



## **Hillview School Sixth Form – FAQ**

### **How are places at Hillview Sixth Form allocated?**

Students on roll in Year 11 at Hillview School for Girls have priority over students applying from other schools. Offers are made on the students' ability to meet the specific academic entry requirements set out in the Sixth Form Course Guide. In the event of oversubscription, external applications are allocated according to the following criteria:

1. Children currently in Local Authority Care or previously in Local Authority Care.
2. Where the child has a sibling attending the school at the time of entry.
3. Where the child is the daughter/son of a member of staff (employed for 2 or more years).
4. Where there are health reasons for admitting the child.
5. Proximity of the child's home to the school, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority.

### **How many students are there at Hillview?**

There are approximately 1,500 students in the school with approximately 340 students in the 6<sup>th</sup> form. There are 120 places available for external students. This is made up of 70 places at Hillview Sixth Form and 50 places at The View@East Street.

### **What are your entry requirements?**

To enter Hillview Sixth Form, a student must have a minimum of a Grade 4 for Mathematics and English Language, plus 3 other subjects at Grade 4/L2Pass or above.

All courses have subject specific criteria which must also be met, and the course information provides finer details on this.

### **Will students coming from other schools feel welcome in Hillview Sixth Form?**

A good proportion of our Sixth Form students join us from other local provisions and are integrated quickly into Hillview. Our comprehensive induction process including the Taster Days running on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 to ensure new students quickly feel at home.

### **How well do boys integrate into the school, given that you are a girls' school?**

We have a growing number of boys (so your son will definitely not be the only one) and we support them through the induction process and through the mentor system. We rarely have issues with boys settling in and many enjoy the creative atmosphere of the school and the additional pastoral support we offer.

### **What range of subjects are on offer at Hillview Sixth Form?**

We afford over 30 courses and are proud of the full range of subjects on offer which encompasses purely academic and more vocational courses. Students can follow an academic or vocational path or mix between the two with our flexible options.

### **What proportion of your students go onto Higher Education?**

Last year, 104 students out of 149, went on to Higher Education studying a variety of disciplines at a wide range of institutions and 81% were successful in being offered places at their first-choice institutions.

### **How do we support SEN?**

SEN support varies depending on the needs of the child and at Sixth Form level, we focus on encouraging the students to understand their learning needs and how to self-manage these needs in preparation for adulthood. We would always advise discussing the demands of courses with subject staff. *The SENCO will be available to discuss specific needs at the Open Evening on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024.*

### **Your reputation lower down the school is one of a caring and supportive school, does this continue into the Sixth Form?**

We continue to offer the same high level of care in the Sixth Form as we do lower down the school. At the request of the students, we have extended the PDL lessons into the Sixth Form, when for many, they need them the most. The support we offer does adapt to their growing confidence as young adults and the need for increased levels of independent learning and preparation for university and the world of work.

### **What are your expectations of Sixth Formers?**

We ask our students to demonstrate the skills that they will need in the working world. As our Sixth Formers are the oldest students in the school, we do expect them to behave maturely and recognise their position as a role model for the younger students. Work in the Sixth Form is more challenging; therefore, we expect students to manage their workload and ensure that they are meeting the expectations of the courses they have chosen to study. This is particularly applicable to meeting deadlines and completion of independent work outside lessons.