

Internal Sixth Form Information Evening  
Please take a seat. We will begin at 6.00 pm



WELCOME

**To the Internal Sixth Form Information  
Evening**

*Supporting your son in making the best decisions at KS5*



- NKS Sixth Form
- Curriculum Offer
- Taster Day
- Kent Choices – Mrs Vernon
- Why NKS?

# Internal Sixth Form Information Evening Entry Requirements



- Average of Six Grade 6's at GCSE

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| 6 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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 8 GCSE's Grade 6 or above.

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 Average of Six at Grade 6.

- With a minimum of Grade 5 in English and Maths.
- Most subjects will require a Grade 6 in that subject if selected as an A Level.

- The exceptions being:

Maths which requires a grade 7.

Further Maths which requires a grade 8.

Sciences which have their own requirements.

- Please check the prospectus for each subject of interest.

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## Entry Requirements



- *Why do we have them?*

It is important to recognise that these are in place to ensure student's success.

Data shows that students taking 3 or more A Levels without GCSE qualifications at this level will put themselves at a significant disadvantage of achieving results that they can progress through to Post-18 with.

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## Entry Requirements



- *What if I don't gain the entry requirements?*
- All students have the right to appeal.
- The appeal is heard by an independent appeals panel.
- The only requirement to having an appeal heard is that you previously applied to the Sixth Form via Kent Choices.

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## Our A Level offer at NKS



Art
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Classical Civilisations
Computer Science
Core Maths
Drama
Economics
English Literature
English Literature and Language
EPQ
Film Studies
French
Further Maths

Geography
History
Law
Maths
Media studies
Music
Philosophy
Photography
Physics
Sports Science
Politics
Product Design
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

28 A Level subjects

2 complementary courses – EPQ and Core Maths

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- EPQ

- Extended Project Qualification
- Is an opportunity for students to undertake study in an independent topic of their choosing.
- It offers a bridge to University style learning and writing.
- While also letting students explore their own interests and developing positive research and study habits.

- Core Maths

- Core Maths is a one-year course designed to supplement the Maths studied at GCSE and act as a bridge for A Level subjects with a Maths component as well as many degree courses.
- It is neither an AS or A Level but is a Level 3 qualification with the equivalent UCAS points of an AS.
- *Business & Economics*
- *Computer Science*
- *The Sciences*
- *Product Design*
- *Psychology*

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## Plan for Taster Day – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January



Period 1		Period 2		Period 3		Period 4		Period 5	
Art	Mrs Rowlands	Bi	Mr Duploy	Ch	Mr Maidens	Bi	Mrs Clark	Bi	Mrs Clark
Ch	Mr Maidens	Bs	Mr Carnell	Core Maths	Mrs Thomas	Bs	Mr Carnell	CC	Dr May
Core Maths	Mrs Thomas	Ec	Mr Dickenson	Cs	Mr Gowen	En	Mrs Silvester	Ch	Ms Duncalf
Ec	Mr Dickenson	Gg	Mr Gallantree	EL	Mrs Patch	EPQ	Dr Gowen	Cs	Mr Sparrow
EL	Mrs Burton	Hi A and B	Mr Gray	En	Mr Chalkley	Fr	Ms Tardieux	Dr	Mr Gooch
Film	Mr Freear	Law	Mr Chernyshov	Gg	Mr Barnes	Hi A and B	Mr Trafford	EPQ	Dr Gowen
FM	Mr Maytum	PD	Mrs Freear	Ma	Mr Hammond	Ma	Mrs Linbourn	Ma	Mrs Linbourn
Gg	Mr Gallantree	PE	Mr Benwell	Med	Ms Berridge	Ph	Ms McKenzie	PD	Ms Neale
Law	Mr Chernyshov	Ph	Ms Mckenzie	Ms	Mr Thomas	Phil	Mrs Turner	Phil	Mrs Turner
Py	Ms Megaw	So	Mrs Robinson	PE	Mr Benwell	So	Mrs Robinson	Pol	Mr Gray
				Ph	Mr Hunt	Sp	Mr Medina	Py	Ms Megaw
				Py	Ms Megaw				

The intention is for students to experience the subject experience possible.

