



TIFFIN SCHOOL SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



WELCOME

We are delighted that you are considering our Sixth Form at Tiffin School. We would love you to join us and we look forward to the energy and enthusiasm you will add to our already thriving community. Everyone is new to Year 12; whether joining the Sixth Form from Tiffin or from another school, we offer you a daily invitation to join in, work hard and enjoy a relaxed environment designed for young adults of the 21st century. As a Tiffin Sixth Former you will be encouraged to hone and develop your talents and discover new interests, as well as doing the things you already know you love. We can provide an atmosphere in which you can do this and which fosters intellectual freedom and independence.

Whilst working among like-minded people, you can enjoy lessons specifically designed for students of similar ability and who share a positive attitude like your own, with teachers who will support you to fulfil your academic potential. Beyond the classroom we hope that you will take on one of the many formal and informal leadership roles on offer, from Prefect to House Officer positions, to organising charitable fund-raising events, alongside a wealth of opportunities to participate in music, drama, sport and Academic Societies. And when the time comes to look beyond Sixth Form, our highly experienced team is on hand to offer advice about every stage of the university application process as well as other career opportunities.



“Tiffin Sixth Form not only provides a fantastic chance to aspire, and achieve great grades, but also the opportunities with which to engage, and develop into independent and confident young people. Our programme deliberately aims to foster independence, maturity and confidence in our sixth formers, so they are able to express their views, and are prepared for the future. We purposefully cultivate a relaxed and fun atmosphere, where students enjoy the mutually respectful and mature relationships with staff and each other.”

Head Teacher
Mike Gascoigne

“The relationship between the staff and pupils at Tiffin makes the school stand out. You talk to the teachers about anything, and they treat you as a colleague rather than a pupil.”

Maths, Politics and Economics
Amr



Tiffin Sixth Form is a vibrant and intellectually stimulating community that offers wonderful opportunities for success. It is a large mixed Sixth Form of about 500 students, including approximately 40% who are new to Tiffin from other schools. We welcome applicants for Sixth Form places from both boys and girls who will achieve good GCSE grades. All students experience a thorough induction programme at the start of Year 12 to facilitate the transition into the Tiffin Sixth Form. We believe the blend of existing and new students, creates a distinctive and fresh start for all.

We have a proven record of excellent results and high academic achievement, being consistently ranked as one of the best performing state schools at A Level, as well as judged ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted. We have an outstanding teaching staff with fully qualified specialists in every department and excellent facilities, including the superb Learning Resources Centre and brand new Sixth Form Centre. The centre has its own cafeteria, a social area, a silent study room and is exclusively for the use of Sixth Formers.



"I'm hoping to go to university in Scotland to study Film and History, I really love learning so I couldn't really see myself doing anything that wasn't university after Tiffin, regardless of subject."

Drama, History and Politics
Isla

Your course of study will be complemented by rich and diverse wider opportunities. In addition, we provide warm pastoral support and guidance, and a commitment to the overall development of the student into a mature and responsible young person, who will feel equipped to play their full role in the community. Ultimately, these all combine to fulfil the crucial aim of enabling progression into Higher Education or elsewhere, an area where we have proven experience and success.

Please take the opportunity to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening where you will have an opportunity to tour the school, attend A Level subject talks, discuss options with staff and get a feel for our warm and lively atmosphere.

Please do also read the Course Guide and the other information about the Sixth Form available on this website via the menu at the top of the page or to the right. We look forward to receiving your application to join the Tiffin Sixth Form!

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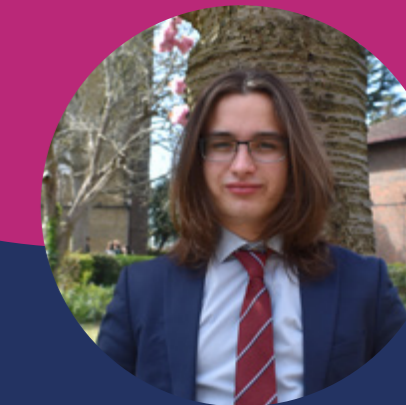


"I loved the independence the Tiffin sixth form offered not to mention the perfect location in the heart of Kingston. The co-ed system especially makes the school much more suited to preparing you for later life. The competitive academic environment is not all there is to Tiffin there is a brilliant social aspect especially in the sixth form."

