



The 6th Form

THE POST-16 CHALLENGE

The number of students opting to stay on into years 12 and 13 (the sixth form) over the last few years demonstrates its popularity and reputation. Life in the Sixth Form is an exciting and challenging experience which allows students greater independence and freedom, whilst still providing a firm framework of support. As a founding member of The Alban Learning Partners (ALPS) - a very successful local post 16 consortium with four other St Albans schools, Townsend offers an unparalleled choice of courses in the Sixth Form.

Our aim is to provide as much flexibility as possible so that students can study a wide combination of subjects. In addition to their chosen subjects, all students participate in a programme of complementary studies that supports and enriches their post 16 experience.

Sixth formers have their own dedicated study centre and a large well-equipped student common/social room. Staff constantly monitor and review each student's progress to ensure that high standards of performance are maintained.

Sixth Form students contribute greatly to the life of the school, supporting staff and younger students in many ways. For example, they lead the Student Council, act as form helpers, mentor younger students, and some train as anti-bullying counsellors. Social events, trips and study visits are organised by and for the Sixth Form to complement their academic studies.

Throughout their time in the Sixth Form, students are offered individual support and guidance. They are helped to assess their abilities and strengths so that they make the best decisions for their future.

We want all of our students to leave us confident and qualified to move on to the next phase of their lives – be that University, Further Education, an apprenticeship, or employment.