The timing is intended to draw together the Sixth Form Open Evening on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the Year 11 Parents Evening on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

All Year 11 Students have been sent a link to make their choices for the Taster Day.

The deadline for this is the 16th December.



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## Making Informed Choices



### Reasons to choose an A Level:

- *Clear Career Pathways.*
- *Enjoy the subject content or the style of learning in that subject.*
- *Have been successful in that subject in the past.*

### Reasons not to choose an A Level:

- *I like the teacher.*
- *My friend is doing it.*

- Colleges and Sixth Forms will offer different qualifications but also with that comes different learning environments.
- 3 or 4 A Levels?: This is always a personal choice. But it is important to bear in mind the workload. It is not just one extra subject but also ten hours less of study.
- Results Day Surprises.
- Late Changes are possible but good preparation makes them less necessary.

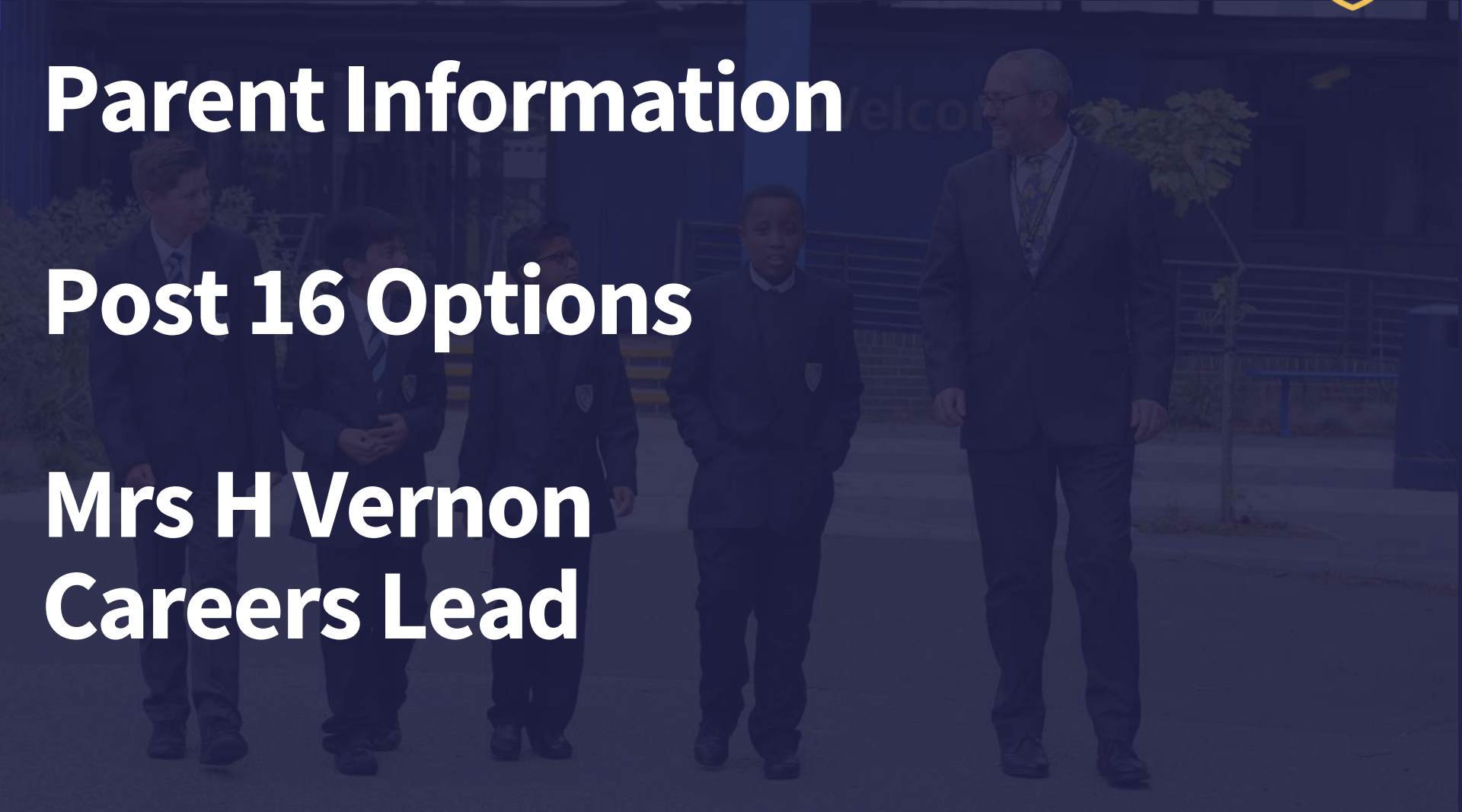
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## Parent Information

