MARINE ACADEMY PLYMOUTH

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

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AIM HIGH | BE KIND | DON'T GIVE UP

VICE PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Choosing the right sixth form is one of the most important decisions a young person can make. It's a time of growth, challenge, and ambition - and at Marine Academy Plymouth, our Sixth Form is built to support every student in turning potential into purpose.

We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to thrive - academically, personally, and professionally. Whether they aspire to study at a top university, secure a prestigious apprenticeship, or launch a fulfilling career, our Sixth Form provides the platform to get there.
We offer more than just qualifications. Here, students are empowered to lead, supported to grow, and challenged to aim higher than they ever thought possible.

With expert teaching, personalised guidance, and a vibrant enrichment programme, Marine Academy Sixth Form is a launchpad for life. **Over 70% of our students progress to university, with nearly 1 in 5 gaining places at top Russell Group and specialist institutions** - a testament to what focused ambition and the right support can achieve.

What makes our Sixth Form unique is the strength of our community. We know our students well. We celebrate their individuality. And we work relentlessly to ensure that every young person leaves us equipped with confidence, resilience, and a clear sense of direction. I'm incredibly proud of what our students achieve - not just in grades, but in the kind of people they become. I invite you to discover how MAP Sixth Form can help you take the next bold step in your journey.

Alex White

Vice Principal - Sixth Form

OUR CORE VALUES: GUIDING EVERY STEP

Our community is built on three core values that shape every interaction, lesson, and opportunity. These values are more than words - they are the foundation of our culture, ensuring every student feels valued, supported, and empowered.

Through these values, your child will not only excel academically but also develop the character and emotional intelligence to navigate life's complexities with confidence and integrity.

AIM HIGH:

We believe in the limitless potential within every student. We encourage ambitious goals and nurture aspirations so that excellence is within reach.

BE KIND:

Respect, empathy, and kindness form the cornerstone of our environment. We create a safe, inclusive space where everyone belongs.

DON'T GIVE UP:

Resilience and perseverance are key. We teach students to overcome challenges, celebrate effort, and learn from setbacks.

It's a real honour to welcome you to our school. As Head Student, I'm proud to be part of a community that values aiming high, being kind, and never giving up in anything we do. Marine Academy is a place where students are encouraged to grow, challenge themselves, and support one another - both in and out of the classroom.

I hope this prospectus gives you a strong sense of the spirit that defines our community and the many opportunities our school has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Harry

Head Student

YOUR FUTURE LOOKS LIKE YOU

At Marine Academy Plymouth Sixth Form, there is no one version of success - because there's no one version of you.

Whether you see yourself studying Medicine, designing sustainable cities, solving global challenges, or starting your own business, we're here to help you get there. And if you're still figuring it out?

