# SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS























The Adeyfield Academy is part of ATLAS Multi Academy Trust, ensuring outstanding educational provision through challenge and the promotion of excellence.



The Adeyfield Academy Sixth Form provides students with the opportunity to learn in a supportive environment with excellent teaching and learning led by expert teachers. Students thrive on the extra responsibility and are active members of the school community through extensive extra-curricular and student leadership.



### WELCOME TO OUR SIXTH FORM



The Adeyfield Academy, rated as 'good' in our recent Ofsted inspection, is a fully inclusive 11-18 mixed academy, set in the heart of the Adeyfield community in Hemel Hempstead.

At The Adeyfield Academy, not only do we believe in giving our students the very best chance of academic success by 'learning without limits', but also in preparing young people for life beyond A-Levels. The pathway from GCSE to University is challenging, exciting and at times very demanding. We place great emphasis on ensuring our students are developing a skill set which will prepare them for life after Sixth Form. A large percentage of the students who study with us have been with us since Year 7 which is testament to the dedication and quality of the provision we offer.

You only need to look at our Sixth Form statistics to know that we are a Sixth Form who cares for our students both academically and personally. We wholly believe in building confidence and raising aspirations in all of our young learners, to be the best they can be.

Students flourish in our supportive Sixth Form environment, where we offer a personalised approach to each and every student. Our small class sizes and expert teachers mean that you will receive high quality and tailored lessons to meet your needs and push you academically. We offer both academic and vocational qualifications, this allows us to offer you a bespoke curriculum that meets your needs and future aspirations. We are committed to this journey with each and every Sixth Form student.

We are proud of our Sixth Form and our students and we look forward to welcoming you through our doors in September.

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Dawn Mason Principal



### THE SIXTH FORM JOURNEY

I chose this Sixth Form to remain in a familiar and comfortable environment while pushing myself to further study the subjects I enjoy in order to go to university. I have enjoyed the trips and workshops we have taken part in; enabling us to best prepare for life after Sixth Form.

-MELISSA YEAR 13



The Adeyfield Academy Sixth Form is a warm and welcoming environment where all students have the opportunity to learn and flourish.

We are extremely proud that we are able to offer the social and cultural opportunities that allow our learners to progress and make informed educational and career choices that allow them to move on to university, higher level apprenticeships, employment and training.

The Adeyfield Academy focuses on stimulating and nurturing our students to ensure academic success. We do this by offering a bespoke programme of study allowing each individual to have high aspirations and achieve their ambitions. To ensure all students succeed we

support them with 1:1 guidance throughout their Sixth Form experience so that they are happy, successful and leave with a broad world-view.

We hope to be able to support you through this very important stage in your educational journey and look forward to you joining us in September.

Mr Cook Head of Key Stage 5



### **OFSTED INSPECTION 2023**



full report.

#### The Adeyfield Academy was rated GOOD by Ofsted January 2023.

- Students at The Adeyfield Academy enjoy being part of a close-knit school community.
- Expectations for behaviour, courtesy and personal presentation are high. These are both modelled and applied consistently by staff.
- In lessons, pupils benefit from consistent routines and knowledgeable teaching.
- Trust and school leaders are ambitious and have raised expectations for what students can achieve.
- Students' character and resilience are developed very well.
- Working relationships in classrooms are strong, characterised by mutual respect between teachers and pupils.

ofsted... Quite the start! It was fantastic to see students & staff being so proud of their school! It made me sure I'd made a great decision to join the team & I am very proud to work in this GOOD school?

- ECT Member of staff 2023



#### **OUR CURRICULUM**

- The curriculum at The Adeyfield Academy is centred on the quality delivery of a broad, balanced and coherent curriculum. It aims to provide all learners with a breadth of knowledge and skills that will equip them for life in modern British society.
- Teachers are enthusiastic and passionate about their subjects where specialist knowledge is passed on to the students through engaging and enjoyable quality first teaching and learning experiences, which challenge curiosity and thinking skills.
- The Adeyfield Academy is committed to providing an education where young people can have their eyes opened to new experiences and skills that enrich their lives and open doors for them.
- Home Learning is set to help students develop the skills to work independently and to practice and extend skills learnt in school, challenging students at all levels.



- Our vision for teaching and learning is rooted in high expectations and an unconditional belief that every child can achieve their potential regardless of starting points.
- At The Adeyfield Academy we know that 'if it's not excellent, it's not finished' and we will uphold this expectation for our whole school community so all can achieve their dreams.
- Learning at The Adeyfield Academy has a clear purpose to produce a lifelong love of learning, inline with our vision 'Learning without limits'.

