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The teaching in WLFS Sixth Form was excellent. I really liked the small class sizes and think that helped me achieve three A*s at A-Level. And, I couldn't have asked for better support with university applications. I was really pleased to be offered a place to study Medicine at St John's College, Cambridge.

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Welcome

At the West London Free School Sixth Form, we have the highest aspirations for all our students. We provide a Classical Liberal curriculum in which students are taught by the very best in their field; our KS5 teachers are subject experts and instil a real passion for their subject in the students they teach.

Beyond the academic curriculum, we are keen to promote a rounded education to our students, with wide-ranging opportunities, careers guidance and encouragement to question the world they live in.

'Educating the whole person' is an ethos that we live by. Situated on its own dedicated site, our Sixth Form offers a uniquely positive environment in which Kindness, Hard Work and High Standards – our school values – are rewarded. It is the ideal place in which to learn, study, develop and thrive. Ours is a close and inclusive community, and we are confident that you will feel a sense of belonging, both in terms of the friendships you will make and through positive working relationships with your teachers and the wider Sixth Form staff. Our dedicated team will cater to all aspects of your Sixth Form experience, and the relatively small cohort means you will be known as an individual and recognised for your own personal achievements.

Previous students have gone on to some of the best universities in the UK, Europe and the US, as well as to outstanding Art and Music colleges, not to mention degree apprenticeship programmes. We are proud of each and every member of our Sixth Form alumni and thoroughly look forward to welcoming you.

With best wishes,
Ms G Speller
Director of Sixth Form

01 An academically rigorous and ambitious Sixth Form offering a Classical Liberal education

05 A dedicated Academic Scholar Programme providing stretch and challenge for the most academically able students

12 Reasons to choose WLFS Sixth Form

A standalone specialised site with excellent facilities, conveniently located in central Hammersmith

An impressive weekly External Guest Speaker programme designed to broaden horizons and opportunities

A team of exceptionally highly qualified and experienced teachers

Exceptional UCAS & Careers advice providing excellent transition support to the best universities and colleges

A more adult environment than school, but with a focus on supportive tutoring and monitoring

Small teaching classes within a year group where you are known as an individual, creating a strong sense of community

An inspiring co-curricular programme that appeals to a wide range of interests and is free for all

Outstanding Music and Art opportunities with our leading-edge departments

A vibrant blend of existing WLFS students and new joiners, with many opportunities to form new friendships

Strong links with local independent schools providing additional extension and enrichment opportunities

Life in the Sixth Form

We treat our students as young adults, so you will have greater freedom and more privileges than at secondary school. We expect students to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with the school's core values of Kindness. Hard Work, High Standards.

MANAGING YOUR STUDIES

We expect students to take a mature approach to study. Alongside your subject lessons, you will also have independent and supervised study periods. Supervised study takes place in the library, where you are expected to work quietly, and registers are taken. During independent study periods, we encourage you to use your time productively by working in the library or other available quiet spaces within Franklin House. The balance of these study periods may change depending on your academic performance.

BE ON TIME

You are expected to arrive punctually at the start of every day, as well as at lessons and study periods. We track attendance very closely; A levels require considerable effort and our individual timetables are designed to help you achieve success.

TUTOR SYSTEM

Meeting daily in your tutor group is an opportunity to form friendships with students studying different subjects to you. Importantly, your tutor is a point of contact for discussing pastoral and academic concerns.

BE ORGANISED

Having the correct equipment, including a working folder for each subject, means you can work and study professionally and efficiently. This is an essential process that will enable you to collate notes effectively for future revision. We provide guidance on organisation and taking notes for future revision, but you will need to take responsibility for your own preparation.

BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY

As a member of our community we expect you to be considerate to other students and show respect for our staff.

USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND LAPTOPS

You may bring in your phone but it must not be used in the library or in lessons. Personal laptops or tablets can be used for taking notes in classes. Laptops can also be borrowed from the library.

GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAMME

We welcome an external speaker every week. Covering a wide range of current affairs, work & careers and academic-related issues, this is a timetabled activity. Attendance is required for all Year 12 students.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide range of extension activities and we encourage students to complete at least one activity per term. These activities have been designed to help broaden your experiences and be useful for future university or work applications.

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The reason I like WLFS is because it has always offered and demanded a very high academic standard, which will stand me in good stead in the years to come. I would recommend WLFS Sixth Form to anyone with high academic aspirations.

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CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We encourage all students to take part in at least one co-curricular activity a week. You will have the chance to sign up to a wide range of recreational clubs and academic societies in the first few weeks of term.

