

Sixth Form The next step...



“They listened and responded very graciously. I had some really interesting comments and they asked some great questions. They’re really bright kids; I’m very impressed.”

Henry Olonga, former Zimbabwean Test Cricketer, reflecting on his visit during International Week



Bablake

A glimpse inside Bablake's Sixth Form



“At Bablake, our chief focus will firmly remain teaching and learning within the context of a broad, challenging, caring and exciting education. We are very proud of the sparky, well-rounded, generous young adults who leave Bablake’s Sixth Form ahead of their competitors and with a social confidence that unlocks so many more opportunities.”

Mr John Watson, Headmaster

“As part of the Bablake community for 13 years, I am absolutely delighted to be Head of Sixth Form. It’s my dream job and working with such a range of dynamic and bright young people is a real privilege. Guiding them through these two vital years of their education is a challenge, but the rewards are great as I see them grow as individuals, intellectually and socially. Excitingly, I see them realise their ambitions.”

Mrs Alison Tumber, Head of Sixth Form



- Exceptional A Level grades
- The best destinations to suit YOU... from the finest possible start in life
- Dedicated, well-qualified subject staff and caring, supportive Form Tutors
- Small, specialist teaching groups
- Extension opportunities in every area – academic work, sport and extra-curricular activity
- Numerous team and leadership opportunities in sports, societies and Bablake’s House and prefect systems
- Varied and unique enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities: Young Enterprise, Shares4Schools, Bank of England Target 2.0, Combined Cadet Force, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, Engineering Education Scheme, CREST Scientific research awards, Extended Project Qualification, Mentoring, Weather Station, *Stretch* and *The Wheatleyan* magazines
- A vibrant music scene, with classical and contemporary concerts to perform in and organise
- Dynamic drama, leading to regular productions in school and even at the Edinburgh Fringe (25th year in 2011)
- Personal careers guidance and encouragement
- A mock interview morning set to challenge, administered by experts
- Scholarships available for academic, musical and sporting talent
- Ample opportunity to develop and excel
- Trusted with the independence and respect accorded to adults
- The strongest bond with your year group
- A network of friends that lasts long after leaving the school
- Flourishing social life within a naturally inclusive and multicultural environment
- Continuing the best of Bablake from the Shells

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What does Bablake's Sixth Form mean to you?

CURRENT PUPILS

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"At Bablake you have the opportunity to go to some of the most amazing places. The memories of the trips I have been on will stay with me for a very long time."

Alex Hoare *School Captain*

"I have been involved in school sport from the start through to the Sixth Form. I've made some of my best friends through sport; it is impossible not to bond with people when you're meeting early for matches and celebrating success later on!"

Aisling Flanagan *U6th*

"Bablake Sixth Form has motivated me to gain the best grades I am capable of achieving in my exams and the teachers are always supportive. The workload is a big change so it is important to keep on top of it. The relationship between pupils and teachers is significantly more relaxed in the classroom, which inspires pupils to perform even better."

Sapna Mohan *New to L6th*

"I really was surprised at how much more we are treated like adults and the relationships are more relaxed. Although it feels more relaxed, we still get a lot of work done!"

Jack Davies *L6th*

"Having joined the school for the Sixth Form, I can't imagine being anywhere else now. There is so much to get involved in from the rugby teams to Greenfeet, the school's environmental group. The teachers are always here to support us in any way we need them."

Henry Chamberlain *U6th*



Alex Hoare



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Sapna Mohan



Jack Davies



Henry Chamberlain

VISITORS TO BABLAKE

How have you found Bablake's Sixth Formers?

"Fun, supportive and relaxed... and yet mindful of the importance of being applied to one's studies for one's growth. I have found the Sixth Formers at Bablake among the most well rounded, mindful and conscientious that I have met in my work."

Rasheed Ogunlaru *Business Coach*

"Over the years, I've visited Sixth Forms the length and breadth of the country and met thousands of Sixth Formers. Bablake always has a cool, interesting crowd with a great vibe. The pupils stand out and as a result are destined to do well in life, no matter what they turn their hand to."

Tom Griffiths *Director and Founder of www.gapyear.com*

"The most impressive part of our morning was our Sixth Form guide who was a superb ambassador for the school. Not only was she extremely polite, friendly and informative, but she was a pleasure to meet."

Prospective Parent at Open Day 2010

FORMER PUPILS

What did Bablake Sixth Form mean to you?

"Sixth Form is like a big family; I've never felt so comfortable anywhere before, and that's probably because we'd all grown up together. I miss that familiarity and the way Sixth Form allows separate groups to merge and it becomes one huge friendship group. I never wanted it to end, and I do feel incredibly lucky to have been a part of such a unique school."

Roxy Ziaie *Studying English Literature at Leeds*

"Bablake is a brilliant preparation for everything that lies ahead. You are also still allowed to make the most of your current life while in the Sixth Form."

Paul Best *Studying Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic at Cambridge*



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