Maths, Economics, History
Keinan

"I think what makes Tiffin Sixth Form so special is the unique relationship between students and staff - a lot of teachers treat students almost as though they are your friends. They don't talk down to students, instead they treat them in such a way that it prepares them for life in the world beyond Tiffin. The other thing that makes it so special is the huge range of extra-curricular activities on offer. By getting involved in some of the incredible range of clubs, sports, and societies, Tiffin students are guaranteed to continue into life as well-rounded individuals. I know I myself have benefitted from having the chance to be involved!"

Art, Maths, and Physics
Tristan



CURRICULUM

We aim to ensure that all students achieve their potential. Our A Level results have consistently placed Tiffin as one of the best performing state schools in the country, allowing our students to proceed to the most competitive universities and courses. We have an outstanding and experienced set of specialist teachers. We offer a wide range of A Level courses, with students taking a minimum of three A levels; those following the Further Maths course will take four. We aim to encourage independent learning through our superb Learning Resources Centre with its open plan IT suite, and through our brand new Sixth Form facilities. In addition, lectures in the Judge Lecture Theatre help our students in their transition to Higher Education. Students are encouraged to use their own laptops and other devices, utilising our excellent Virtual Learning Environment, and the wi-fi throughout the School, which they can freely access.



“The sixth Form at Tiffin is an exciting place to be. At that time in their lives when students are beginning to think about what their future might hold, and what impact they will have on the world, Tiffin Sixth Form is a seedbed for big ideas and ambitious plans. We depend upon our sixth form students to be role models for the rest of the school; they are our best ambassadors and we are unfailingly proud and awestruck at their maturity, energy and creativity.”

Head of Sixth Form
Patrick Rennie



“Studying Economics, statistics and French at university. Then, hopefully go on to do investment banking fingers crossed!”

Maths, Further Maths,
French, Economics
Tanae

In addition all students engage in an enrichment programme to complement their A level studies. They have opportunities to take on extended projects, sport, volunteering or work experience, and engage in the many wider opportunities available at Tiffin Sixth Form. These programmes and opportunities aim to provide students with an understanding of their place and responsibility in the local and wider community, and help them develop their interpersonal skills. Our overall curriculum and programmes are ultimately designed to encourage students' development into mature and responsible young people, and to ensure their successful transition beyond school to university, careers and the wider world.

Please see the Course Guide on the website for details of the A Level courses available.

CARE, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

During your time in the sixth form you will be ably supported to consider and plan for your future by our experienced sixth form team, specialist subject teachers and careers advisers. We know how important this is and that there is a lot to think about, so from the first term of Year 12 we will gradually share with you the most up-to-date information about the options available after you leave school, through our enrichment programme. We organise talks directly from universities, apprentices and a gap year organisation and we talk to the whole year group about the unique features of Oxford or Cambridge. We are fortunate to be able to use our ex-students to give a personal insight to their experiences of a range of universities, courses and careers.



We also meet some of our ex-students who study there, who'll give you more of a personal insight to their experience and unfiltered answers to your questions. We back up all of this information with the time and encouragement to explore and expand your interests; advertising all sorts of talks, masterclasses, lectures, volunteering options, videos, reading, essay competitions and work insight opportunities to help you to do so. We also set up themed study groups so that you can explore your academic interests with your peers. We encourage you to consider new areas of academic curiosity, industries and jobs that you might not have come across before, as well as developing existing areas of interest.



"All of the teachers make my lessons very engaging and interesting, meaning I enjoy learning and any extra work doesn't really feel like a 'chore.' It feels like each teacher wants every individual student to achieve their best and because of this I've always been given great feedback that has only helped me improve in my classes."

