

Ridgewood
Sixth Form

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PROSPECTUS

2027-28



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WELCOME TO RIDGEWOOD SIXTH FORM

The next two years will shape far more than qualifications. They'll shape ambitions and the opportunities that lie ahead. At Ridgewood Sixth Form, we're committed to helping every student make the most of this exciting chapter.

We have high expectations of every student and foster a culture built on kindness and respect. We want every student to feel valued, supported and inspired to achieve their very best.

We strive for all our students to meet and exceed their potential academically, but we believe Sixth Form is about much more than exam results. We encourage students to enjoy their time with us, embrace new opportunities and develop the skills and confidence to flourish beyond their studies.

Our curriculum is ambitious for all students, regardless of their starting point. We offer a wide range of A Level and BTEC courses to meet the needs of all. Our curriculum beyond the classroom is also vast and varied, providing our students with countless opportunities to broaden their horizons and share new experiences.

We want Ridgewood Sixth Form to continue to thrive and be at the heart of the local community. We value the partnership we share with parents and carers. By working together and maintaining open communication, we can provide the very best experience for every student.

We hope that as you look through this prospectus, it gives you a flavour of the strengths of our Sixth Form and the warm, welcoming nature you'll find here.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our Open Events, where you can experience everything our Sixth Form has to offer.



Mrs N Wilson,
Head of Sixth Form
Ridgewood School

WHY CHOOSE RIDGEWOOD SIXTH FORM?

If you choose to study in the Sixth Form, you will receive the very best that we have to offer.

The range of opportunities available to our students – including leadership and mentoring programmes, internships, travel experiences, personalised support, careers guidance and the Duke of Edinburgh Award to name a few – is second to none.

These experiences can only be found in our unique environment, which combines high academic standards with a wealth of enrichment opportunities, enabling our students to develop into confident individuals.

At Ridgewood Sixth Form, you will be given every type of support required to ensure you reach your full potential both in the classroom and beyond.

You will be prepared for the rigours of university or employment and both your academic studies and extracurricular activities will make you extremely desirable to prestigious universities and employers.

If you want to give yourself the best possible chance to prepare for the road ahead, whatever that may entail, start your journey with us at Ridgewood Sixth Form and be confident about developing your unique skillset and producing excellent academic outcomes.

MEET OUR TEAM



Niki Wilson
Head of Sixth Form



Holly Quayle
Deputy Head of Sixth Form



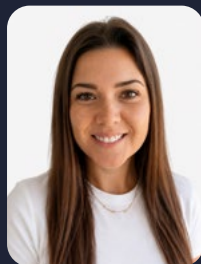
Sarah Parton
Deputy Head of Sixth Form



Di Lester
Sixth Form Pastoral Lead
and Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



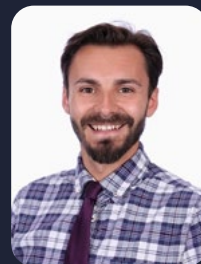
Naomi Armstrong
Sixth Form Lead
Academic Mentor



Lauren Gittins
Sixth Form Learning Mentor



Vicky Tilley
Sixth Form Reception



Owen Lord
Careers Advisor



OUR FACILITIES

We are immensely proud of our state-of-the-art building. Thoughtfully designed, our learning spaces provide an inspiring environment where students can learn, grow and succeed.

The Faraday Sixth Form Centre, is exclusively available to our Sixth Form students, with facilities that include:

- STEM laboratories
- IT suites
- A 200-seat, multi-use auditorium
- A mix of study and social spaces
- A Cafe
- A Careers Hub
- An iMac suite

Students also have access to the following main school facilities:

- Sports facilities including:
- sports hall
- fitness suite
- dance studio
- two 11-a-side football pitches
- one full-sized rugby pitch
- a floodlit 3G pitch
- two netball/tennis courts
- Six music practice rooms
- A wellbeing centre



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

All students take part in a range of enrichment activities.

