

Make the future yours

Sixth Form Prospectus
2021 / 2022



Sir Robert Pattinson Academy
Via diversa vita una



This is a calm, happy and caring school. Pupils flourish as a result of the good quality of education and the opportunities open to them.

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Welcome to your next step.



Mr D Hardy

Head Teacher

Head Teacher's welcome

Thank you for your interest in joining our Sixth Form in Year 12. I am delighted that you are reading our new options booklet and are considering SRPA for the next stage in your education.

Here, we pride ourselves on being a successful and supportive Academy community and the Sixth Form plays a vibrant and essential role in ensuring this.

Our curriculum offers you a wide choice of Advanced GCEs, vocational opportunities and excellent complementary experiences. SRPA students appreciate the quality of student-teacher relationships and the level of individual guidance and support they receive here.

If you want to study in a stimulating, challenging and supportive environment and can see the benefit to yourself and others of engaging in service to the community within and beyond the Academy, then SRPA may well be the right place for you!

Numbers in our Sixth Form are usually in the order of 200 students providing plenty of scope for you to find friends and enjoy the various opportunities that being a member of the Academy can offer you.

Sixth Formers at SRPA are highly respected by all members of the Academy community, who value the excellent supportive work they do. I do hope to be welcoming you into our Sixth Form next September.

Growing together, achieving together.



Mr J Griffiths

Head of Sixth Form and
SLT Strategic Lead for
Personal Development

Head of Sixth Form welcome

At Sir Robert Pattinson Academy we are proud of our history and heritage. Our Sixth Form is a successful part of our school community and as the Academy continues to grow, we very much value the part the Sixth Form plays.

Our Sixth Form offer presents students with an extensive variety of options, ranging from Advanced GCES to vocational courses which, together with our personal development programme, provide a high quality experience for our students. Our students appreciate the level of individual guidance and support they receive here and we are proud of how they successfully progress to their chosen destination after completing their studies with us.

Students are highly valued within our community and take an active role in mentoring, community projects and support. We are proud of the way our students help and guide their younger peers through lesson volunteering and one-to-one support, along with

reinforcing and promoting our very own SRPA Values. If being part of a community, contributing to academy life, demonstrating high levels of commitment to study and pursuing the highest standards of achievement is what you are looking for in a Sixth Form, then SRPA is the right place for you.

We hope to welcome you into our Sixth Form next September. If you have any questions over the coming weeks and months, do not hesitate to contact us at sixthform@srpa.co.uk



It was a place to be able to gain A-level qualifications. The teachers were pleasant and enjoyable; they delivered excellent and engaging lessons.

SRPA student

Building positive relationships, that help you thrive.

Wellbeing in the Sixth Form.

At Sir Robert Pattinson Academy Sixth Form, student wellbeing is integral to our ethos and philosophy. Our Sixth Form Pastoral Team actively promote emotional wellbeing and positive mental health as part of everyday life within the Sixth Form. The emotional wellbeing of our students is key to them feeling secure and successful with their studies.

We ensure mental health concerns are identified early and appropriate support is provided. We offer provision and interventions that match the needs of our students and regularly raise awareness of the importance of looking after one's own emotional wellbeing and mental health awareness through our Personal Development programme.

The Sixth Form Pastoral Team play a key part in identifying the emerging mental health and wellbeing needs of students and then referring students on to professionals for appropriate specialist support and treatment. In addition to this, our team are able to support students with mental health and wellbeing needs in the school environment and in their learning.

We have an amazing team of specialist sixth form tutors who offer comprehensive wellbeing support. In addition, we have a Key Stage 5 Wellbeing Mentor who offers one-to-one support and is trained to teach the Mindfulness in Schools Project. This is a nationally recognised qualification that brings mindfulness to SRPA, including a number of techniques that can help students with issues like anxiety, self-confidence and examination stress.



We pride ourselves on the bespoke care and support we give to each and every one of our Sixth Form students in relation to their wellbeing.



