTECs, Level 3 courses and Vocational qualifications.

It is important that you are realistic about your likely grades and which subjects you feel you could achieve well in.

The secret to success in Sixth Form is to enjoy the subjects you choose to study at this higher level. We will discuss your options and course choices with you in your personal interviews with a member of the Sixth Form team.

There are specific entry requirements for each course which are explained in the subject information sheets (at the back of this prospectus).

A Levels

Students are required to have level 6's or above in Maths and English (at GCSE level) for most A Level subjects. In most subjects the entry requirement is a level 6 but you should check these entry requirements carefully when selecting your options.

Other Level 3 courses (BTECs / Nationals)

Students must have achieved a minimum of 5 GCSE's (at levels 5-9) to study these course. If you are unsure if you will meet the requirements you will be given advice during your Sixth Form interview.

Vocational Courses

Many courses do not have specific entry requirements other than a positive attitude to learning and a good attendance record. As with Level 3 subjects, you will have an interview with a member of our Sixth Form team who will be able to advise you of your options.

What is the PLE partnership?

The PLE Partnership is the largest consortium of its kind in the city and one which gives our students significant opportunities.

Sixth Form Opportunities

The PLE includes Sir John Hunt Community Sports College, Tor Bridge High, Lipson Cooperative Academy, All Saints Academy and Marine Academy Plymouth. All schools will ensure that there is the best possible progression through the Key Stages into Sixth Form and then on to Higher Education or employment.

When it comes to deciding which subjects to choose in Sixth Form, there may be a subject that you wish to take that your home school/college doesn't offer. Through the PLE Partnership, you can extend the range of your studies by making further choices from the courses available at other Partnership Sixth Forms. The PLE is committed to providing you with the best possible guidance and support.

As a PLE learner you are entitled to:

- A greater choice of high quality courses covering Levels 1, 2 and 3, relevant to your needs and delivered in comfortable, safe and stimulating learning environments
- Flexibility to allow you to achieve your personal goals and to work and progress at a pace that is right for you
- High quality teaching, training and assessment with regular academic reviews to provide constructive feedback and support your continued learning and progress
- Study support and help with revision and learning strategies to support your independent learning and preferred learning style
- Access to a wide enrichment programme which will include opportunities to gain GCSE resit qualifications in Maths & English
- Impartial information, advice and guidance in planning your future career
- Free and reasonable transport arrangements for you to move between centres

As a PLE student you will continue to learn with a supportive familiar environment but at the same time gain in self-confidence and further develop social skills by experiencing a wider range of social contacts across the Partnership.



Partnership for
Learning & Education



Vocational Training Opportunities

At Sir John Hunt, we pride ourselves on the enormous range and variety of training options we are able to provide.

We work closely with a number of established Training Providers across the city to offer courses in sectors which include;

- Administration and Customer Service
- Animal Care
- Carpentry
- Construction
- Electrical Engineering
- Health, Social, Childcare and Beauty
- Information Technology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Sport and Recreation
- Travel and Tourism

We have a dedicated Training and Vocational Coordinator who will be able to support you through your training and any additional subjects you may need to study.

Our track record in successful outcomes for our Vocational students is outstanding and we are hugely proud of this important aspect of our Sixth Form. If you have any queries about the range of Training courses on offer – you can contact us to find out more or to organise a meeting to discuss your options.

Maths and English Qualifications

If you are yet to achieve a level 5 or above in your GCSE Maths and/or English, you will need to continue studying these subjects while in Sixth Form.

We will provide tailored sessions where you will work with a specialist Maths or English tutor who will help you maintain and develop these skills. If ready to do so, you will then be entered for your exams to improve your grades.

This is a requirement of all Sixth Form students in the UK and something we value greatly. These literacy and numeracy skills will be crucial for you when you move on from Sixth Form.





Tracking Your Progress

Your progress in the Sixth Form will be closely monitored. We use national data to set you a target grade for each subject that you study. These targets are aspirational but realistic and are intended to push you to reach your full potential.

