



TDMS SIXTH FORM

PART OF FOUR STONES GATEWAY

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AMBITION



COMMITMENT



CREATIVITY



INTEGRITY

WELCOME TO TDMS SIXTH FORM

Whether you are a current student at TDMS, or one of the external students who choose to join the school in Year 12, it gives us great pleasure to introduce our Sixth Form to you. This is a vibrant, friendly and purposeful place to be a student and one where you will be fully supported to reach your potential and take those final steps into adulthood with confidence.

TDMS is fortunate to be part of Four Stones Gateway Trust with an approach built upon the foundations of high expectations, a rich and coherent curriculum, and delivering the best teaching we can. Our comprehensive approach to knowledge building is underpinned by the quality and commitment of our teachers. Staff are at the cutting edge of educational thinking and practice, and work to a teaching framework that creates and supports the very best conditions for quality learning experiences.

For a small but expanding Sixth Form, our curriculum offer is very broad and includes both A Levels and BTECs. We boast smaller than average class sizes and this means we can focus on you as an individual. We can offer you more time and support. Students usually take three A Levels plus AS Core Maths. Those who are particularly gifted are likely to take on four discrete A Levels. To learn more about our Key Stage 5 curriculum offer please visit our website.

You will be studying in an environment where staff care about your personal development and your academic progress and there is strong pastoral support. Our newly shaped enrichment programme affords you the opportunity to develop current interests, broaden your wider skill base and build your CV as you go. The programme sits at the heart of our provision developing young people with character who are both interesting and interested. Our alumni study a wide variety of subject specialisms at University and more recently, students have also successfully gained places on competitive degree apprenticeship courses.

Thank you for considering TDMS as your Sixth Form. We believe that in choosing to study with us you will be making the right choice. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Elaine Shepperd

Assistant Headteacher



OUR VALUES



AMBITION

We are unashamedly ambitious for ourselves and our students, always striving to provide access to opportunities within the classroom and beyond. By setting high expectations and standards, the Four Stones MAT strives to achieve excellence in everything we do.



COMMITMENT

We are committed to being the best we can be by cultivating our knowledge, skills, and attitudes to constantly improve. We are committed to delivering on expectations, going the extra mile, and giving 100% in all that we do.



CREATIVITY

Knowledge and literacy make creativity possible. Our schools cultivate creativity by providing the broad base of academic knowledge students need ask new questions, explore alternate explanations, and to change their perceptions, values, and understanding.



INTEGRITY

We nurture our students so that they become young adults of principle and character, and who support each other in their quest for excellence. That means treating others with respect and honesty, taking care of our environment, and utilising our knowledge and understanding wisely.

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

I am delighted that you are considering our Sixth Form for the next stage of your education. At TDMS we are ambitious and welcoming; our aim is to deliver excellence in all areas beginning with high quality teaching and exceptional pastoral care. We both support and challenge every student to leave our Sixth Form with strong academic qualifications, a varied collection of enriching experiences and clear values that will steer them through to long term success.

We are proud to be part of Four Stones Gateway Trust and were pleased to welcome Ofsted in October 2023 and be recognised as Good in all categories. We have been honoured to have been finalists in the Worcestershire 'Secondary School of the Year' award for the last two academic years.

As our current and past students will tell you, we have fostered an ethos of high expectations unpinned by strong support. There is no typical TDMS student, what binds us is a strong set of shared values; Ambition, Commitment, Creativity, and Integrity. This means being ambitious in their thinking, resilient in the classroom, hardworking in all tasks and gritty in the face of everyday challenge. Exceptional pastoral support, coupled with the perseverance to succeed, means that every student will develop into a well-rounded young adult and achieve their potential.

Students join TDMS in Year 12 from across the area. We are pleased to welcome a great many returning students who have been part of the TDMS family since Year 6 or Year 9, alongside a growing number of students who have been at other high schools in Worcestershire and Warwickshire. This makes for an exciting and diverse Sixth Form

community that feels different for everyone starting at the beginning of these formative two years. Our students benefit from having attractive facilities including their own social space and cafe; a silent study in our library; a large ICT suite for independent study, as well as their own outside area.

We are proud of our Sixth Form provision and our alumni who have gone on to study a wide variety of subject specialisms at university across the country and more recently, students also successfully gain places on competitive degree apprenticeship courses.

If you are looking for an environment that promotes personal development, hard work and success then TDMS Sixth Form is the place for you! We strongly encourage you to visit us at our open evening in November and look forward to welcoming you soon.

Anna Allen
Headteacher





Shaping your future

Students can be assured that they will receive expert support and guidance in helping to choose either a career, or a higher education institute for further study. Students will receive independent and impartial guidance from Year 12 onwards, which will be delivered through workshops, lectures and 1:1 meetings with a career's advisor.

Careers events and university visits will form part of Sixth Form life and students will have opportunities for high quality work experience placements in the summer term of Year 12. We have forged good working relationships with leading universities which enable our Sixth Form students to access advice for their future higher education. Students are allocated a personal tutor, who will guide them through the UCAS application process. If an apprenticeship or employment route is of more interest to you however, TDMS has strong links with local businesses and organisations, so there will be equal support for these pathways too.



A WARM WELCOME FROM OUR HEAD STUDENTS

As your Head Students, we are delighted to welcome you to TDMS Sixth Form. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning for another exciting chapter, we are confident that you will find TDMS to be both academically and emotionally supportive, offering meaningful opportunities to help you achieve your goals.