## Post 16 Options

**Mrs H Vernon**  
**Careers Lead**



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## Careers Support - Year 11

Support provided within Year 11:

- Bespoke future planning 1-2-1 with Mrs. Vernon offered in Term 1/2-ongoing as needed.
- Continued support provided throughout the year with an action plan in place as required.
- Full Morrisby Profile offered and completed during the half term to help support options and career pathways post 16/18.
- Dedicated personal development lessons delivered via Mrs Vernon on the options available and how to use Kent Choices.
- All year 11 issued with login details in Summer Term Year 10/ Term 2 Year 11.
- Open evenings/ option events throughout the coming months advertised and supported as needed.
- Advice and guidance available for interviews and applications once they have been made.

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## Kent Choices – Sixth Form Application Platform



[KentChoices Information Video for Parents and Carers - YouTube](#)

The screenshot shows the Kent Choices website interface. At the top left is the 'KENT CHOICES' logo with a '6th Form' badge. To the right are links for 'Get in Touch', 'Your account', and 'Log in'. A pink navigation bar contains 'Home', 'Opportunities', 'Resources', 'Events', and 'Frequently Asked Questions'. A yellow banner offers a message from 'The Education People' with a 'Find out more' button. The main content area features a 'Welcome to KentChoices' section with a description and buttons for 'Find a Course', 'Find an Apprenticeship', 'Find Work Experience', and 'Login'. Below this is the 'PATHWAYS FOR ALL' logo. To the right is a grid of six cards: 'Young People and Parents', 'Teachers and Professionals', 'Businesses and Organisations', 'APPRENTICE KENT', 'THE CAREERS & ENTERPRISE COMPANY', and 'Labour Market Information'. A 'Scroll for more' indicator is at the bottom.

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## Kent Choices – Application platform



Login

Sign Up

Username

Password

Log In

OR

If you have setup an alternative login method you can use it to login here.

[Send a code by email >](#)

[Forgotten your username?](#) / [Forgotten your password?](#)

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## Kent Choices – Application platform



[Home](#) [Opportunities](#) [Resources](#) [Events](#) [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Opportunities

Helping you to make the right choice.



Search for opportunities

Sixth Form/College Courses

Search



#### [Sixth Form/College Courses](#)

Browse our range of sixth form and college courses on offer for Post-16.



#### [Other Options](#)

Not in education, employment or training? Find a course to help get your career off the ground.



#### [Apprenticeship Vacancies](#)

Search here for apprenticeship vacancies in your area.



#### [Work Experience](#)

Use this search to look for current work experience opportunities.

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## Common Questions

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- When will I hear from the school or college I have applied to?
  - How do I know if I have an offer?
  - What is a conditional offer?
  - How do I accept an offer?
  - When do I confirm my place?

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## 'The Seven Year Journey'



- There is a lot of collected knowledge that can be used to support your son during their A Level experience. Both pastorally and academically.
- There is very strong pastoral support at Sixth Form alongside a designated study support supervisor.
- There are a range of study environments dedicated to Sixth Form support and learning.
- We understand and have developed our provision around the understanding that adulthood is not achieved in the weeks from GCSE to A Level but is a gradual process that we can guide students towards.
- Excellent Post-18 support:



*The careers programme is carefully constructed to enable pupils to make informed life choices. Local businesses and companies support pupils well with work experience, job applications, CV writing and job interviews. Technical qualifications are promoted alongside degree apprenticeships. The impact of careers education is evidenced through the large numbers of students proceeding to highly regarded universities - Ofsted 2024*



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## Quotes from Ofsted



The school lives up to its promise of a **vibrant learning environment** where **young people are nurtured to become considerate, confident and well-rounded individuals.**

Across the school, there is a **powerful sense of community. Expectations are high. Relationships are strong** and pupils care for one another. Pupils feel safe, and they are safe.