BEGIN TO PLAN YOUR FUTURE

Our UCAS advisors and teachers will help you identify which course you wish to study after A levels. If you'd prefer to go straight into work or start an apprenticeship, our Head of Careers will be able to help advise on your options.

BE AN AMBASSADOR

We expect you to be a role model for younger students. This often involves volunteering at open evenings and other school events throughout the year. You may also be asked to help mentor pupils in the secondary school as part of strengthening links between the two institutions.

Entry Requirements

All applicants must secure a Grade 6 or above in five GCSEs as well as Grade 5 or above in Maths and English Language.

Please note, most subjects have higher individual entry criteria. Full information about our entry requirements can be found on the website: **www.wlfs-sixthform.org/Entry-Requirements**

Academic Extension

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

The EPQ is an exciting opportunity to develop valuable skills for the future by investigating a topic that interests you. Uniquely, the choice of topic is completely yours – whether you want to explore medical ethics, the criminal justice system, ancient myths and legends or the field of psychology.

As well as developing your academic research skills, you'll produce a substantial piece of work and develop your presentation skills in a similar way to that expected at university.

It is an excellent way to learn more about something not covered by your A level choices, and it will also demonstrate this interest to prospective employers or universities. The EPQ will add value to your personal statement and will also be useful at interview stage. It may even give you a competitive edge when applying to university.

Entry to the EPQ requires very good GCSE results and is compulsory if you are applying for the Academic Scholar Programme. Working towards the EPQ requires commitment and independent study, but we also provide additional lessons in research and study skills, and you will receive regular guidance from your supervisor.

ACADEMIC SCHOLAR PROGRAMME

Students who have performed particularly well at GCSE, and aspire to attend the most competitive educational establishments post A-Level, will be invited to apply for a place on the Academic Scholar Programme at the start of Year 12. This programme aims to support your university applications, whilst also extending your education far beyond the confines of the A level curriculum. Additional support includes:

Guidance & Mentoring

- Support with Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Sciences and Law applications, including aptitude testing and interview skills
- Guidance on university and course choices, with additional support from our alumni
- A visit to our link Oxford college (Pembroke)

External Opportunities

- Regular updates on available university masterclasses, including those at UCL, Oxford and Cambridge
- Support in applying to summer programmes such as Sutton Trust, Lumina and Oxnet.

Internal Extension

- Extra reading from periodicals and specialised texts curated by the Librarian and Heads of Department
- Additional expert lectures on extension topics.

Planning for Your Future

University and career preparation starts right from the beginning of Year 12 and there will be numerous opportunities to develop your applications. Towards the end of Year 12, we run our Higher Education Days, a wide-ranging programme of university and careers-related activities designed to equip students with key skills and knowledge.

- Application advice from subject experts
- Workshops and talks on different post-18 options
- Support and advice on interview skills and assessment days
- Talks by external experts on university finance and applications
- Life skills training such as CV writing, budgeting and first aid

By the end of Year 12 you will have registered with UCAS and completed the first draft of your personal statement, putting you in a great position for making your final choices in the Autumn.

As well as traditional university and degree apprenticeship routes, we also have a significant number of students who wish to attend top Music and Art institutions after A levels. Our specialist staff have lots of experience and an excellent track record in supporting all of these applications.

> **By giving us the chance to hear new points of view and interesting lectures, WLFS Sixth Form has set the gears in motion for us to do anything after we leave – whether for university, for an apprenticeship or for a job. All of this whilst helping us to become adults.**
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Join Us

If you would like to find out more about joining our Sixth Form, please attend one of our Open Evenings in October. Dates will be published on our website.

16-19 BURSARY

To find out more and to apply please visit our website: **www.wlfs-sixthform.org/bursary**

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I would highly recommend WLFS Sixth Form to anyone who values a supportive environment, where they are able to thrive and push themselves academically. The wide range of co-curricular activities means that students are not simply restricted to school work and have an enjoyable time beyond academic study.

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October
November
December

VISIT AND APPLY

We invite prospective students and parents/carers to visit us at our Open Mornings and Evenings to meet students, learn more about life at WLFS Sixth Form and the subjects offered.

Applications can be made online following the open evenings.

January
February

GUIDANCE MEETINGS

Students from schools other than WLFS will be invited to meet with a member of our senior leadership team in January or February.

March
April

NEXT STEPS

Students who have attended guidance meetings will be advised of their next steps to obtain a place in Sixth Form prior to the Easter break.