These include:

Tailored Oxbridge Support	Debate Society
Youth Council	Supporting Teaching and Learning
Arts Award	Physical Wellbeing and Sport
Music and Drama	Mental Wellbeing
UCAS discovery events	Languages for International Business
Super Curriculum: Springpod, Unifrog	Media and Journalism
Events Committees	LGBTQ+ Society
Trips: Skiing, University Visits, theatres	Charity and Community Work
Duke of Edinburgh Award	Student Leadership

STUDENT SUPPORT

We pride ourselves on creating a learning culture and supportive environment where every student is encouraged to maximise their potential.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Throughout the two years of Sixth Form, students will take part in a range of personal development sessions to enrich their study skills and broaden their knowledge within topics such as ethics and health.

Students will also hear from representatives from a range of employers and higher education providers, to strengthen their awareness of opportunities beyond Sixth Form.

LEARNING MENTORS

Our Learning Mentors provide additional academic support for students to ensure that they make good progress and achieve the grades they need for their post 18 destination. This can include work on organisation, essay writing and study skills and support.

INTERVIEW SKILLS

All our Sixth Form students deliver presentations on political and social issues, as part of their preparation for university and employment interviews. In preparing their own presentations, each Sixth Form student will develop the skills of planning, public oracy and rhetoric.

CAREERS GUIDANCE

Our in-house Careers Advisers offer one-to-one career interviews, email advice and drop-in sessions to ensure students get the information they need to progress to higher education, vocational study or employment.

VALIDUS WELLBEING CENTRE

We are extremely proud to be able to offer our students **Validus** – a dedicated wellbeing centre equipped to meet a wide range of needs.

Validus provides a programme of holistic support, including qualified counselling support, professional and targeted support for young people experiencing issues, and specialist support for those students experiencing stress, anxiety, depression and low mood.

Validus helps raise the profile of wellbeing for all young people and staff, effectively supporting our wider school teams to protect the wellbeing of all students.

OTHER SUPPORT

- Russell Group and Oxbridge specific masterclasses
- Personalised application support
- Access to an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Support with internships or work experience
- Personal statement and application workshops
- Interview guidance and pre-entry test support
- Transport is provided between Campsmount and Ridgewood sites through Leger Connect



WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

Students in Year 12 complete a week-long work experience within a professional working environment.

Work experience provides valuable opportunities to help gain insight into the world of work, develop transferable skills and build confidence for the future.

Our work experience scheme truly enables students to expand their horizons, open up experiences in the careers they wish to pursue, and, in some cases, provide opportunities for independent living.

Students are not confined to the local area for their placements, and some have taken this chance to complete placements in France and Spain.

Alongside providing students with a unique window into a potential future career, the scheme has also allowed them to establish key contacts and points of reference that they can use throughout their careers.



PLACES OUR STUDENTS HAVE EXPERIENCED...

Bosch Engineering Headquarters in Germany

Brearly and Co Accountants

National Grid

Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Chris Stevenson solicitors

Strata Homes

HSBC

Westcourt Financial Services

House of Play Limited

NOFI Engineering Solutions

University of Leeds

CAST Theatre

Volker Rail

Calcaria Veterinary Practice

Doncaster Council

University of Nottingham Sports Injury Clinic

Doncaster Royal Infirmary

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Preparing students for the road ahead



SIXTH FORM COURSES

There are over 30 courses to choose from at Ridgewood Sixth Form, including a wide range of A Level and Level 3 Vocational courses which can be tailored to create a personalised study programme.

Most students will study three subjects over the course of Years 12 and 13 but, studying four is possible.

All students are given personalised advice in their one-to-one course placement meeting to help them choose the best pathway for them.

All courses listed are subject to sufficient student numbers. Courses may be withdrawn if numbers are too low to make them viable.

For more information on any of our Sixth Form courses, please visit ridgewoodschool.co.uk



SIXTH FORM COURSES

ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

The Pearson Edexcel A Level in Art, Craft & Design explores a range of creative approaches while developing technical skills and creative confidence.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including Art).