Drama, History and Politics
Isla

Towards the end of Year 12, we swap your regular timetable for dedicated activities to bring your focus towards making plans for after school and preparing to apply. There is time to undertake work experience or do an independent research project on an area of your choice, which is a more structured way of exploring a subject interest. Either of these activities can be utilised to good effect in a university personal statement, job application or interview, and work experience is mandatory for a few courses. With our support you start your UCAS application and we help you to put together a personal statement draft, which you can finesse and strengthen with individual support and feedback from your tutor and the relevant department. Every student has a mock interview with one of our contacts to learn how to present themselves and their experience to a prospective employer, and the opportunity to strengthen their CV. Some university courses and work routes use additional tests, portfolios and/or interviews as part of their selection process. This is particularly true for those applying to Oxford or Cambridge, for applicants to medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, art or design and some other highly competitive courses.



“The LRC is a fantastic workplace as there is always plenty of space and a peaceful, quiet atmosphere where it’s easy to focus. On the other hand, the Sixth Form centre in the school is always buzzing with social life and is a great place to go and hang out with friends as well as a place to make new ones.”

Math, Economics and Politics
James



“Come to Tiffin! Attending Tiffin has been my favourite part of my entire academic career and I seriously could not recommend coming here enough.

I am going to study Law at a Russell Group university to get a practicing law degree.”

Economics, English Literature, and Government and Politics
Chloe



Our staff and students who have been through these processes use their knowledge and experience to give insight, advice and practice to help you to prepare for these. In fact, our Year 13s and Tiffin alumni pass on their tips and experience to the years below in all sorts of areas. They give specific and sound advice and reassurance on choosing courses, building ‘super-curricular’ experience, preparing for entrance tests and interviews, applying for work experience and general tips on applying to university or for an apprenticeship. By the start of Year 13 you will be well underway with your plans and applications. We employ two qualified and impartial careers advisers, who are trained to help you to work out what you want from your next steps after Tiffin, discover your curiosities and values, explore and research ideas, straighten out your thoughts and consider how your experiences in the Sixth Form and your next steps after school link to your longer-term future. So as well as ongoing support and one-to-one meetings with your tutor, every Year 12 will have at least one individual 30-minute meeting with one of them and can drop in at any time with questions or concerns. Ultimately, our aim is for you to move on from Tiffin to a next step that is a great match for you, with the skills and self-awareness to navigate your career in the future.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

At Tiffin we aim to do more than just produce excellent exam results. In the Sixth Form, our wider opportunities are every bit as important in contributing to and shaping learning through teamwork and leadership. Our aim is to produce well rounded, as well as qualified, young people. The range and quality of these opportunities is immense and all students are encouraged to participate and to understand the value in this.

Our instinct is to regard students as young adults and as you progress through the Sixth Form you will be given increasing amounts of freedom to make your own choices. We feel it is vital that you develop the self-discipline and maturity that will be needed once you have left school. We aim to be a community based on relationships rather than rules.



“Rugby is my go-to extracurricular, and I have been playing it for the school since I joined. I am now the 1st XV captain, and I think the set-up at school is great for everyone interested in the sport. The new gym, Astro training pitch, and grass pitches are incredible, and the coaches work hard to ensure that we have as many opportunities as possible within the sport, from competing with other schools at national tournaments to putting players forward for Surrey trials as well as coaching us for rugby beyond Sixth Form. I am also involved heavily in the school’s two choirs, which have given me some of the most incredible opportunities from performing at the BBC Proms to touring internationally and even performing alongside Emilia Clarke from Game of Thrones.”

Maths, Economics, and Music
Josh

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“When I started Tiffin, I joined the girls' rugby team! It was something I never thought I'd be interested in, especially since I had never played rugby before, but it proved to be a great way to meet people and learn a new sport.”

Biology, Chemistry & Physics
Klaudia



SPORTS

The school has an excellent record for Sport, as well as state of the art facilities. We have recently completed a £2 million extension to provide additional fitness and weights suites, and upgraded changing facilities to add to our 3G Astro turf pitch, Boathouse and extensive playing fields at Hampton Court. We run teams that play matches most weeks during the season. We are one of only eight state schools to offer Rowing and compete at the highest level, and we produce excellent Badminton, Cross-Country Running, Athletics, Basketball, Rugby, Cricket, Tennis teams, netball, hockey and volleyball while most other sports are catered for through the extensive inter-house sports programme.

