



The Redhill Academy

Post-16 Prospectus 2024



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New Opportunities

Welcome to The Redhill Academy Post-16 prospectus. We believe that every student deserves the very best education possible and our Post-16 provision will build on the excellent foundations already achieved at GCSE.

We are delighted with our results again this year. Many students gained all A*/A grades enabling them to progress to some of the most competitive universities and courses globally.

Our specialisms in Performing Arts and Science are just two of the many areas in which we excel. We offer a broad and balanced range of exciting courses which are designed to challenge and stimulate learning for all students.

Our newly expanded Post-16 Centre has been designed to enable students to benefit from state-of-the-art facilities, and coupled with the Learning Resource Centre, allows students to harness 21st century technology to support their learning.

We are proud of our students' academic and personal successes, and aim to support and encourage all students as they strive to achieve the very best they can as they progress to university, further training or employment.

Redhill Academy Post-16 study will be exciting and challenging, and we look forward to celebrating success with you. Please take the time to read this prospectus. We hope what you find will fill you with enthusiasm and we look forward to welcoming you into Redhill Academy Post-16 study.

Mike Hardy

Headteacher,
The Redhill Academy



Welcome from the Sixth Form Team

I am the Director of Post 16 for Redhill Academy Trust, and I work closely with each of the teams across our seven Sixth Forms. This allows us to share ideas and collaborate to provide you with an exceptional Post 16 experience. This means that when you join one of our Sixth Forms you are also part of a much wider community, dedicated to supporting you to achieve your ambitions.

Working together brings you many benefits; it enables our sixth forms to share the very best lessons, resources and extra-curricular sessions; it allows us to run exceptional programmes such as our Oxbridge preparation scheme, Medicine mock interview days, our Year 13 Moving On Day to prepare you for independence, our Stepping Up days and many apprenticeship and careers events.

We also lead one of the largest HE+ hubs in the UK - this is a partnership with the University of Cambridge and offers some unique and exciting opportunities to our students.

I look forward to meeting you all and supporting you to achieve your ambitions.

Andy Edwards

Trust Director of Post 16

At Redhill Sixth Form our first aim is to enable our students to fulfil their academic potential. Whilst we emphasise the importance of academic achievement, we also strive to support students in becoming independent, responsible members of their community. We provide extensive extracurricular opportunities and a dedicated programme focused on personal, social and emotional development. Our Destinations programme provides ongoing support for students in preparation for adulthood whether this be in employment, in seeking an apprenticeship or applying for University.

High expectations combined with the dedicated support of specialist tutors, teachers and careers advisers ensure that students, whatever their individual needs, can develop self-confidence, fulfil their potential and realise their aspirations.

If you would like any further information, help or advice about the Sixth Form or the study programmes we offer, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Charlotte Barlow

Head of Sixth Form

Mrs Claire Warren

Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Miss Grace Burch

Assistant Head of Sixth Form

Miss Angie Koppoe

Sixth Form Academic Mentor

Miss Lindsey Dudley

Sixth Form Administrator

A message from Alumni students

"In our sixth form there are a wide range of subjects on offer which allow for students to successfully move onto their next steps post 18. Students are exposed to the finest examples of speakers, thinkers and creators, and staff throughout the academy support each student on their learning journey. The academy's facilities help accommodate both the practical and theory side of teaching and learning. Outside of the classroom, academic opportunities are presented through a range of school trips. Complementing the academic side to the academy, extracurricular activities offer a wide and diverse experience through our Stellar Programme. There is a true sense of community in the sixth form, developed through academic participation and social participation and we are grateful to have the opportunity to represent this inclusive and welcoming student body."



Lilli-Anna and Kian 2023



Sixth Form Facilities

Post-16 students at Redhill are housed in a separate building specially designed for Post-16 study, with dedicated airy, modern teaching spaces and technology to support teaching and learning.

The Post-16 centre includes the refurbished and expanded Study Centre, equipped with a suite of desktop computers, Chromebooks, printing facilities, independent work stations and group work tables. The centre hosts a library of Post-16 literature, including career journals, research opportunities and higher education information. Students also have access to the excellent facilities in the main school buildings, including Dance and Drama studios, sound proof Music rooms, a new suite of Macbook computers, newly refurbished Science laboratories and specialist ICT suites.

In addition, our new Oakwood Campus has state of the art facilities for those students studying BTEC courses with us.

The Post-16 provision fosters a culture of independence, learning and success, and provides a wide range of opportunities for students to flourish as individuals. Every student will be supported and encouraged to aim high, enjoy new experiences and achieve their full


potential. Our student support system is led by an experienced team and an Academic Mentor, who work with a dedicated team of Sixth Form Tutors. The Sixth Form Team provides support and guidance to students throughout and beyond their A level study, as well as delivering a full PSHE programme geared towards managing the transitions taking place for students.

