



SIXTH FORM PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION

The Sixth Form Partnership between Highsted, Fulston and Borden is designed to increase student choice Post-16, particularly at Advanced Level. This document is designed to give students and parents the information they need to use the advantages of the Partnership wherever it is helpful to do so.

What are the advantages of the Partnership?

- Students are able to select subjects from their own school and also have access to subjects from either of the two Partnership schools should there be a timetable clash at your home school.
- As a result of three schools **working together in partnership**, students can select their Sixth Form course from over thirty Advanced Level subjects.
- In addition, Fulston Manor offers a suite of one year Level 2 courses.

Combining resources in this way gives more than a broader initial choice. It also enables a greater number of subject combinations within a system of five option blocks operated by all three Sixth Forms. No Post-16 system can offer an unlimited permutation of subject combinations, but the Partnership schools can often help in making a particular combination of subject choices possible.

How does the Partnership work?

- Year 11 students from each school, and their parents, are given information about the courses at all three schools. They may also attend Partnership schools' Sixth Form Information evenings.
- When Year 11 students are asked about their provisional choices for A Level courses they need at this point to indicate whether they wish to access a course at a Partnership school that is not offered at their home school.
- The Assistant Headteachers in charge of the timetable at each school share this information and use it as part of their planning data.
- Students wishing to make use of the Partnership may select '**one**' or in exceptional circumstances '**two**' courses at a neighbouring school. In normal circumstances students remain in their home school. **In exceptional cases** a student may wish to transfer to another Sixth Form within the Partnership. These circumstances should be discussed with the Headteacher of the Year 11 student's home school.

What are the entry qualifications?

Borden, Fulston and Highsted operate a Sixth Form Partnership rather than a joint Sixth Form. Work is in progress to harmonise as many aspects of day to day working as possible to achieve an efficient and productive environment for sixth formers. Discussion is also taking place regarding policy decisions to widen and strengthen Post-16 co-operation across Swale. There are, at present, elements which differ between the three schools, one of which is the entry qualification for starting Advanced Level courses. The current minimum requirement may be found in each school's Sixth Form Prospectus.



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What are the additional Advanced Level subjects available to students from Highsted?

Additional subjects at Fulston may include: Art Textiles; Health and Social Care; Human Biology; Law; Travel and Tourism; Performing Arts; Religious Studies.

Additional subjects at Borden may include: Design Technology and Spanish.

What are the limitations of choice?

Each school will try to meet the subject combination choices of as many students as possible. Not all subject combinations will be possible. If staffing for a course cannot match demand in any particular school, then the staffing resources of the other two schools will be used to help the situation wherever possible. If, in spite of this, there are more students wishing to take a subject than can be accommodated, then students will be prioritised in the following order.

- Year 12 students from the Home school
- Year 12 students from the Partnership school and Year 13 students from the Home school
- Year 13 students from the Partnership school

Who are the key people to talk to about the Partnership?

Highsted Grammar School: Anne Kelly, Headteacher. Gavin Ford, Deputy Headteacher. Daniel Quinn, Assistant Headteacher Post 16.

Fulston Manor School: Alan Brookes, Headteacher. Gemma Davies, Head of Sixth Form.

Borden Grammar School: Jonathan Hopkins, Headteacher. Chris Brinn, Assistant Headteacher Post 16.