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Ridgeway Academy Sixth Form

Sixth Form Information Evening

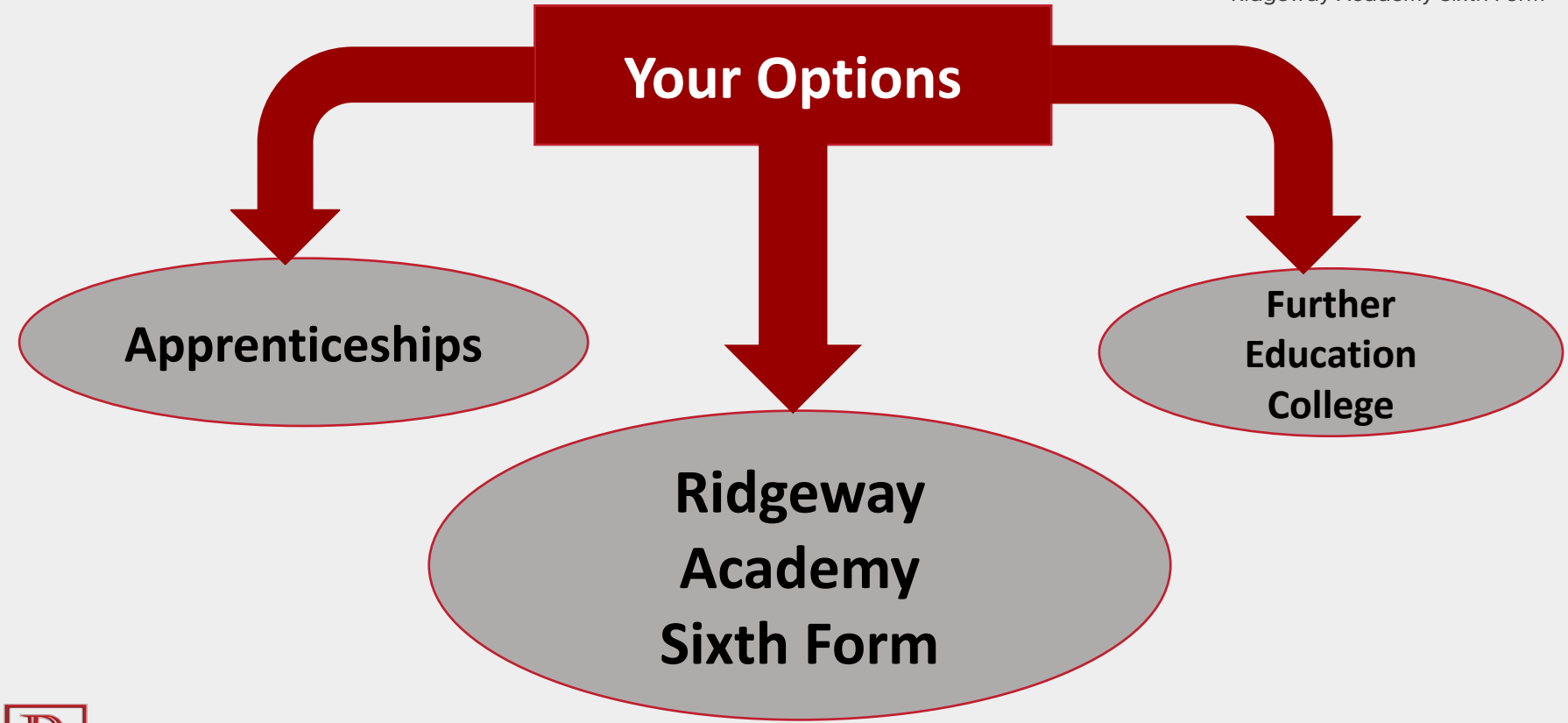
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Welcome to the Welwyn & Hatfield Consortium