We aim to help all students adjust to the new working methods of Post-16 study in a caring environment underpinned by a culture of hard work and commitment. Our full time academic mentor provides one to one support to help students improve their study skills. We develop strong partnerships with all of our students, ensuring that we give regular careers guidance, financial advice and specific UCAS application support.

At Redhill Academy Sixth Form we pride ourselves on students, teachers, tutors and parents working together to achieve excellence.

“The staff at sixth form are really welcoming and helpful. It has been a great experience here and I would never have changed this opportunity for anything.”

- Goodnews, External Student, Year 13

A photograph of two students in a library. On the left, a young Black male with short dark hair, wearing an orange hoodie, is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. On the right, a young white female with light brown hair tied back, wearing a purple shirt and a brown knitted cardigan, is smiling broadly at the camera. They are sitting at a desk with an open book in front of them. In the background, there are bookshelves filled with books, some of which are standing upright and others are lying flat. The lighting is bright and even.

“Redhill is a really positive learning environment. Staff harnessed my ambitions and encouraged me to believe in myself and my abilities, providing me with invaluable guidance and support. I personally feel I wouldn’t have had the confidence to shape so many positive opportunities for myself without the support at sixth form.”

– Hannah ,
Current Post-Graduate Student,
The University of Cambridge

Beyond the classroom

Redhill offers a wide-ranging Post-16 Enrichment Programme. You will have the chance to further develop skills that will ensure you leave Redhill as an active citizen. There will be opportunities for you to choose from a range of extra qualifications and activities such as:

- HE+ Programme through The University of Cambridge

- Extended Project Qualification

- Duke of Edinburgh Award

- Community Sports Leadership Award

- Further Maths

- Recreational Sport

- Paired Reading

- Taking part in Performing Arts activities

- Becoming Senior Students, taking on leadership roles within the school

- In-class Support

- Women & Gender Studies



2024 Redhill Trust minimum entry requirements for Post 16 study.

All students must attain five 9-4 grades at GCSE (or BTEC equivalents) with preferably a grade 5 in either English Language or Mathematics. Individual subjects will require a specific grade in a particular subject at GCSE (see course booklet).

All students will be expected to choose 3 A levels which they will study for 2 years (the exception being students who study 3 A levels plus Further Mathematics) Students no longer sit an AS exam at the end of Year 12 but will sit all examinations at the end of Year 13.

All students will be interviewed by a member of the Sixth Form team. This will enable them to make an informed choice about the best subjects to suit their individual needs. Parents are welcome to discuss these choices with the Sixth Form team following the interview.

“...the Sixth Form teaching seen here during the inspection was outstanding. Consequently, Sixth Formers are making excellent progress.”


Ofsted



Courses available

A Level courses

Students will choose 3 courses.

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| • Art | • History |
| • Biology | • Mathematics |
| • Business Studies | • Media Studies |
| • Chemistry | • Music |
| • Computer Science | • Philosophy and Ethics |
| • Dance | • Photography |
| • Drama and Theatre Studies | • Physics |
| • English Language | • Product Design: Resistant Materials |
| • English Literature | • Psychology |
| • French | • Sociology |
| • Further Mathematics | • Spanish |
| • Geography | • Sport and Physical Education |
| • German | • Textiles |
| • Government and Politics | |

Level 3 Extended Diploma BTEC courses

Students choose one course and will be based at the Oakwood Campus.

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| • Health and Social Care | • Sport |
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GCSE resits

Resit courses are offered in:

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| • GCSE English | • GCSE Mathematics |
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All students who do not achieve at least a grade 4 in either of these subjects at GCSE, will be required to retake these in Year 12.



“The support from Redhill staff and students alike could not have been better or more helpful - Redhill helped me see a potentially daunting process as doable and even fun!”

*– Ben, History student,
Magdalen College, Oxford*



Oakwood Campus

Redhill Sixth Form offers Health and Social Care and BTEC sport courses from our Oakwood campus. Both courses offer a more practical pathway to students with the same potential to continue to higher level apprenticeships and university. BTEC qualifications are assessed by coursework and practical assessments as well as examination. This pathway also offers students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience as part of the course.

Students from both sites share the same PSHE, careers and enrichment opportunities that Redhill offers.



Reasons to choose Redhill

- Outstanding School status, Ofsted
- Proven success with excellent results at A Level
- Wide choice of courses - 30 subjects
- Special programme for Oxbridge and Medicine
- Work experience programme
- Exceptional personal support with UCAS application
- Familiar surroundings with dedicated Post-16 teaching spaces
- State of the art facilities
- Wide range of Extra Curricular activities
- Dynamic and exciting student life
- Innovative Enrichment Programme
- Specialisms in Performing Arts and Science
- Freedom and responsibility to learn independently

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Contact details

Further details and an application form are available from:

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