Wednesday afternoons are set aside as an opportunity for all Sixth Formers to choose a sport or activity from a wide range of options, including Yoga, Dance, Strength and Fitness Conditioning and Mindfulness. We are always open to new ideas and will do all we can to accommodate these.

THE ARTS

We have an outstanding reputation for our Performing Arts. The Tiffin Choir sings regularly at the Royal Opera House and with the professional London orchestras. Instrumental music is equally strong with many Sixth Form students learning to play a musical instrument. Rehearsals are held every week for the Brass Band, Swing Band, Concert Band, String groups and many other choirs, bands and ensembles. Both Drama and Dance are key contributors to the arts at Tiffin and, as well as providing rich opportunities for our students, have built outstanding links with prestigious institutions including the Royal School of Ballet and the Chamber Chior. Our Artists have won BFI awards and have had their work displayed in the National Portrait Gallery.

MYRIAD OPPORTUNITIES

Tiffin attempts to cater for all talents and interests. Many students progress through the successful Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Other activities include Chess, Photography Club, IFS Investors competition, Feminist Society, Natural Sciences, PPE, Science Olympiads and Debating. Students often attend lectures and conferences, or listen to the many guest speakers we have visiting the Sixth Form.



“Tiffin offers so many different extracurricular opportunities for those interested in creativity, science and sports. My favourites must be the Debating Society, book club and Cross Country. I even set up my own junior book club; Tiffin are more than willing to help you set up your own club - the opportunities are endless.”

English Literature, History and Philosophy
Pollyanna

LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY

Students at the sixth form are recognised as mature and more independent, and as such this is reflected in the numerous opportunities to lead throughout your time here. There are a number of systems in place, such as voting for council candidates or the Assistant Prefect structure, when all get the chance to show what they have to offer and to earn the positions they deserve. These posts range from being a member of the Deputy Head Prefect Team in year 13 (which comes with its own office!), taking a leading role in the school council, or having their voice heard at the Sixth Form Committee. This is even without mentioning the plethora of societies/extracurriculars they can be at the helm of, or even the fact students can start something entirely new with the support of the school. Leadership positions are held in high esteem amongst their peers, and allow students to bring forth the issues they want to see addressed and play a vital role in the day to day running of the school.



“All of the drama productions have been an amazing way to feel part of a real community of students and allows the students to make connections with students from across years. Plus, they always end up being brilliant and tons of fun to be in.”

Drama, History and Politics
Isla



“As the two Head Prefects this last academic year, it has been a privilege to help the school we love. We could not more highly recommend that you come along and get involved!”



“After Tiffin I am going to Oxford to read PPE, and I am hoping to spend most of the summer traveling across Europe if the pandemic allows me to. I certainly would not have the same future if I had moved schools after year 11, and I attribute a lot of my success in receiving an offer from Oxford to the teachers and environment at school.”

Maths, Economics, and Music
Josh

The student-staff dynamic is also a great asset of Tiffin, as they constructively cooperate with each other to allow them to realise their visions for the sixth form. For them, from figuring out the logistics of the 11+ day, to getting involved with Tiffin's first virtual open evening, these positions have helped develop soft skills such as organisation, time management and communication. Consequently, these roles both make students more employable, and make you more well rounded individuals.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care, guidance and support is very important; Sixth Form students are members of a small tutor group, under the supervision of a Personal Tutor who provides pastoral support and care to students, as well as monitoring academic progress. One of the key roles of the Tutor is to develop the social and moral dimension of their tutees, aiming to ensure that all sixth formers reach their potential as citizens, academic students, leaders, and team players.

We also have a School Counsellor and School Nurse and the Head of Year is available as a point of contact. Students can be assured that if they have any concerns there will always be someone to talk to.



"Tiffin Sixth Form cares about its students and so creates an emphasis preparing them for life after education, which I have found incredibly useful. Teachers have been immensely helpful when it came to the UCAS application process, by offering up their personal insights and helping to make sure that we, the students, have a clear understanding of how the process works."