At regular intervals, your teachers will award you a 'predicted' grade. You will also be graded on your effort in lessons and your use of independent study time. You should make sure that you know and understand your target grades in each subject and use the information in your Progress Reports to improve your performance. We monitor the grades that your teachers provide at every report stage to check that you are on track. There will also be parents' evenings which will follow the same format as in the wider college and will give an opportunity for your subject teachers to discuss your progress in greater depth.

If we identify that there is a cause for concern, we will ask you to come in and discuss it with your parents/carers. If you think that there is a problem, with any of your subjects, you should speak with your tutor and subject teachers.

In addition to receiving Progress Reports, teachers will regularly mark your work and give you feedback. This feedback will inform you clearly about the standard being achieved and the steps you need to take to make progress. You should always be able to explain your working grades in each subject and what you need to do to reach your target grades.

Vocational Courses: If you are studying a vocational qualification you will receive termly reports from your training provider on how well you are progressing. If you are not on track you will be invited to college to discuss your course and progress.

“Students make rapid and sustained progress over a range of subjects.”

Ofsted Report January 2014

The Extras

Sir John Hunt Facilities

- Superb, modern building and facilities
- Dedicated Sixth Form Centre
- ICT suites
- Independent study areas
- Sports Facilities, clubs and opportunities
- Careers Advice, support and guidance

Annual Events

- Subject Trips
- University taster days
- Sixth form Away Days
- Film clubs
- Sports Challenges
- Celebration events
- Realising Opportunities Programme (with Exeter University)
- Mentor schemes (with Plymouth Marjons)
- Quiz Nights and charity events

And...

- Work experience
- Community Projects
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Extended Project Qualifications
- Voluntary Assistant Roles
- Paid MTA positions for Sixth Form students

“The Sixth Form and Learning Café are notable strengths of the school and the importance of this success cannot be overstated”

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Study Periods

Study periods are an important part of your Sixth Form programme of study.

Supported study sessions are an opportunity to work in a quiet and productive environment with the support of a staff member while independent study periods in Year 13 allow students the freedom to choose where they work and revise. These sessions are designed to give you the time to keep up to date with your study, assignments and revision but are also a great opportunity for you to enhance your experience with additional activities.

There are opportunities for voluntary work to build your work experience or, for example, to support some of our younger students with their own study in the classroom.

There are dedicated spaces in Sixth Form and the wider college for you to use for quiet work with access to ICT suites, library areas and exclusive use of the shared spaces in the Sixth Form Centre.

Expectations

Our aim in the Sixth Form is to promote a high level of independence, self-discipline and responsibility.

If you meet the Sixth Form standards, you will find that you are given more autonomy and freedom to organise and manage your own studies.

In most cases we deal with you directly rather than with your parents: you are given every opportunity to take responsibility for your own actions and decisions.

In particular, we expect you:

To be fit for learning

This means taking care of yourself so that you have the energy and health needed for College. You need to achieve a sensible balance between College life and your social life, any part-time employment you may have, family commitments and any activities or clubs you are involved with.

We expect you to have a balance between an active and healthy social life and a commitment to learning. If your teachers notice you are not fit for learning, your tutor will discuss the situation with you and may ask to review the situation on a weekly basis. If you are frequently unfit for College then we will look at alternatives and support you in finding the right choice and support for you.

To have a positive and purposeful attitude to your studies and College life

You have chosen to join the Sixth Form knowing that you will have greater freedom than younger students but not as much freedom as you might have at a College of Further Education. It is important that you maintain a positive attitude engage fully with your chosen subjects. This is a key factor in ensuring you are successful in your studies.

To be courteous and considerate to those around you

This includes teaching and support staff, your fellow Sixth Formers, younger pupils, and visitors to the College. Good manners cost nothing and make all of our daily lives so much more pleasant.

This attitude and community spirit is a core principle of our Sixth Form and our College as a whole.

To negotiate situations not avoid them

We believe that this is what maturity as a Sixth Form student is all about. If situations arise, or demands are made of you which you do not like, do not shy or hide away from them – speak to the people concerned and see if a compromise can be reached. If necessary raise the problem with your Tutor or Subject Teacher. Act responsibly and you will find that staff will respond positively!