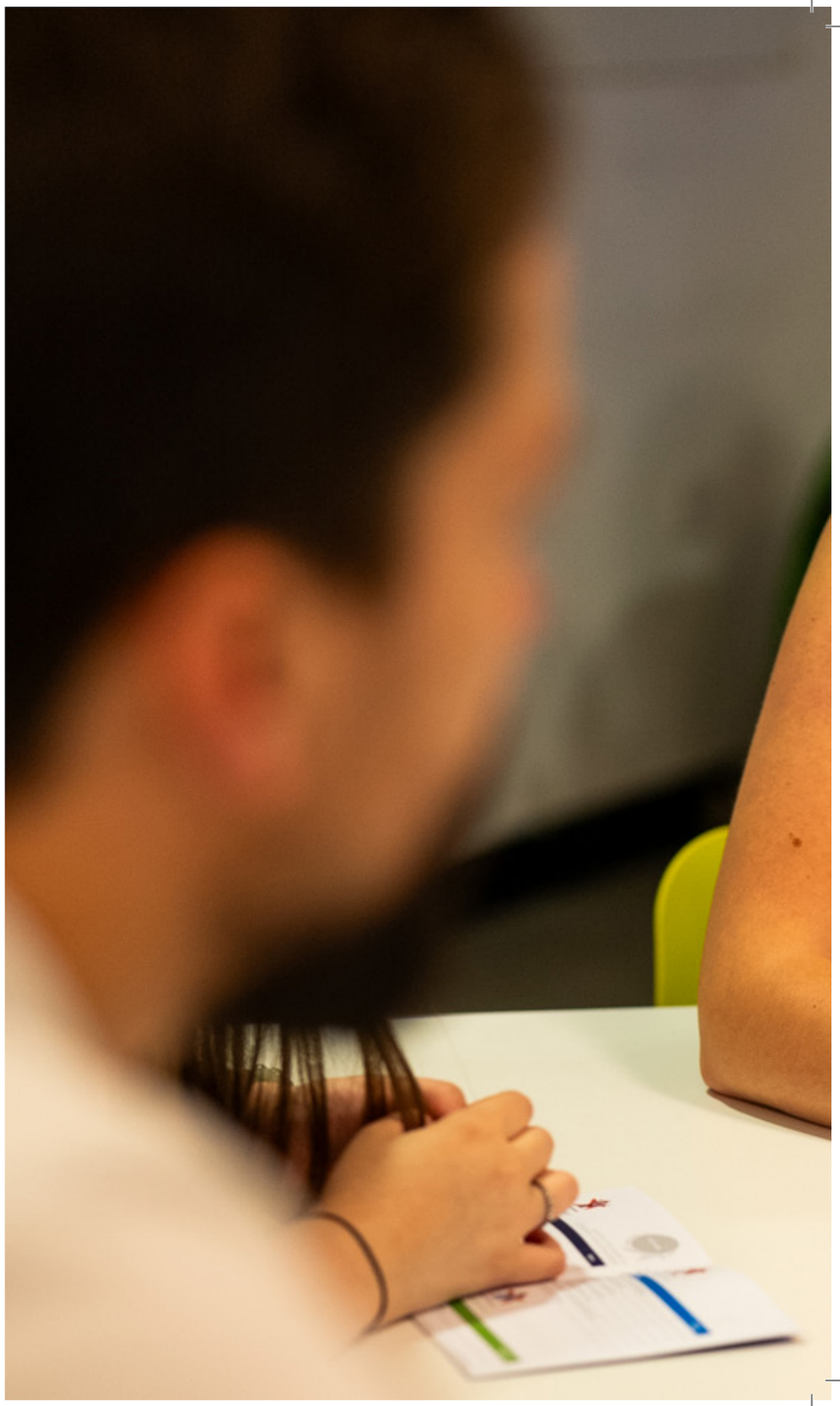
That's okay too. We'll support you to explore, refine your ambitions, and build the skills to shape your future with confidence.

Our Sixth Form is built on the belief that **every student has greatness within them** - and our job is to unlock it. You'll be known, supported, and stretched to aim higher than you ever thought possible.

That might mean:

- Taking on a leadership role and becoming a mentor to younger students
- Becoming the first in your family to go to university
- Completing a professional work placement that sparks a lifelong passion
- Gaining the qualifications, experiences, and confidence to stand out from the crowd

Whatever path you take, we'll be walking it with you - offering expert teaching, exceptional guidance, and a community that believes in kindness, resilience, and ambition. Because your future should look like you. And here, it will.



NOT YOUR AVERAGE SIXTH FORM

Designed Around What Really Matters

Choosing where to study after Year 11 is a big decision - and we know it comes with important questions.

Will I be known and supported?

Will I be challenged?

Will I be ready for what comes next?

At Marine Academy Sixth Form, we've shaped every element of the experience to give students more than just qualifications.

Here, you'll find a sixth form that's supportive without being small, ambitious without being impersonal, and built around what really matters - you.

THE FUTURES PROGRAMME

Tailored. Ambitious. Uniquely Yours.