Keep an eye on our Instagram profile **@wlfs_sixth_form** for regular updates.

May
June
July

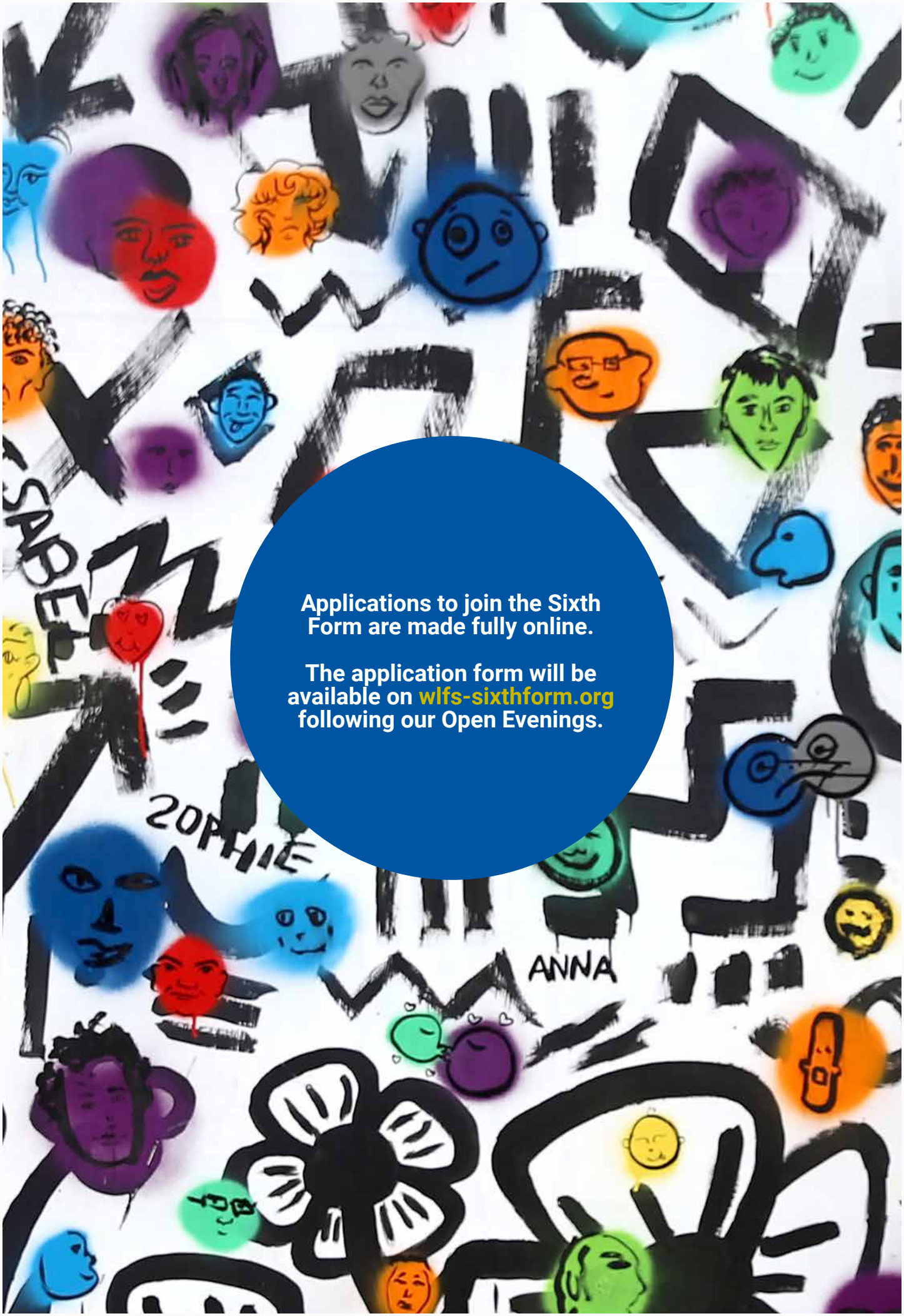
KEEPING IN TOUCH

Best of luck in your assessments! We will contact you about A-Level transition work to prepare you for September. Look out for taster sessions and welcome events.

August
September

ENROLMENT

Upon receiving your GCSE results you will be invited to submit your results. We will confirm your place and subjects the same day. There will be an induction day for Year 12 at the start of term.



Applications to join the Sixth Form are made fully online.

The application form will be available on wlfs-sixthform.org following our Open Evenings.

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