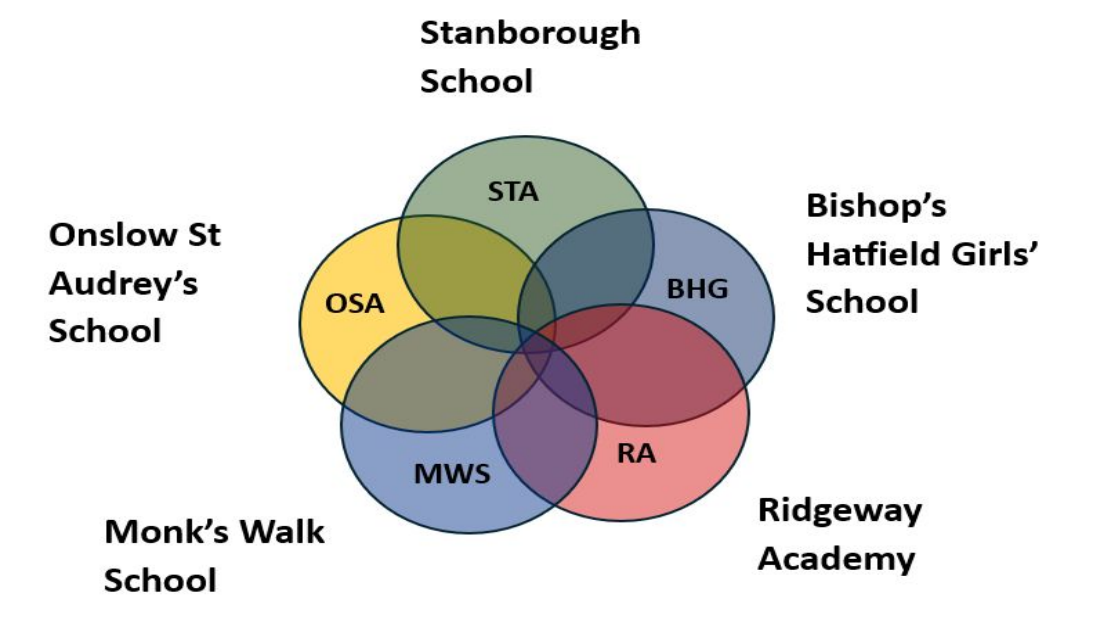
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The Consortium is made up of the five secondary schools in Welwyn and Hatfield



Advantages of Consortium Working



The curriculum is based on student needs



Good practice and expertise is shared across all schools



Students may experience part of their education within a different learning environment



A broader range of subjects / subject combinations

Home Site and Course Choices

Students are expected to remain at their current home site, unless there are extenuating circumstances for a move

A move requires the student to apply to their desired new home site

References are collected for all change of home site

All students must study at their home site if they are able to, exceptions being a clash of subjects or subjects only delivered at a different teaching site

Pathways


Pathway 1
APS 3.7+
3 BTEC L3 Qualifications or similar
Pathway 2
APS 3.8+
3 Level 3 Qualifications which can include 1 A Levels
Pathway 3
APS 4+
3 Level 3 Qualifications which can include up to 2 A Levels
Pathway 4
APS 4.5+
3 Level 3 Qualifications which can include up to 3 A Levels (optional 4th subject with approval)