RP-Hub – Supporting Mental Health in the Sixth Form

Advanced level study can be a challenging time for students and so it is vital that the provision for our Sixth Form extends beyond the academic to include support for students' social, emotional and mental wellbeing. Beyond the care offered by our pastoral team and tutor team, we are proud and privileged to have the RP-HUB as part of our learning community. A growing number of our students have benefited from this support enabling them to have access to highly trained mentors and counsellors, all within the Academy grounds.

Enrichment

Our Personal Development curriculum has been developed through our own student voice. We have implemented enrichment into our KS5 timetable to ensure our students have opportunities to spend time getting involved in physical activities such as yoga, dodgeball and mindfulness. They are also able to explore wider study with Massive Open Online Course (MOOCs) or our very own EPQ qualification. This has supported our students with maintaining a balanced lifestyle of working hard, whilst at the same time having designated times when they look after their own wellbeing.



RP-HUB

Supporting Mental Health
in North Hykeham



85% of our Sixth Form students have achieved A* to C grades. That's higher than the national average of 76%.

Supporting you every step of the way.

Assessment, tracking and academic support.

At Sir Robert Pattinson Academy Sixth Form all of our students are fully supported in achieving their potential in each course of study.

In July, students will start their two year Key Stage 5 journey with us when they join us for our transition programme. The support we provide ensures our students have a successful beginning to their time with us in the Sixth Form. Each of our option subjects provides a comprehensive transition unit to allow our cohort to hit the ground running in September.

The first stage of this process involves students agreeing upon realistic but challenging target grades with their subject teachers. Each target grade will be aspirational and will ensure that students are working towards outcomes that will enable them to pursue future career pathways and higher education opportunities.

Throughout the two year Sixth Form programme, students' progress will be regularly monitored against these targets. Every course will provide rigorous assessment tasks that enable teachers to provide personalised feedback, identifying strengths and areas for development. Subsequently, teachers are able to provide bespoke guidance to ensure that students' knowledge and understanding is continually developed and performance improved as a consequence of the assessment cycle.

In preparation for the final A-Level assessments, students will be provided with two opportunities to complete trial examinations. Not only do these generate additional personalised feedback and targets, but they will also help build resilience and familiarity with examination procedures to help students improve their confidence in performing to their capability in these situations.

In both Y12 and Y13, there are five assessment tracking points, allowing us to monitor data, attitude, strengths and concerns. This information is then shared with students/carers, ensuring they are fully aware of current working grades and expected outcomes, empowering them to support the Sixth Form in ensuring the best possible outcomes for their child.

In addition to the regular intervention and support that they will receive from subject teachers, Sixth Form students are expertly guided by an experienced Sixth Form Team, including a Director of Achievement who will coordinate any additional intervention to support students in making the progress that they are capable of.

Developing the skills to take you further.

Our Personal Development Programme

Personal Development at SRPA forms a huge part of the curriculum. Our students acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives, now and in the future. During this programme, students will develop the qualities and attributes they need to thrive as individuals, family members and part of society generally.

Through the Sixth Form Personal Development Programme our core aims are to:



Reduce or remove barriers to learning.



Promote British values, including democracy.



Develop essential employability skills for the 21st Century.



Prepare students to become an active member of society.



Support the development of physically, emotionally and socially healthy young people.



Promote equality and diversity so that students respect others, as well as promoting tolerance and understanding of different religious and cultural beliefs.



Thanks for all the support over the past seven years, there's no other school I would have liked to spend the time at.

SRPA student



Careers guidance

Our careers provision is comprehensive in the Sixth Form. We have a careers guidance practitioner who visits to offer tailored support to help students in their career goals and next steps. Our skilled Sixth Form intervention team support students through the University or apprenticeship application process. Our UCAS co-ordinator supports all students in their University applications including Russell Group and Oxbridge candidates.

Work experience

All Year 12 students benefit from a work experience programme. Where possible, this will be tied to their career goals. This often leads to students continuing on a voluntary basis or even paid employment.

EPQ

For our highest achievers, the Academy offers the Extended Project Qualification which is equivalent to half an A-Level and enables students to pursue a topic of their choice in greater depth. This is led by our EPQ co-ordinator and is enhanced through University visits for academic research and lectures.