Future Pathways: Creative higher education courses and careers in art, design, and related industries.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Pearson Level 3 Alternative Qualification BTEC National in Early Childhood Development is ideal for students who are interested in learning about the working sectors in childhood development.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus two grade 4's or above.

Future Pathways: Higher education courses and careers in childcare, education, social care, and more.

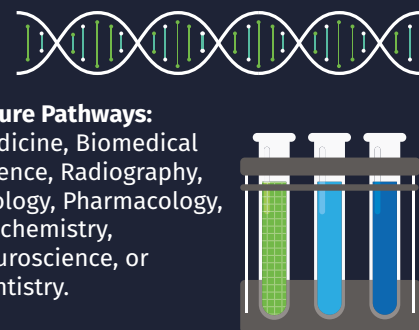


BIOLOGY

The AQA Biology A Level enables students to look more closely at the biochemistry, genetics, and evolution of a range of organisms, with access to three specialist laboratories.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 6 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including grade 6 in Biology and grades 6 in either Chemistry or Physics, or grade 6/6 in combined Science).

Future Pathways: Medicine, Biomedical Science, Radiography, Zoology, Pharmacology, Biochemistry, Neuroscience, or Dentistry.

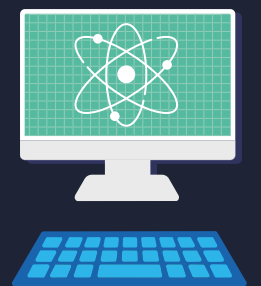


COMPUTER SCIENCE

The AQA Computer Science A Level is one of the most globally sought-after qualifications, providing students with the very best foundations for the beginning of their Computer Science journey.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 6 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including grade 6 in Computer Science).

Future Pathways: Higher education courses and careers in computer programming, computer science and more.



BUSINESS STUDIES

The OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 Extended Certificate in Business helps students understand how business decisions are made, developing practical knowledge of business operations and decision-making.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus two grade 4s or above.

Future Pathways: Higher education courses and careers in Marketing, Human Resources, Accounting, and Business Planning.



CRIMINOLOGY

The WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology encompasses criminal psychology, behaviour, sociology, and criminal justice, exercising critical thinking, research skills, and theory application by interpreting real-life scenarios through criminological theories.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus two grade 4s or above.

Future Pathways: Degrees and careers in criminology, law, policing, forensic science, psychology and the criminal justice system.

CHEMISTRY

The AQA Chemistry A Level explores how substances can be transformed, from synthesising life-saving drugs to understanding chemical reactions. With access to three specialist laboratories, the course includes hands-on practicals to reinforce theoretical knowledge.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 6 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including grade 6 in Chemistry, and grade 6 in either Biology or Physics, or a grade 6/6 in combined Science).

Future Pathways: Higher education courses in medicine, dentistry, chemistry, biomedical science, pharmacology, biochemistry, engineering, and more.

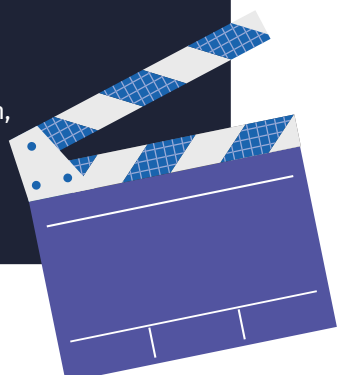


DIGITAL MEDIA

The OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Digital Media teaches how media institutions operate, how to create media products, and how to advertise ideas for a future career in media production.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 6 in Maths, plus two grade 4s or above.

Future Pathways: Degrees and careers in digital media, marketing, graphic design, film and television, content creation, games design or digital communications.



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ECONOMICS

The Edexcel Economics A Level lends itself to topical real-world applications, including politics, business, and marketing.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 5 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above and grade 5 in either Business, Geography or History.

Future Pathways: Students have gone on to study at a variety of prestigious universities such as Cambridge, Durham, and St. Andrews, embarking on careers in business, journalism, politics, finance, accounting, or marketing.

