

## Student Sixth Form FAQs

### ***Q. How many subjects will I have to take in Sixth Form?***

A. You will need to opt for three different subjects. When it comes to enrolment, you will have to select three different subjects from different blocks. Unfortunately, you cannot select two subjects from the same block because they are taught at the same time.

### ***Q. What are IL lessons?***

A. Every student will have three “independent learning lessons” on their timetable. These lessons are designed to help support your learning. In Sixth Form you will be expected to work in a more independent manner than in lower school. This is your opportunity to complete homework, revision notes, assignments, extra reading or any other additional work. Students should plan what work they will complete in each session to make the most of this time. There are three IL lessons one for each subject area. Attendance is compulsory.

### ***Q. If I do not have a lesson period 1, do I need to come into school for registration?***

A. Yes! All students will be placed in tutor groups exactly the same as lower school. There is a full tutorial programme designed to support you throughout your time in Sixth Form. This is essential in supporting you to your next stage after school. Registration is used to pass on key messages and goes towards your overall attendance. This is what makes school different to a Sixth Form college.

### ***Q. Once I have finished my lessons, can I go home?***

A. Students are expected to be in school from 8:55AM until 2:15PM (unless you have a lesson period 5). We are trying to help students prepare for life after school to make full use of the school day. We have excellent study facilities in the newly refurbished Sixth Form area that were designed to support student’s independent learning.

### ***Q. Can I park my car in the school car park?***

A. Sixth form students are expected to park in the first car park as you enter school. This can become very busy in the mornings with Star of the Sea parents. It is best to factor this into your morning routine to ensure you are not late to registration.

### ***Q. Will I get the chance to do work experience?***

A. All students are given the opportunity to complete work experience in Year 12 during the summer term. Work experience is essential in helping students decide on a future career pathway. Tutors will help support students in looking for appropriate placements.

### ***Q. Do I have to apply to university after Sixth Form?***

A. No. We have a variety of different destination pathways that our students follow. Some of our student’s secure apprenticeships, full time employment, US college courses as well as a variety of different undergraduate courses at universities across the country.

### ***Q. What is enrichment and why should I do it?***

A. We strongly encourage our students to get involved in as many different enrichment opportunities as possible. This could be a sports club, volunteering outside of school or helping with lower school students. This year we have had a number of students arrange a placement with a local first school where they have supported the teacher in class. Enrichment helps our students stand out from the crowd. It shows future employers you are willing to give up your time and become involved in the local community as well as students gaining enormously from the experience.

**Got more questions? Contact MHS Sixth Form on 0191 297 9700 or [office@monkseaton.org.uk](mailto:office@monkseaton.org.uk)**