At Marine Academy Sixth Form, we know that no two journeys are the same - which is why our Futures Programme is designed to grow with you, offering a personalised blend of academic stretch, real-world experience, and leadership development. Every student has the opportunity to broaden their profile, strengthen their confidence, and stand out - whether applying to university, pursuing a competitive apprenticeship, or entering the world of work.

You might choose to:

- Take on a **Sports Leadership Award,** building your coaching skills and confidence
- Complete an **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)** - perfect for developing independent research skills and academic depth
- Study a **Fourth A-Level**, giving you even more flexibility and challenge in your timetable
- Commit to the **Duke of Edinburgh Award,** developing resilience, teamwork, and a spirit of adventure

These aren't requirements. They're opportunities - and we'll help you choose the right combination to match your aspirations, strengths, and next steps. Because preparing for the future isn't about ticking boxes. It's about becoming the kind of person who's ready for whatever comes next.

SUPPORT THAT GOES BEYOND RESULTS

At Marine Academy Sixth Form, preparing for life beyond the classroom isn't something that happens at the end - it's built in from the very start.

We know that every student has a different future in mind. That's why our support is personal, purposeful, and shaped around your ambitions - whether you're aiming for university, an apprenticeship, or a pathway still taking shape.

PERSONAL GUIDANCE, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Our progression programme includes:

- **One-to-one careers meetings** tailored to your goals
- **Weekly tutor sessions** focused on life skills, decision-making, and next steps
- Help with writing **CVs, personal statements, and applications**
- Support for **degree apprenticeships, UCAS, or direct routes** into employment
- Access to an experienced **careers lead and pastoral team** who get to know you well

We make sure every student is clear on their options, confident in their decisions, and ready to move forward.

WANT TO AIM EVEN HIGHER

We offer enhanced support for students with ambitious destinations, including:

- A specialist **Oxbridge and Medicine Pathway**, delivered in partnership with **Colyton Grammar School**
- Visits to **Oxford University** and other top institutions to raise aspiration and build confidence
- Personalised preparation for early UCAS deadlines, admissions tests, and competitive interviews
- Enrichment opportunities to help you stand out from the crowd

Our aim is simple: to open every door you might one day want to walk through.

WORK EXPERIENCE AND THE REAL WORLD

At MAP Sixth Form, you won't just leave with qualifications. You'll leave with a direction, a plan, and the belief that your future really does belong to you.

All Year 12 students have the opportunity to take part in paid in-school work, giving you real responsibility, valuable experience, and an income while you study.

Alongside this, every student also completes a tailored work experience placement, helping you explore careers, build professional skills, and shape your next steps.

You'll also benefit from:

- Talks from employers and alumni
- Mock interviews and apprenticeship events
- Support to access local, regional, and virtual placements
- Opportunities linked to your chosen courses and interests

These experiences don't just build your CV - they build your confidence.

THE MIX OF SUBJECTS I'M DOING ISN'T EASY, BUT THE TEACHING HERE IS NEXT LEVEL. I'VE BEEN PUSHED TO AIM HIGHER THAN I THOUGHT I COULD - AND I ACTUALLY FEEL READY FOR IT."

JAMIE (MATHS, PHYSICS, ENGLISH)

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Enrichment, Leadership & Personal Growth

At Marine Academy Plymouth Sixth Form, we believe what happens outside the classroom is just as important as what happens inside it.

Our enrichement offer is designed to stretch, inspire, and connect you - helping you grow as a person, not just as a student. Whether you want to lead, travel, perform, mentor, or explore new interests, we'll help you find your place and your passion.

The MAP Award

Tracking Growth. Celebrating Character.

All students work towards the MAP Award - a personal development programme that recognises the milestones you reach throughout sixth form.

Whether it's volunteering, mentoring younger students, leading societies, taking part in enrichment days, or simply showing kindness and resilience, the MAP Award celebrates the habits that build exceptional young adults.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Challenge. Adventure. Achievement.

Sixth form students can complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award, a nationally recognised qualification that pushes you to build independence, resilience, and teamwork.