Entry Requirements

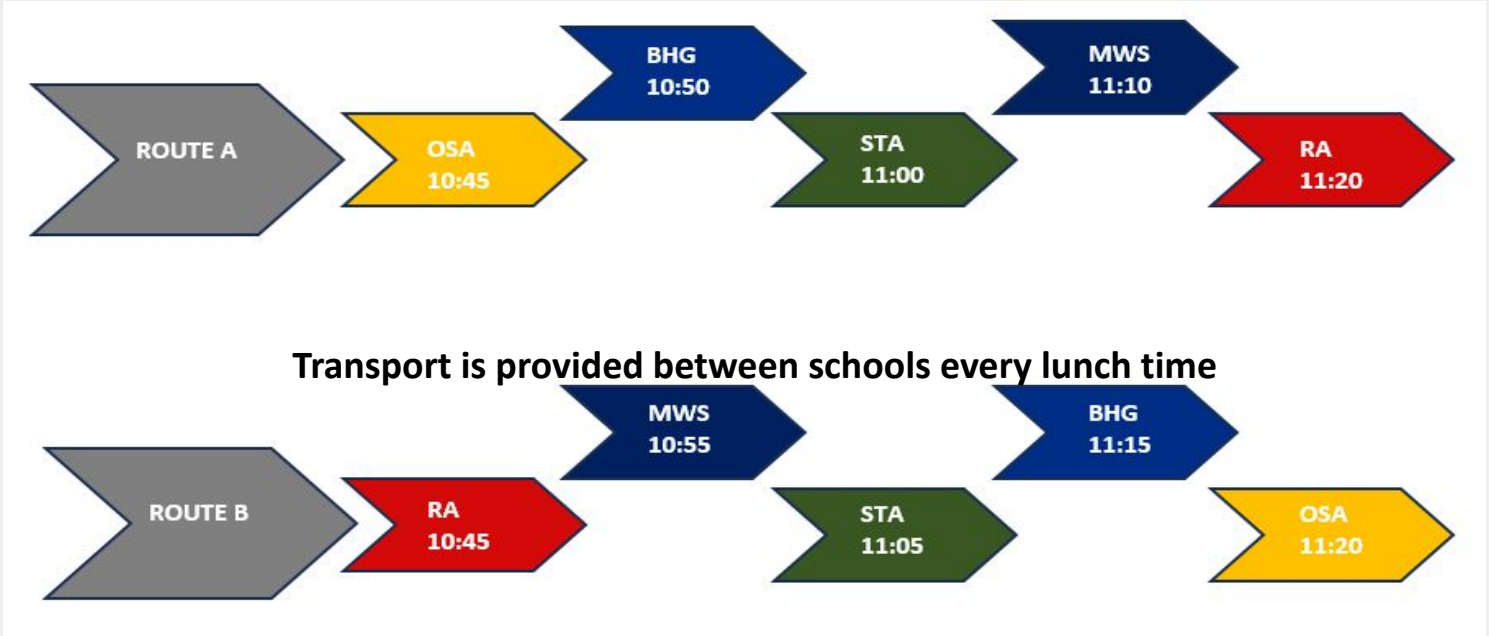
Pathway Entry Requirements

- Based on overall GCSE performance
- Attainment 8 Score
- GCSE Maths/English
- Requires an all round good level or performance in Year 11