**Behaviour and attitudes in lessons are excellent**, particularly for older **pupils who are highly motivated, enthusiastic and focused.**



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## Quotes from Ofsted



**Pupils feel valued.** They know that they can talk with a member of staff if they have any concerns.

**Across all subjects, the curriculum is carefully planned, sequenced and organised.**



Leaders, including governors, have instilled a sense of purpose and determination across the whole school.

The curriculum is **coherently and ambitiously planned.**

**Teachers have a strong subject knowledge,** and present information clearly and concisely.



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## Progress Scores



Each school has a P8 score linked to student progress at GCSE.

A score of 0 means that students' progress was in line with the national average.

A negative score means that progress was less than average

A positive score means that progress was more than average.

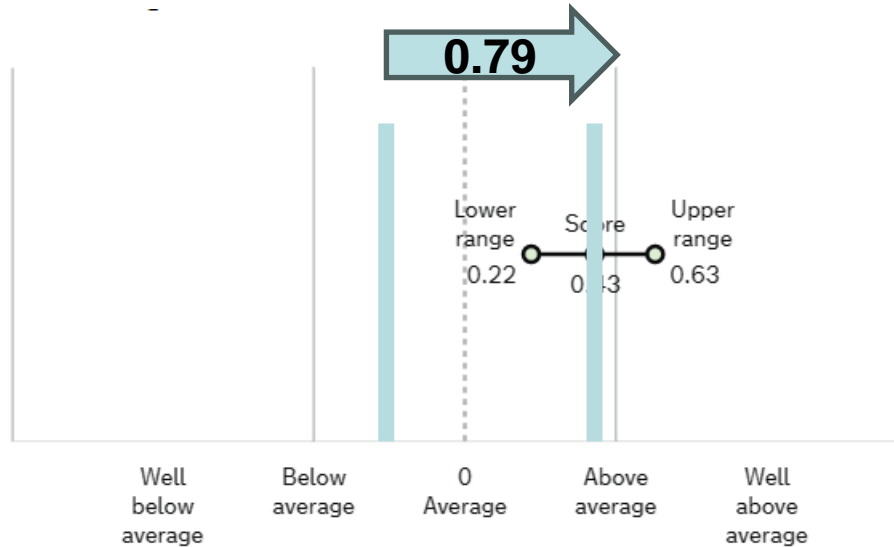
**At NKS = +0.43**

**Well above average but always working to improve this further**

It indicated that pupils at NKS achieve roughly **half a grade higher in every qualification**, compared to similar pupils across the country.

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## Progress Scores linked to gender



NKS = +0.43

**Well above average but always working to improve this further**

National average for boys = -0.21  
Kent average for boys = -0.19  
SE average for boys = -0.26

Pupils at NKS achieve roughly **half a grade higher in every qualification**, compared to similar pupils across the country.

**Three quarters of a grade higher in every qualification**, compared to similar **BOYS** across the country.

**Progress when corrected for gender = +0.79**

# Internal Sixth Form Information Evening Consultations



- This Year we will be offering Consultations with parents and students.
- These will be bookable and offer the opportunity to ask any questions or resolve any queries in the weeks between the Open Evening and Kent Choices closing.
- Details of these will be available in the new year.
- Any query can also quickly answered by emailing the following:
- [Sixthformrecruitment@nks.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Sixthformrecruitment@nks.kent.sch.uk)
- [dfreear@nks.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dfreear@nks.kent.sch.uk)

# Internal Sixth Form Information Evening Timeline



- Christmas
- 16<sup>th</sup> January – NKS Open Evening
- 21<sup>st</sup> January – Bookable Consultations will begin.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Taster Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 11 Parent Review
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Y11 PPE 2
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – Final Y11 report
- 4<sup>th</sup> April – Kent Choices closes for NKS applicants.
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – GCSE Exams begin
- w/b 7<sup>th</sup> July – Y12 Induction Day (tbc)
- 21<sup>st</sup> August – GCSE Results Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Y12 begins!

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## Questions



Please stay behind if you have any questions and we will be happy to answer them for you.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January for our Open Evening.