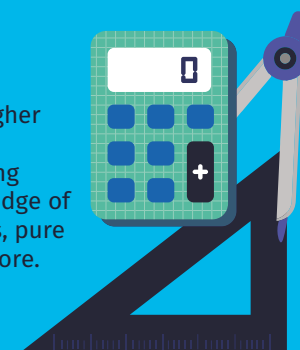


FURTHER MATHS

The AQA Further Mathematics A Level is for students with a passion for maths combined with the dedication to work hard in the subject, ready to take their first steps into a maths-powered career.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 7 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above.

Future Pathways: Higher education courses and careers, providing foundational knowledge of mechanics, statistics, pure mathematics, and more.

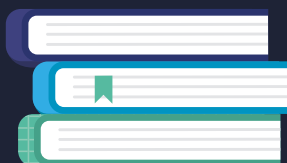


ENGLISH LANGUAGE

The AQA English Language A Level provides a challenging and diverse course that allows students to explore how English is learned, how it is applied, and how it has and will evolve.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 5 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including a grade 5 in English Literature).

Future Pathways: Careers in teaching, journalism, speech and language therapy, and educational and child psychology.



GEOGRAPHY

The AQA Geography A Level offers diverse lessons that are heavily skills-based and often linked to fieldwork, including a city trip, a coastal trip, and a two-day UK residential trip. Students will be equipped with knowledge of both physical and human geography.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 5 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including a grade 5 in Geography).

Future Pathways: Geography-related degrees at universities such as York and Newcastle.

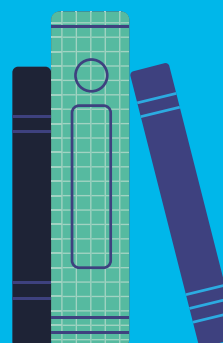


ENGLISH LITERATURE

The AQA English Literature A Level course encourages analytical skills and independent thinking by developing the ability to approach texts from various genres, eras, and cultures with confidence.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 5 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including a grade 6 in English Literature).

Future Pathways: Careers in teaching, journalism, publishing, or media.

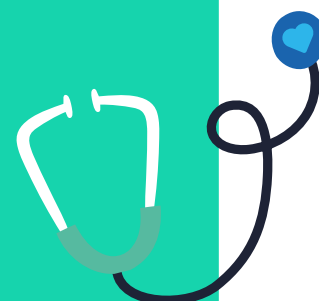


HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

The Pearson Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care equips students with foundational knowledge of the Health and Social Care sector, with opportunities to collaborate with health and care colleagues and university partners.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus two grade 4s or above including a 4 in Biology or 4-4 in Combined Science.

Future Pathways: Careers in health and social care, as well as a range of higher education opportunities.



FOOD AND NUTRITION

The WJEC Level 3 Food Science and Nutrition course explores the science behind food, nutrition, and health while developing an understanding of food production, safety, and nutritional needs.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus two other grade 4s.

Future Pathways: Further studies and careers include food science, nutrition, public health, catering and food technology.



HISTORY

The AQA History A Level equips students with the knowledge, critical thinking and reading skills to uncover historians' interpretations and writing defending arguments in depth.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including a grade 5 in History).

Future Pathways: History-related degrees at university opening up careers in politics, law, journalism, business, and teaching.



SIXTH FORM COURSES

LAW

The AQA Law A Level gives students an in-depth understanding of the English legal system, covering criminal law, tort law, and contract law.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above.

Future Pathways: Careers in law, business, or public service, as well as further study at university level.



PERFORMING ARTS

The BTEC National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Level 3) offers outstanding studio and theatre performance spaces, and the opportunity to attend live performances.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus two grade 4s (including either a Merit or a grade 5 in Dance, Drama, Performing Arts or Music).

Future Pathways: Further education in performing arts and careers in the Arts.