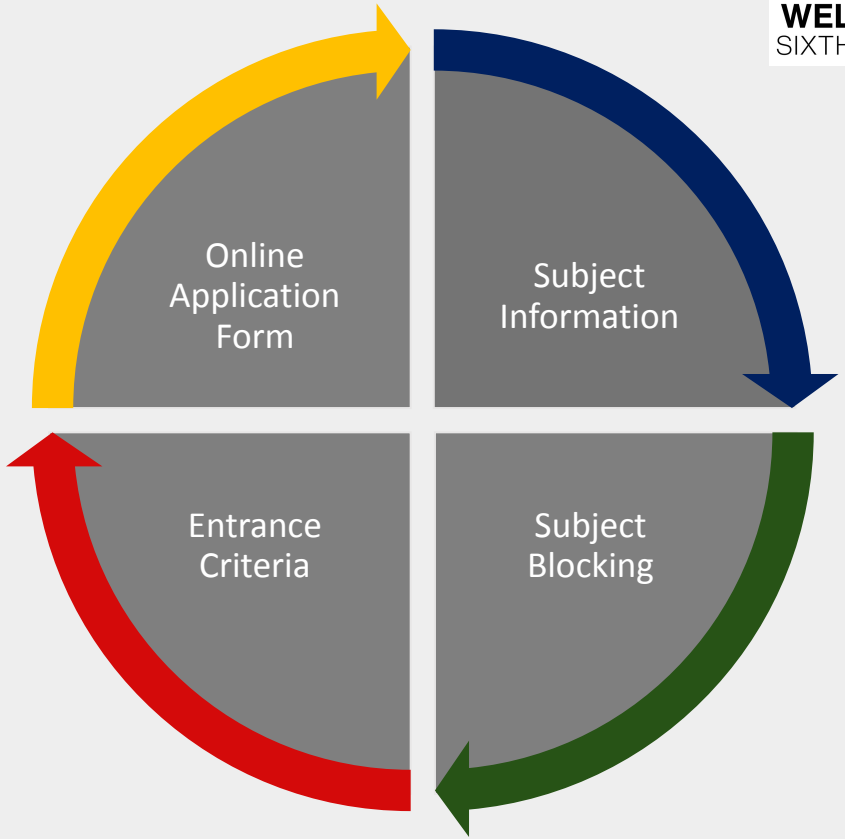
Subject Entry Requirements

- Based on performance in a specific GCSE subject(s) which is most related to the course
- Does vary between subjects
- Are consistent across all schools

Travel between schools



Where to find additional information



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The Student Perspective

Ridgeway Academy Sixth Form

Our vision for Ridgeway Sixth Form is to be the first choice destination for our students to complete their 7 year journey with us; growing a rich and vibrant community of students and teachers who are committed to achieving excellence in everything they do. We aim for all students to achieve their full potential and become well rounded, confident ambassadors for the school.

We recognise that the Sixth Form is a crucial development period for young people, both intellectually and personally. The support we provide, as part of a student's seven-year journey, will give them a stable and ambitious platform on which to build



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Why stay on at Sixth Form?

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- We **KNOW** you and the journey you have taken so far.
- Your teachers have a detailed understanding about you.
- We **WANT** to keep working with you to help you achieve the highest possible outcomes and you realise your aspirations.
- Regular contact with your tutor and pastoral support.
- An unrelenting focus on you doing as well as you can in terms of progress within your chosen subjects.
- Huge enrichment programme.
- Fantastic facilities.
- Access to the WH Consortium.
- **People who learn more, earn more!**

Subject Choices

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A LEVEL SUBJECTS AT RIDGEWAY

- Art, Craft and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Drama and Theatre
- English Literature
- Geography
- History
- Maths
- Core Maths
- Media Studies
- Politics
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS AT RIDGEWAY

- Health & Social Care (AAQ BTEC) Level 3 National Extended Certificate
- Medical Science (AAQ WJEC) Level 3 National Extended Certificate
- Sport & Physical Activity (Cambridge Technical) Level 3 National Extended Certificate
- Sport & Physical Activity (Cambridge Technical) Level 3 Diploma (Double Qualification)

Subject Choices

A Level Subjects		Vocational Subjects
Art, Craft and Design English Literature Geography	**Block A**	Medical Science (AAQ WJEC) Level 3 National Extended Certificate
Biology Business Studies History Media Studies	**Block B**	Health & Social Care (AAQ BTEC) Level 3 National Extended Certificate
Drama and Theatre Politics	**Block C**	Sport & Physical Activity (Cambridge Technical) Level 3 Diploma (Double Qualification)
Maths Religious Studies Sociology	**Block D**	Sport & Physical Activity (Cambridge Technical) Level 3 National Extended Certificate (single) AND Double Sport Diploma

Destinations - 100% First Choice Destinations in 2026!!