Volunteering

All students are expected to volunteer in the Sixth Form as part of their enrichment. Opportunities such as peer mentoring, Subject Champions, lesson support, and student leadership offer great opportunities for students to get involved. The support provided to our younger students, particularly in their transition, accelerates their development as young adults. As well as being integral to our ethos here at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy, it is also valued by universities, employers and apprenticeship providers and as a key part of their own personal development.

Student leadership

Our sixth form student leadership team offers opportunities for students to work with a number of staff and students across the academy. They lead from the front at the Student Council, on open evenings, all events at the academy, including our full school assemblies.

There are a number of roles open to our students that focus on key priorities such as our peer mentoring programme, extra curricular activities and student voice. Some of the student leaders also have a specific objective of raising the profile of and promoting our six SRPA Values. As a part of their development they are allocated a senior member of staff as a coach who meets with them regularly to support their leadership journey.

Sixth Form information and expectations.

The structure of the day

Students are expected to remain on site from 08:40 until their last lesson of the day. They are able to use the multiple student spaces available in the Academy to work independently, and often remain on site at the end of the day to work in study groups.

The library space is available until 16:30 each night.

Students may take advantage of enrichment activities at lunchtime, or, alternatively, they can choose to leave site if they wish.

08:40	Registration
09:00	Lesson changeover
09:05	Period 1
10:05	Lesson changeover
10:10	Period 2
11:10	Break
11:30	Period 3
12:30	Lunch
13:10	Period 4
14:10	Lesson changeover
14:15	Period 5
15:15	End of school day

Our dress code

All SRPA Sixth Form students take pride in our reputation within the local community. Our dress code establishes a sense of academy pride and identifies sixth form students within our academy community.

Appropriate attire

The minimum dress code requires sixth form students wear clothing appropriate with a professional work environment and in keeping with the Academy's expectations.

The following criteria are to be applied by all students:

To model appropriate professional dress which is at least in accordance with business/office standards.

Suit trousers and a smart shirt/polo shirt or blouse and jacket/cardigan. Many of our students choose to wear a tie.

Dress

Skirt and a smart shirt or blouse and jacket/cardigan.

Sixth Form subjects & entry requirements.

Our criteria for entry is:



Passes of at least Grade 5 in both English Language GCSE and Mathematics GCSE.

Consideration will be given to students who achieve a Grade 5/4 in English and Mathematics where the course choices allow such flexibility.

Where there is no additional requirement the entry criteria for the Sixth Form applies.



5 GCSE subjects at Grade 5-9.

All subjects running are dependent on minimum student numbers.

For specific course entry requirements, please refer to the subject specific pages.

Sixth Form Bursary at SRPA.

The Sixth Form Bursary Fund is money that the Government has given to schools through its funding body – the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is to provide assistance to students whose access

to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers. There are two types of Bursary: the Vulnerable and the Discretionary Bursary.

Vulnerable Bursary

You are entitled to this if you are in one of the following categories:

- You are living in care, or have recently left living in care.
- You, the learner, are receiving Income Support (IS) or Universal Credit (UC).
- You, the learner, are receiving Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payments (PIP) in their own right as well as Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or UC in their own right.
- This is a bursary of up to £1,200.

Discretionary Bursary

You may be entitled to this if you are in one of the following categories:

- You have a gross annual household income of below £20,000.
- You are in receipt of Free School Meals.
- Your household is in receipt of other income based means tested benefits.
- You have a physical or mental disability or other medical condition and/or learning difficulties.
- You have been on probation, are young parents or are otherwise considered at risk.
- You are seeking asylum.
- You are a refugee (You will have access to 16-19 Bursary Funding if you are in receipt of supportive evidence from DWP).
- You are a lone parent. Payments will be made according to need.

Choose the right courses and the rest will follow.



I want to thank the sixth form team and teachers for all the work they've put in. I would not be in such a good position if not for them.

SRPA student

Our courses
Information sheets



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