#### **OUR RESULTS**



- We are incredibly proud to say that our examination results over the last three years have steadily strengthened, with a fantastic set of A Level and BTEC results this year.
- Students across Year 13 have exceeded their targets and we are so proud of their hard work and ambition to succeed.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU



- **Provide support** for students well-being and educational needs throughout their Sixth Form journey
- **Foster an inclusive community** where everyone is welcomed, supported, treated with respect and valued for their contributions
- Provide quality first teaching and learning opportunities to everyone, through specialist teaching
- Guide, support and provide opportunities and experiences for every student to be their very best in every way
- Provide a wide range of subject options and support students in making informed decisions regarding their futures whether that be for University, future careers opportunities or higher level apprenticeships



### STUDENT LIFE



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- Ofsted Report 2023

The Centurion Building forms the hub of student life, with additional supported study facilities available in the well-resourced Learning Resource Centre, both similar to a university style; more independent environment and conducive to effective learning. We encourage smart, business-like dress, which promotes self-confidence, commitment and pride, setting a positive example to younger learners, within a framework which upholds the professional standards expected in a focused working environment.

### THE SIXTH FORM COMMUNITY

- Pastoral Care is extremely important to us at The Adeyfield Academy and we recognise that this is essential to developing well-rounded students that achieve academic success.
- We have a robust transition programme for students moving from Year 11 into 12 to ensure that all students settle into life in our Sixth Form and manage the transition from GCSE to Sixth Form effectively.
- We have dedicated Form Tutors who are assisted by the Head of Sixth Form in supporting students' academic progress and well-being through bespoke individual guidance and one-to-one academic mentoring.
- Our Sixth Form is a community that is not only caring and supportive but is underpinned by our five core values; Courage, Dignity, Ambition, Compassion and Respect.

Relationships in the school are thriving and it is clear that the school's established and widely understood values are providing a solid platform for building future success.

-CHARACTER KITEMARK REPORT 2022



### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- We encourage all Sixth Form students to actively engage in enrichment through our personal development programme which extends beyond academic, vocational or technical.
- Sixth Form students play a unique and valuable role in the academy and all are encouraged to become involved in a wide range of activities that develop a sense of community and social responsibility, as well as developing personal skills in preparation for higher education and the workplace.
- Students can support The Adeyfield Academy community by leading the house system, mentoring younger students, assisting in the LRC or organising afterschool clubs as well as helping to organise and run school wide events.
- Our personal development programme also involves a structured Careers, Advice,

- Information and Guidance (CAIG) facility supported by Hertfordshire Youth Connexions which assists students preparing for their next steps. The majority of our students progress on to University and we support them in making informed choices regarding their applications.
- As part of PSHE we welcome back our Adeyfield Alumni who play an active part in the life of the academy, many of whom support current students to develop their aspirations and skills, opening opportunities for lifelong learning and show our true strength of community.
- PSHE also allows students the opportunity to explore a wide range of issues from social, health and citizenship, road safety, resilience and employability skills to personal finance. This develops a sense of community awareness and social responsibility which is a key principle of our academy.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At The Adeyfield Academy, we provide the balance of a structured, supervised learning environment with an acknowledgement that students have reached an age where they need to be given greater responsibility and independence. Considerable scope is allowed for students to contribute towards the running, organisation and development of the Sixth Form. The Sixth Form are represented by our Head Student and Student Executive Team, who lead and promote Student Voice across the school and embody our 5 values.



### **CAREERS**





- We work closely with universities, apprenticeship and careers providers and maintain our strong local and national links with a variety of businesses to ensure access to a range of advice and experiences throughout the year.
- We believe that it is vital to educate young people about the expectations of employment today in an innovative and rapidly changing global economy.
- The academy also works closely with The University of Hertfordshire and Barclays Life Skills to help provide our students with the skills and opportunities to pursue challenging careers through higher education.
- Students have the opportunity to attend the careers/higher education events as well as visiting universities and apprenticeship fairs to help inform them about future pathways.
- Students also have an employability week which solely focuses on making informed choices about next steps Post 18. This

- includes writing university applications, personal statements, curriculum vitae and having guest speakers from a range of employment sectors.
- As well as this all students have the opportunity to take part in our workshadowing programme. This allows students to visit places of work and experience potential or future career paths as well as developing their skills and self-confidence.
- Students research, source and arrange their own placements and the experience provides a real insight into how their learning can contribute to career progression.

Trust and school leaders are ambitious and have raised expectations for what pupils can achieve.

-- Ofsted Report 2023



We welcome applications from both internal and external students to join our Sixth Form.

Students already attending The Adeyfield Academy are interviewed to discuss their intentions as part of their Year 11 progress monitoring. All students receive an interview with Hertfordshire Youth Connexions which provides independent advice and guidance about the options available at Post 16. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

All external students interested in joining our Sixth Form are welcome to visit, explore our facilities and discuss course choices. Please do contact us and arrange a visit.

If you wish to join The Adeyfield Academy Sixth Form, an application form is available from the website or from our sixth form pack. Successful applicants will be offered places by letter and this will be conditional upon GCSE results. All applicants are invited to our induction days in July to speak to their subject teachers, meet other students and receive guidance on the bridging tasks, which must be completed for the start of the academic year. We recognise that options can change after examination results are published and therefore final course choices will be confirmed on enrolment day in September.