Sixth Form is halfway between college and university or the world of work and we aim to treat you as a young adult. We expect you to have a positive and purposeful attitude to your studies.

To notice when things are not the way they should be

You are now a senior member of the College Community; your community. Notice when things are not right and take the initiative to put them right (whether this means picking up a piece of litter or intervening when younger students choose not to do the right thing).



Homework

Sixth Form students are not given a prescribed or set homework timetable as is normal in lower school.

Teachers set work that is appropriate for their subjects, and give students a reasonable period of time in which to complete it.

It is expected that, for BTEC subjects, you will always have at least one assignment which you will be working on. For A Level subjects it is anticipated that you will have around 5 hours study or reading time per subject per week. It is likely that you will be asked to hand in one piece of work every 2 weeks.

Some advice....

- You should plan your time to enable you to complete all tasks set by the deadlines given.
- If, when preparing a task to be handed in, you find yourself in difficulties, you should speak to your teachers and seek help at the earliest opportunity.

Finding a task difficult is not an acceptable excuse for missing a deadline. Be proactive! Take responsibility!



Time Management

The Sixth Form is much more demanding than Year 11 in terms of organisation and self-discipline. You must, therefore, adjust very quickly to the demands that will be made on you.

As at university, good organisation and time management are essential if you are to get work in on time and do it to the best of your ability. You will never have no work to do; there will always be some topics which require attention.

If you find that you are spending much more or much less time on your studies than the amount recommended, you must discuss the situation with your tutor or subject teacher.

If you find any aspect of the work particularly difficult, ask your subject teachers for help or advice.



16-19 Bursary

As a Sixth Form student, you might be able to apply to the 16-19 Bursary Fund, a scheme from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to help students facing financial hardship to stay in full-time post-16 education.

Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of up to £1,200 a year.

You are eligible to apply for the highest level of bursary if you are:

- in care
- a care leaver
- in receipt of Income Support (or Universal Credit) in your own name
- in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance (or Personal Independence Payments) in your own name.

If you don't qualify to apply for the full bursary, you may be entitled to some help if you receive free school meals or your family is in receipt of certain benefits.

If you believe that you are eligible to apply for financial support, please complete and return the application form. Application forms are available from the Sixth Form Admin Office.

Your bursary is linked directly to your attendance and will be reduced when lessons are missed without permission or an agreed reason.

Further information about this scheme is available from www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund

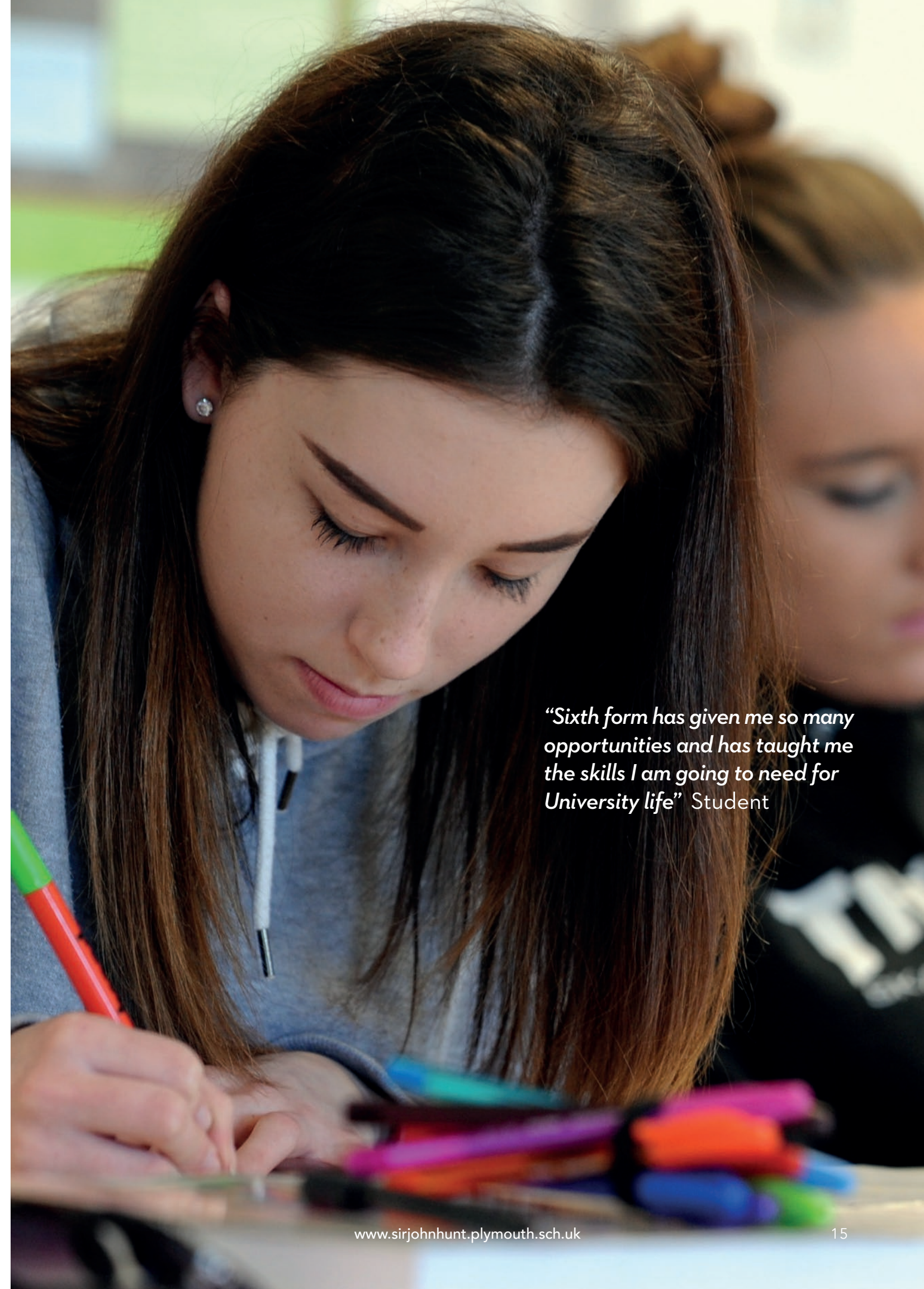
Dress Code

Sixth Form students should be appropriately dressed at all times.

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- Jewellery may be worn but should not be excessive.
- Hairstyles should not be extreme.
- Students are asked to consider their attire carefully and to dress appropriately.

All Sixth Form students are required to wear their ID Badge at all times when on site or when visiting our partner schools.



“Sixth form has given me so many opportunities and has taught me the skills I am going to need for University life” Student

What has Sixth Form done for me?

“I have been inspired to get involved in so many things during my first year in Sixth Form. We are always encouraged to think carefully about our future career and training options.”

“My vocational course has been the best thing I have ever done! I have been able to meet new people outside of school but still have the support and advice of the Sixth Form staff for everything I need.”

“The Sixth Form staff and teachers have encouraged me all the way – my confidence has grown hugely and I now know exactly where I am heading and what I need to do to get there!”

“Sixth Form has been hard work but the rewards are awesome – I have loved my first year.”

“I chose Sir John Hunt Sixth Form because I felt at home here. I feel supported and I feel that the teachers believe in me. I trust their advice and know being here has made me want to do my very best.”

Part Time Work

Most Sixth Formers, in addition to their study, undertake some kind of paid employment and we would always encourage students to do this if appropriate. However, it is important to understand that this work should in no way impact on performance at the college.

If this is the case and teaching staff become concerned we will need to ask that hours are reduced. Paid employment should never come before Sixth Form study.

We advise students not to exceed 8/9 hours of employment per week. Work commitments must not clash with lessons and should not be planned between the hours of 8.30am and 3.55pm each day.



How to Apply

If you are a current SJH student you will be guided through the application process and interviews with support from your Year 11 tutor and the Sixth Form team.

If you wish to make a new application for Sixth Form at SJH then you should complete and return the application form at the back of this prospectus, download a copy from our website or simply contact us.

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