You'll take part in:

- A physical activity
- A new skill
- Volunteering
- An unforgettable expedition

It's about stepping out of your comfort zone - and stepping up.

Electives Led By Sixth Form

Shaping the School. Leading by Example.

As a sixth form student, you don't just take part in electives - you help lead them. From debate club to creative writing, sports coaching to mentoring, you'll have the chance to build leadership experience while contributing to the life of the wider school.

Electives are timetabled for all students, and sixth formers play a vital role in their success.

Enrichment Days

Culture. Connection. Experience.

Each term, every sixth form student takes part in a MAP Enrichment Day - off-timetable opportunities to engage with the wider world and expand your horizons. Recent opportunities have included visits to:

- National museums and galleries in London and beyond
- Theatres and cultural venues across the South West
- Universities and city campuses, helping you visualise the next step

It's about broadening your perspective - and making memories along the way.

A Culture of Leadership

Sixth formers at MAP are role models. Through our student leadership programme, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Represent the student voice
- Organise events and societies
- Mentor younger students
- Help shape the future of the school

This is a sixth form where your voice matters - and where you can leave your mark.

WHAT YOU NEED TO JOIN US

High Standards. Clear Expectations. Your Next Step Starts Here.

At Marine Academy Plymouth, we believe in aiming high - and that starts with entry into our Sixth Form. Our expectations are clear, fair, and designed to set every student up for success on the path that's right for them.

We offer both academic and vocational pathways, each with tailored entry requirements to ensure you are challenged, supported, and ready to thrive.

Whether you're aspiring to study A Levels or follow a specialist vocational route, you'll find clear guidance, expert advice, and the support to make the best possible choice for your future.

All courses will run subject to sufficient student interest.

A LEVEL SUBJECTS

Subject	Entry Requirements
Biology	6+ in Biology
Chemistry	7+ in Chemistry and 6+ in Maths
Physics	7+ in Maths and Physics
Mathematics	7+ in Maths
English Literature	6+ in English Literature
English Language	6+ in English Language
History	5+ in History and English
Geography	5+ in Geography and English
Psychology	5+ in English and 5+ in Science or Maths
Sociology	5+ in English
Media Studies	5+ in English
Fine Art	5+ in Art (or strong portfolio). We will consider talented students without GCSE
Photography	5+ in Art or Photography. We will consider talented students without GCSE

VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL COURSES

Subject	Entry Requirements
Business (BTEC)	Experience or proven commitment to the subject
Business (Double Award)	Experience or proven commitment to the subject
Sport (BTEC)	Experience or proven commitment to the subject
Sport (Double Award)	Same as single, with commitment to full-time sport pathway
Health & Social Care (BTEC)	Experience or proven commitment to the subject
Music (BTEC)	Experience or proven commitment to the subject
Applied Science (Advanced Alternative Qualification)	5+ in English, Maths and Science

For all of our vocational subjects it is advisable to have studied the subject at GCSE and secured a pass in Maths and English.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

About the course

English Literature invites you into powerful worlds of stories, voices, and ideas. You'll explore classic and contemporary texts, debate meanings, and develop interpretations. From Shakespeare to modern fiction, the course nurtures deep thought and discussion.

You will learn about:

- Pre-1900 poetry, modern novels and post-1900 poetry
- Shakespearean drama and modern plays
- Unseen prose and comparative literature analysis

You will develop skills in analysis, interpretation, essay writing, and critical thinking.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

About the course

English Language is the study of how we communicate. You'll explore how children learn to speak, how language shapes identity, and how texts reflect culture. You'll also create your own original writing and conduct independent research.

You will learn about:

- Language and identity, dialects and sociolects
- Language change and child language development
- Media language and discourses
- Independent research on a language topic

You will develop skills in analysis, writing, research, and evaluation.