MATHS

The AQA Mathematics A Level is essential for many higher education courses and careers, providing foundational knowledge of mechanics, statistics, pure mathematics, and more.

Lessons consist of teacher-led examples followed by questions set for students to complete, allowing for problem-solving and using maths within unfamiliar contexts.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 6 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above and a successful maths entry test.

Future Pathways: Degrees and careers in mathematics, engineering, economics, finance, computer science and data science.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Pearson Edexcel Photography A Level covers both technical and creative aspects of photography, the course is ideal for refining photography skills and realising students' creative vision.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including Art or a portfolio of Photography work to be shown).

Future Pathways: Degrees and careers in photography, graphic design, film, media, advertising and creative industries.

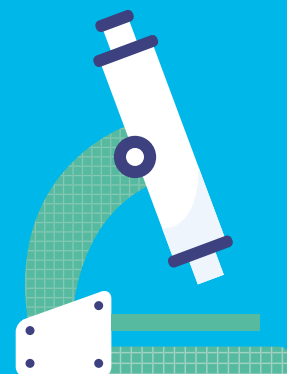


MEDICAL SCIENCE

The Pearson BTEC National Diploma in Medical Science equips students with scientific knowledge, practical skills.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus grade 5 in Biology and 1 other science or 5,5 in Combined Science.

Future Pathways: Careers in health care, medicine, and related fields.



PHYSICS

The AQA Physics A Level offers an opportunity to explore the fundamental nature of almost everything we know. Teaching is conducted in specialist laboratories with regular practical work.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including grade 6 in Physics and grade 6 in either Biology or Chemistry, or a grade 6/6 in Combined Science).

Future Pathways: Future education and careers in engineering, medicine, astrophysics, radiography, mathematics, computer science, and more.



MUSIC

The Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology provides an introduction into the music technology sector, developing your skills and understanding through practical and creative experiences in music performance and technology.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus two grade 4s including a Merit in Music.

Future Pathways: Degrees and careers in music production, sound engineering, live sound, recording, music technology, broadcasting and the wider creative industries.

New Music Course Coming Soon!

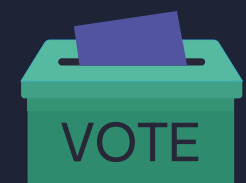
Interested in studying Music at Level 3 in 2027? Speak to our staff at our Open Event for more information.

POLITICS

The Edexcel Politics A Level covers a wide range of compelling topics, including UK Politics, Ideologies and US Politics, with the opportunity to join an award-winning Debate Team.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above.

Future Pathways: Careers in politics, law, journalism, business, and teaching.



SIXTH FORM COURSES

PSYCHOLOGY

The AQA Psychology A Level offers an insight into the human mind, providing foundational knowledge into human behaviour, research methods, and data analysis.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above, including a 5 in science.

Future Pathways: Higher education in psychology, educational studies, teaching, business studies, sport, English, politics, social work, and nursing.

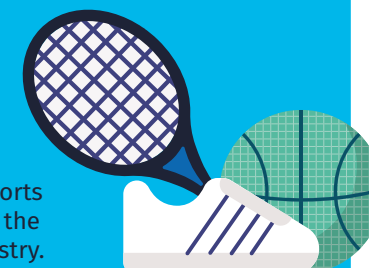


SPORT

The OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 in Sport provides students with varied knowledge in body systems, injuries, sports coaching, sports organisation and development, and more.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus two grade 4s including a L2 Merit in Sport or grade 4 in Physical Education.

Future Pathways: Further education or careers in sport science, sports coaching, physiotherapy, sports management and the wider sports industry.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The OCR Religious Studies A Level students will discuss religion and topical world issues, with compelling debates and research rooted in philosophy and ethics.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above.

Future Pathways: Future education and careers in areas such as philosophy and theology.



SPORT - DOUBLE

The OCR Cambridge Technical Level 3 in Sport (Double) addresses many different aspects of sport, with limited practical. This is a study of Biomechanics, Body Systems, Injuries, Sports Coaching, Sports Psychology.