Math, Economics and Politics
James



"You're treated much more like a young adult preparing you to take on more responsibilities. The extracurricular opportunities are endless not to mention the brand new gym that was opened in 2020."

Maths, Economics, History
Keinan



"One of the first things I did was audition for the Sixth Form Drama Production which I feel really helped me integrate into the school. If, like me, you don't know anyone before you come, sign up for extra curricular activities. It will help you find friends with similar interests to you. Tiffin has everything on offer, from Dance to Rugby to Chess, so there is something on offer for everyone."

Maths, Further Maths, French, Economics
Tanae



“The balance between learning and freedom is what makes this school stand out to me. Though we are high achievers, the school give us their trust and allow us to grow into the person we want to be, expressing ourselves wherever possible without judgement. Teachers have done their best to form trustworthy relationships with students, even over lockdown. I am grateful for all of the effort that has been put into me, as not only a pupil but an individual.”

Maths, Further Maths, French, Economics
Tanae

“I was particularly attracted to the atmosphere which I believe is unique to Tiffin. There is a perfect balance of focus between academics and extracurricular activities. As someone who enjoys the creative arts, it was extremely important that I could take part in these extracurricular opportunities alongside my education. Additionally, my teachers are communicative, passionate about their subjects, and genuinely want to help me do the best I can, which makes me look forward to every lesson I have with them.”

Economics, English Literature,
and Government and Politics
Chloe



SEEING IS BELIEVING

Mere words and pictures are never quite enough to get a feel for a place. For this, only a real-life experience will do. As such, we strongly recommend that all prospective parents and students attend our Open Evening and experience Tiffin for themselves. At the Open Evening, prospective applicants and their parents will be able to visit the School, attend a talk on the Sixth Form Admissions process, as well as subject-specific talks on the A levels offered at Tiffin. You will also have the opportunity to speak with subject and senior staff about the Sixth Form, as well as current Sixth Form students. Please check the website for details.

To apply for the Sixth form, you need to complete an online application form by the deadline on the website. Please note that when you submit your application, you should receive an automated reply. If this does NOT happen, please contact admissions@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk, putting Sixth Form Admissions in your title. The application form can be accessed through the Sixth Form tab on our website.

"I enjoy the House Events - such as drama and dance - as I no longer do creative subjects, so it's a great way to carry on with things that interest me outside of academics. If there's something that interests you but isn't currently offered as a club, there is also an opportunity for you to start your own club!"

Biology, Chemistry & Physics
Klaudia



"My biggest advice would be to get involved! There are so many opportunities to take part in clubs and extracurricular activities, and I would really encourage any student joining the school to participate in some of these - you will get so much out of it! Tiffin also provides amazing academic opportunities too - the careers team and subject teachers are always providing new and exciting opportunities."

Art, Maths, and Physics
Tristan



"Get involved! The best advice I could give is to just try everything because that's how you'll make the absolute most of your time at Tiffin."

Biology, Chemistry, Maths
Sophie



"I benefit a lot from the range of extracurricular activities that the school has, from prefecting to rugby, I've always found myself involved in something. The house competitions also gave me a chance to explore new things that I might've never considered doing before."

Biology, Chemistry and Maths
Poojit



"Tiffin cares about you as a person and not just as a grade. You can tailor your Tiffin Sixth Form experience to how you want it to be very easily. At Tiffin Sixth Form every little thing from where you work to the books the library has is easily customisable to what you need."

Psychology, Maths + Further Maths, Physics
Saij



"Tiffin gives everyone an opportunity to express themselves in whatever they would like to do. It doesn't matter about your experience and talent in a certain area, Tiffin will give you the chance to try new things and will help you to excel in these areas. My last school only let you do certain activities if you had a certain skill level, this is not the case at Tiffin."

Maths, Politics and Economics
Amr



"Students who come to Tiffin hold a range of different passions and interests and so friendships and naturally formed through subjects, extra-curricular activities and organically around the school."

Math, Economics and Politics
James