The Sixth Form is a place that fosters academic development and encourages you to grow into a more independent learner. This is supported by dedicated spaces such as our study rooms and library, which provide quiet environments for revision during timetabled free periods.

One of the highlights of our Sixth Form is the outstanding support we receive from both our subject teachers and other staff across the school, including our form tutors. They work hard to ensure we feel confident both in and out of the classroom, and their approachable nature helps motivate us to succeed. This creates an environment focused on achieving the best possible outcomes and preparing us for our future aspirations.

We genuinely believe TDMS Sixth Form is a fantastic place to learn and grow, and we cannot wait to welcome you into our community.

Madison and Blake

Head Students

"Sixth form students also have opportunities beyond their academic studies." Ofsted 2023



Madison

Head Student

What subjects are you studying?

I study criminology, travel and tourism and health and social. I enjoy all the subjects I do, but criminology is the most interesting one.

What enrichment activities have you participated in?

During enrichment, I took part in the 'Good Life' which is cooking and I'm currently doing sports society. The 'Good Life' is a great way to help you prepare for university life, and the sports society allowed me to socialise with my friends.

What do you intend to do after Sixth Form?

I plan to go university to study journalism or get an apprenticeship; I haven't yet made my mind up, but I will be spending time in year 13 looking at what universities or apprenticeships suit me best.

What advice would you give prospective Sixth Formers?

Sixth form can seem like a big change from key stage 4, due to the heavy demand on work and harder lesson topics; however, if you use your time correctly like after school power hours or making sure you spend your free lesson time wisely, you will realise it's not that hard to keep up with.

Blake

Head Student

What subjects are you studying?

I am currently studying English Language and Literature, Psychology and Biology A Level.

What enrichment activities have you participated in?

This year, I have participated in cooking and photography. I then went on to create my own music enrichment in which, people who attend can learn to play and practice instruments.

What do you intend to do after sixth form?

My plan for after sixth form is to further my education by going to university. I would like to take at university is zoology and am currently considering which university would be best suited for me to pursue that subject.

What advice would you give to prospective sixth formers?

As an external student, joining sixth form was quite a big leap and also quite intimidating. I quickly settled in as not only the staff but my peers around me welcomed me into the sixth form. My best advice to someone new in sixth form is don't be afraid to talk to staff or students for help. It can be really helpful to have a friend in your lessons, as you can support each other in areas where you might find things challenging.



"The school understands the needs of its pupils and students are prepared well for their next stage." Ofsted 2023



WHY CHOOSE TDMS SIXTH FORM?

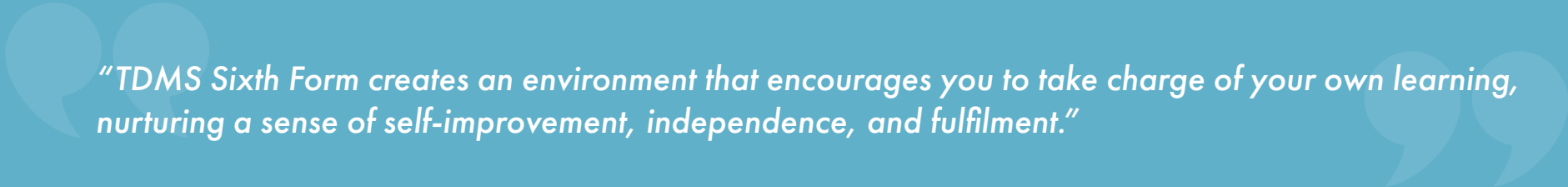
TDMS has a strong community feel and no less so in our Sixth Form. There is no typical TDMS student. What binds us together is a strong set of shared values: Ambition, Commitment, Creativity, and Integrity. These values drive the ethos of our school and are key to our achievement. We aim to provide students with the knowledge, skills and strength of character they need to go on and fulfil their dreams, whatever their individual goals.

At TDMS, we see ourselves as a diverse and interesting student body. Sixth Form feels different for everyone starting out at the beginning of these formative two years. Students benefit from having contemporary and attractive facilities including their own social space and café area; ICT suite for independent study; designated library section for silent study; as well as the exclusive use of their own outside area.

In recognition of your seniority within the school, Sixth Form students do not need to wear a uniform, although we expect you to be presentable, smart and to follow our business wear dress code. Financial help is also available at TDMS through the 16-19 Bursary. This fund exists to provide support to learners who are facing financial difficulty, which may otherwise mean that they would be prevented from, or struggle to, participate fully in education and training.

In a change from your education to date, a significant part of Sixth Form life is centred around enrichment. Wednesday afternoons are non-contact time and are set aside to enjoy a new society or activity, compete on behalf of the Sixth Form or act as mentors and ambassadors in the local community. The programme offer changes each term. All students also participate in our lecture series. Once a fortnight we come together as a Sixth Form community to listen to a host of visiting speakers from across the UK to stretch and challenge our thinking, consider new ideas, new career pathways or reflect on contemporary issues within society.

Being a good role is an important part of being a Sixth Form student. Our students are given the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and embody our school values. Our Sixth Form Executive – including three Head Students - are appointed annually in June and play an active part in school life.



"TDMS Sixth Form creates an environment that encourages you to take charge of your own learning, nurturing a sense of self-improvement, independence, and fulfilment."



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COMMITMENT

We give 100% in all that we do,
constantly looking to improve
ourselves and our service.



CREATIVITY

We always seek innovative
solutions so we achieve
everything we are capable of.



INTEGRITY

We always do the right thing
showing principle and character
to support each other.



AMBITION

We set high expectations and
standards to achieve excellence.