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus two grade 4s including a L2 Merit in Sport or grade 4 in Physical Education.

Future Pathways: Medicine, Biomedical Science, Radiography, Zoology, Pharmacology, Biochemistry, Neuroscience, or Dentistry.



SOCIOLOGY

The AQA Sociology A Level offers an effective insight into Sociology, covering a variety of topics including Education, Families and Households, Beliefs in Society, and Crime and Deviance.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above.

Future Pathways: Further study and careers in sociology, psychology, social work, education and public services.



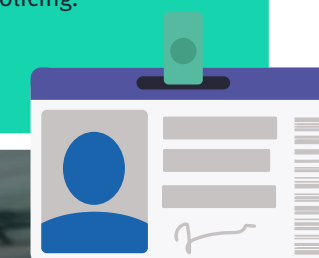
UNIFORM SERVICES

The NCFE Level 3 qualification in Uniform Services offers comprehensive preparation for careers in uniformed services, covering essential topics such as mental and physical

wellbeing, values and standards, and equality, diversity, and inclusion. Developing critical thinking, leadership, and communication skills while exploring career opportunities across various services.

Entry Requirements: 4 in English, 4 in maths and two other grades 4s.

Future Pathways: Careers in the armed forces, emergency services and policing.



SPANISH

The AQA Spanish A Level provides students with an in-depth look into the Spanish language and Hispanic culture, using films, books, and history to complement learning.

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 in English Language, grade 4 in Maths, plus three grade 4s or above (including a 6 in French or Spanish).

Future Pathways: Further education and careers in languages, international business, translation, interpreting, teaching, tourism and global communication.



A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Your next chapter starts here.

Discover some of the universities our students have progressed onto:

1. University of Cambridge
2. Durham University
3. The University of Edinburgh
4. Leeds Arts University
5. University of Sheffield
6. University of Warwick
7. University of York
8. Sheffield Hallam
9. Leeds Beckett
10. Northumbria University
11. University of Lincoln
12. University of Leeds
13. Newcastle University
14. University of Manchester

DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR A BURSARY?

Sixth Form students are able to apply for bursary payments to help them through their studies.

This can help fund:

Travel to and from school

Study materials like revision guides

School meals

Trips

Equipment

University open days and interviews

TAKE A TOUR

There will be opportunities for a tour of the Faraday P16 facilities, to meet our staff from across Ridgewood and discuss your personal requirements for P16 study.

Our Sixth Form team are happy to discuss the admissions process and your application with you. They can also tell you about the support available while you are studying with us at Ridgewood Sixth Form.

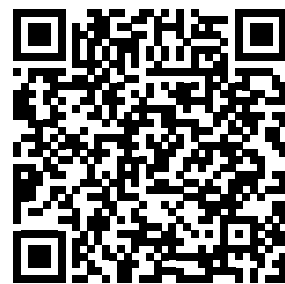
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SECURE YOUR PLACE AT RIDGEWOOD SIXTH FORM



STARTING YOUR SIXTH FORM JOURNEY BEGINS WITH THESE 4 SIMPLE STEPS.
APPLICATIONS OPEN FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER AT 9AM.

1.

APPLY ONLINE

Ready to apply? Scan the QR code on this page or head to ridgewoodschool.co.uk - Post 16 – Applications and fill in the online form.

2.

ATTEND AN INTERVIEW

We'll invite you to an interview with our friendly team. This is a chance to get to know you and discover what your ambitions are. If you are successful, a conditional place at our Sixth Form will be offered to you.

3.

PRE-ENROLMENT DAY

After your GCSE exams are over, we'll invite you to a pre-enrolment day so you can discuss your options, and you'll get to know what life at Ridgewood Sixth Form is like.

4.

ENROLMENT DAY

Enrolment opens on GCSE results day - 19th August 2027. On this day, we will be on hand to help explore your options once you have received your results.

**EARLY APPLICATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED TO
SECURE YOUR PLACE!**



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