BIOLOGY

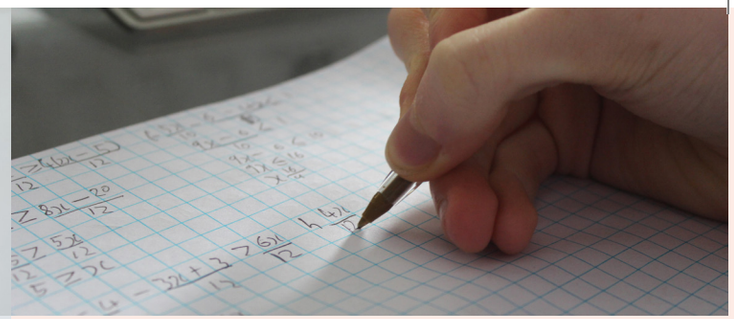
About the course

Biology explores life, from DNA to ecosystems. You'll investigate how the human body works, why species evolve, and how organisms interact. Lab work and field studies will bring theory to life.

You will learn about:

- Cells, DNA, proteins and genetics
- Human physiology and homeostasis
- Evolution, ecology, and biodiversity

You will develop skills in practical science, analysis, critical thinking, and investigation.



CHEMISTRY

About the course

Chemistry explains the matter that makes up our world. You'll study atoms, reactions, and materials in depth, using lab experiments to test your theories. It's a subject of discovery and transformation.

You will learn about:

- Thermodynamics, kinetics and equilibria
- Organic reactions and spectroscopy
- The periodic table and transition metals

You will develop skills in laboratory work, analysis, problem-solving, and reasoning.

PHYSICS

About the course

Physics asks the biggest questions- what is matter, energy, and the universe? You'll explore how things move, how waves behave, and how electricity powers the world. You'll apply maths to real-world problems.

You will learn about:

- Mechanics, motion and materials
- Waves, quantum theory, and particles
- Electricity and magnetism

You will develop skills in modelling, analysis, experimentation, and logic.

MATHEMATICS

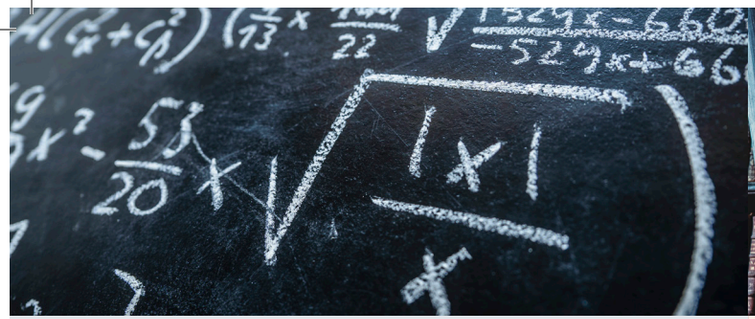
About the course

Mathematics helps make sense of the world. You'll develop fluency in numbers, functions and reasoning, applying these skills to real-world situations. Maths is essential for science, tech, and beyond.

You will learn about:

- Algebra, trigonometry and calculus
- Probability, statistics and data
- Mechanics and mathematical proof

You will develop skills in logic, problem-solving, data analysis, and modelling.



FURTHER MATHEMATICS

About the course

Further Maths goes deeper and broader than A-Level Maths. You'll tackle complex numbers, matrices, algorithms and more. It's ideal for those who love a challenge and want to stretch their mathematical ability.

You will learn about:

- Complex numbers and advanced algebra
- Graph theory and discrete mathematics
- Mechanics and statistics

You will develop skills in advanced reasoning, problem-solving, and mathematical thinking.

HISTORY

About the course

History tells the stories of the past to help us understand the present. You'll explore Tudor England, Nazi Germany and the British Empire, learning how power, culture and ideas shaped societies.

You will learn about:

- The Early Tudors
- Russia 1894-1941
- The fight for Women's Suffrage in the UK
- Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1991

You will develop skills in analysis, research, argument and interpretation.

GEOGRAPHY

About the course

Geography explores how humans and the planet interact. You'll examine climate systems, urban change, and global governance-and head out on fieldwork to see geography in action.

You will learn about:

- The carbon and water cycles
- Urban and global systems
- Human-environment interactions

You will develop skills in research, analysis, fieldwork and map interpretation.