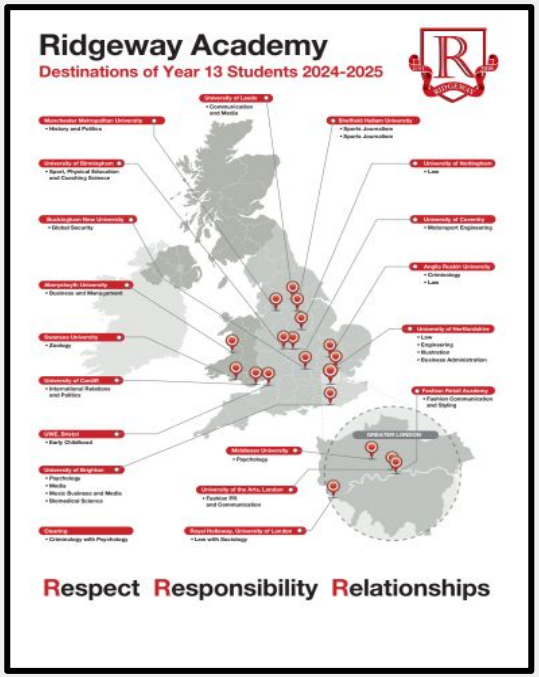
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Including:

- Pilot Training
- Motorsport Engineering
- History and Politics
- Computer Studies and AI
- Midwifery and Adult Nursing
- Law (x 4!)
- Investment Banking

At lots of different locations including

- Bristol
- Brighton
- Southampton
- York
- As well as closer to home in Hertfordshire and London!



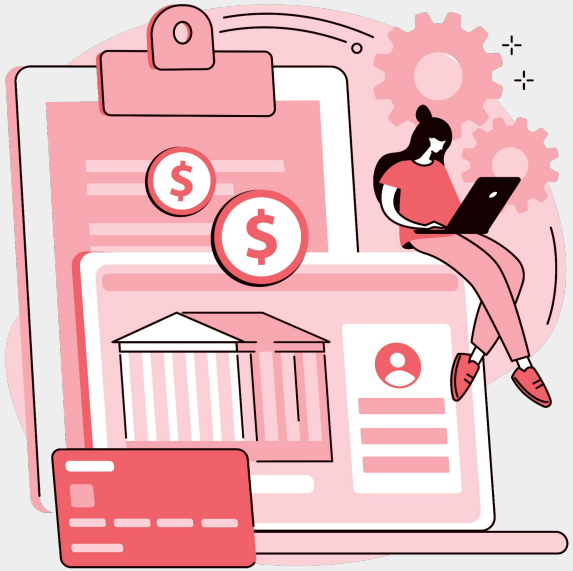
Careers and Enrichment

- Sports leaders
- Volunteering
- Head Students & Deputies, House Captains and Student Council
- Reading Mentors
- Extended Project Qualification
- Core Maths
- OCR Sustainability Certificate
- Work Experience
- Reading Mentors
- YOPEY Befriender
- University Challenge
- Lessons from Auschwitz
- Sutton Trust Pathway programmes - including the US Programme!



Bursary

- If your circumstances have changed recently you may qualify for a Bursary when you attend Sixth Form
- Bursary can help cover the costs of attending Sixth Form, and replaces Pupil Premium Funding
- Free School Meals funding is available to students in the same way in Sixth Form as it was in the Lower School
- If you have any questions about the Sixth Form Bursary, please email picariellon@ridgeway.aetrust.uk



Next steps

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- ★ Visit the subject stands now and ask any questions of the teachers and students
- ★ In December, visit the student led Information Drop in Sessions to support you with your applications and subject choices
- ★ Speak to your teachers and tutor
- ★ Speak to Mr Amstutz- Head of Year 11
- ★ Speak to Mrs Picariello - Head of Sixth Form
- ★ Speak to Mr Cove - Assistant Head KS5
- ★ One-to-one career guidance discussion sessions and use of UNIFROG
- ★ Sixth Form applications will open 5th December when you get your mock exam results!

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Thank you for listening

Please head to meet our subject specialists

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Sixth Form Block - downstairs

- English Literature
- Media
- Drama

Sixth Form Block - upstairs

- History
- Geography
- Politics
- Sociology
- Religious Studies

Science Block

L1

- Maths and Core Maths
- Art, Craft and Design
- Health and Social Care
- Business

L2

- Medical Science and Biology
- Sports Science - double and single