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The Garibaldi School Sixth Form

Sixth Form Culture, Vision and Values

Through our high expectations, unrivalled pastoral support, and amazing teaching, we create a supportive and caring learning community that gives all our students the confidence and opportunity to achieve and prepare them for a successful adult life. Our aim is to build a sixth form where students:

- Take pride in themselves, the school and their community
- Have respect for each other and the staff that are supporting them
- Aim high and achieve well with no regrets
- Make the most of all opportunities offered to them
- Are role models for other students in the school and help to nurture the talents of other students.

Sixth Form Vision and Values

The sixth form is an academic place to work underpinned by The Garibaldi School values of Pride, Respect, Achieve.

- Attitude to Learning - minimum expectation <1.67 (the top 6 achievers in 2022 had an ATL or 1.11!)
- Minimum attendance expectation 96%
- Aspiration of all students leaving with aspirational targets achieved
- We want students to feel clever and be proud of their experience
- We want a work/revision culture and an Independent Study/Reading culture
- We want students to exhibit the very highest of standards; to be role models for the rest of school.

The 7-year journey: Year 7 to Year 13

We see a student's progression into Sixth Form as part of a 7-year journey. All aspects of Sixth Form life are, in some way, a continuation and, in some cases, an evolution of your development from years 7 to 11. You will benefit from some of our existing systems and processes that secure academic achievement and personal development, such as our Attitudes to Learning framework, but also new opportunities, such as volunteering, enrichment activities and smaller class sizes. You will be able to maintain the strong working relationships that you had with teachers in years 7 to 11.

Making the jump from Year 11

We know that you will want more independence in Sixth Form. We also know that you will need to be supported and guided through the process of becoming a Sixth Form student. As such, we hold a 'Making the jump week' in July and we invite all applicants. During this week you will be given a copy of your timetable and enjoy

taster lessons in your chosen subjects, a meet and greet with staff, a networking lunch with fellow applicants, development sessions on personal branding, and study skills workshops. This week is compulsory for all applicants. You will experience the process of travelling to Meden as well, and you will have taster lessons in subjects at Meden.

As part of this week, you will be set Bridging Work by your subject teachers. These are substantial pieces of work, often including research activities and wider reading, that will help to prepare you for A-Level or Level 3 study. All Bridging Work tasks will need to be handed in during the first week back in September. This also applies to subjects studied at Meden.

Additionally, we hold an Applicants' Morning in March of each year for applicants to prepare for their Sixth Form interview and meet current Sixth Formers to help ease any anxieties that applicants may have.