BTEC APPLIED SCIENCE

About the course

Applied science gives an opportunity to study the best parts of the three science disciplines. Alongside the theory, you will have the opportunity to develop investigation skills and explore contemporary issues in science.

You will learn about:

- Key concepts in Biology, chemistry and physics
- Laboratory techniques and practical skills
- Research skills

You will develop skills in laboratory work, analysis, research techniques and report writing.

PSYCHOLOGY

About the course

Psychology explores the human mind and behaviour. You'll study case studies, theories and experiments to understand what drives people's actions and emotions.

You will learn about:

- Social, biological and cognitive psychology
- Mental health and psychological disorders
- Nature vs. nurture and key debates

You will develop skills in research, analysis, evaluation, and critical thinking.

SOCIOLOGY

About the course

Sociology investigates how society works. You'll explore identity, power, culture, and inequality - examining how families, education, and crime shape our lives.

You will learn about:

- Education, families, crime and religion
- Inequality, identity and social change
- Sociological theories including Marxism and feminism

You will develop skills in debate, research, evaluation, and analysis.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

About the course

Health and Social Care prepares you to support others. You'll explore how people grow and change, and how to meet their needs with compassion and professionalism.

You will learn about:

- Human development and care needs
- Roles and responsibilities in health and care
- Ethics, care planning and health conditions

You will develop skills in empathy, communication, care planning, and professionalism.

FINE ART

About the course

Fine Art is all about creativity and visual expression. You'll explore a range of techniques, media, and ideas, developing your own unique artistic style.

You will learn about:

- Drawing, painting and sculpture
- Mixed media and digital art
- Art theory and critical reflection

You will develop skills in creativity, technique, critical thinking, and personal expression.

PHOTOGRAPHY

About the course

Photography captures how we see the world. You'll learn how to shoot, edit and present visual stories, developing both creative and technical expertise.

You will learn about:

- Camera techniques and visual composition
- Digital editing and image manipulation
- Personal and themed projects

You will develop skills in technical photography, creativity, editing and storytelling.

BUSINESS AND DOUBLE BUSINESS

About the course

Business explores how organisations work and succeed. You'll learn about finance, marketing, and management through hands-on projects and real-world examples.

You will learn about:

- Business environments and markets
- Finance, budgeting and accounts
- Marketing, recruitment and HR

You will develop skills in strategy, communication, analysis, and teamwork.

SPORT (SINGLE OR DOUBLE)

About the course

Sport combines theory and practice, helping you understand how the body works and how to lead in physical activity. It's perfect for those who love fitness and competition.

You will learn about:

- Anatomy, physiology and fitness training
- Sports leadership and psychology
- Performance analysis and health promotion

You will develop skills in coaching, analysis, teamwork, and physical performance.

MEDIA STUDIES

About the course

Media Studies explores how media shapes the way we see the world. You'll examine adverts, film, news, and digital platforms - and even create your own media products.

You will learn about:

- Media language, representation and audiences
- The media industry and digital platforms
- Practical media production

You will develop skills in analysis, creativity, production, and critical thinking.

MUSIC

About the course

The course helps you understand the field of music, with a focus on performance, including musical skills development and professional practice.

You will learn about:

- Practical Music Theory and Harmony
- Professional Practice in the Music Industry
- Ensemble Music Performance

A further unit chosen by you such as:

- Composing music
- Improvising music
- Solo performance

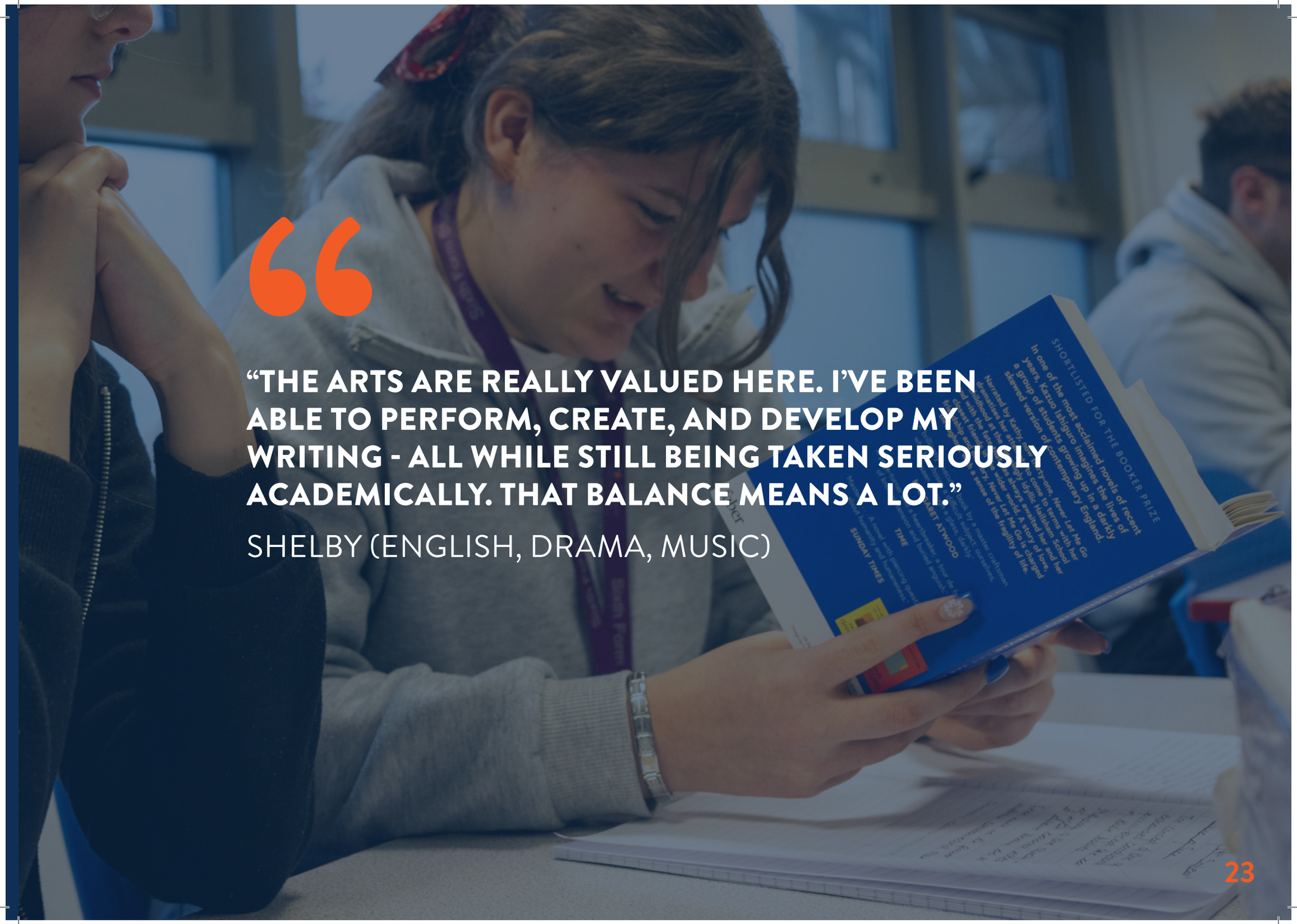
JOIN US

EVERY STUDENT HAS GREATNESS WITHIN THEM.
MAP IS HERE TO UNLOCK IT.

Come and visit us. Meet our staff. Feel the difference.

Let's build your future - together.

Scan the QR code to apply for a place.



“THE ARTS ARE REALLY VALUED HERE. I’VE BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM, CREATE, AND DEVELOP MY WRITING - ALL WHILE STILL BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY ACADEMICALLY. THAT BALANCE MEANS A LOT.”

SHELBY (ENGLISH, DRAMA, MUSIC)

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Scan the QR code to watch our video!

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