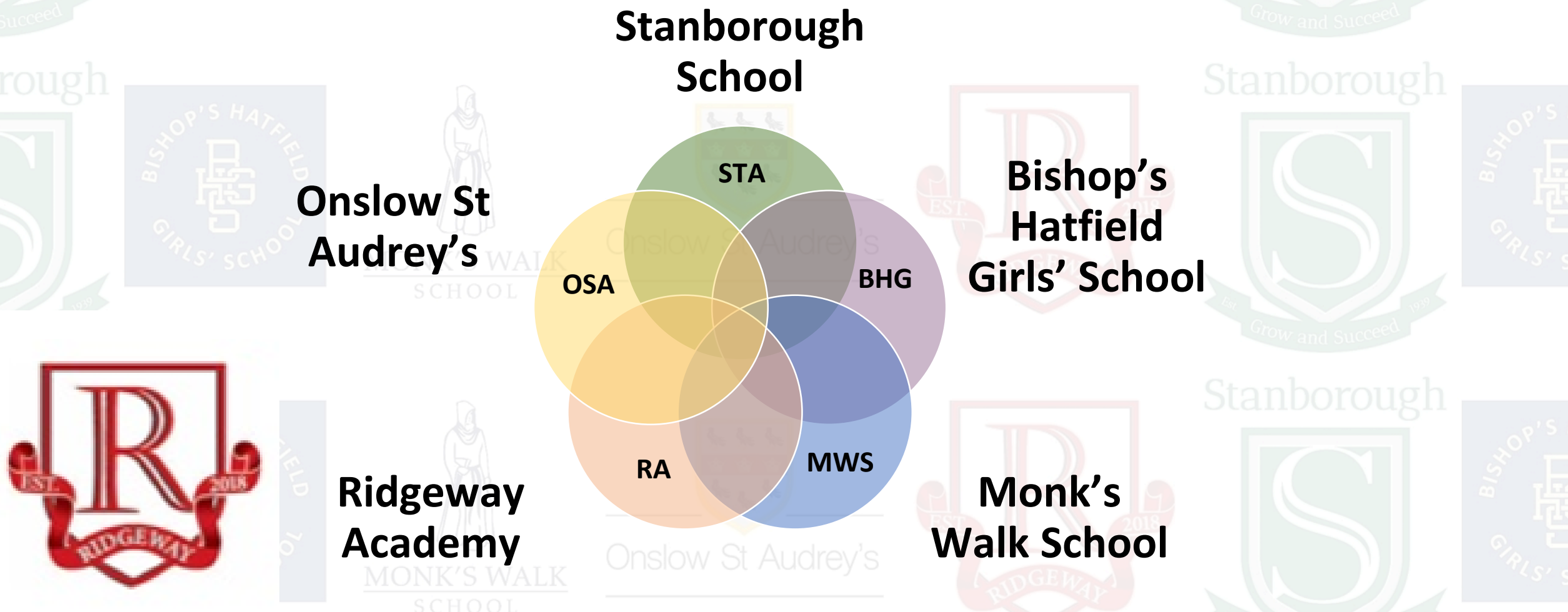




Welcome to Ridgeway Academy Sixth Form Information Evening



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



Stanborough School

Onslow St Audrey's

Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

Ridgeway Academy

Monk's Walk School



Advantages of Consortium Working

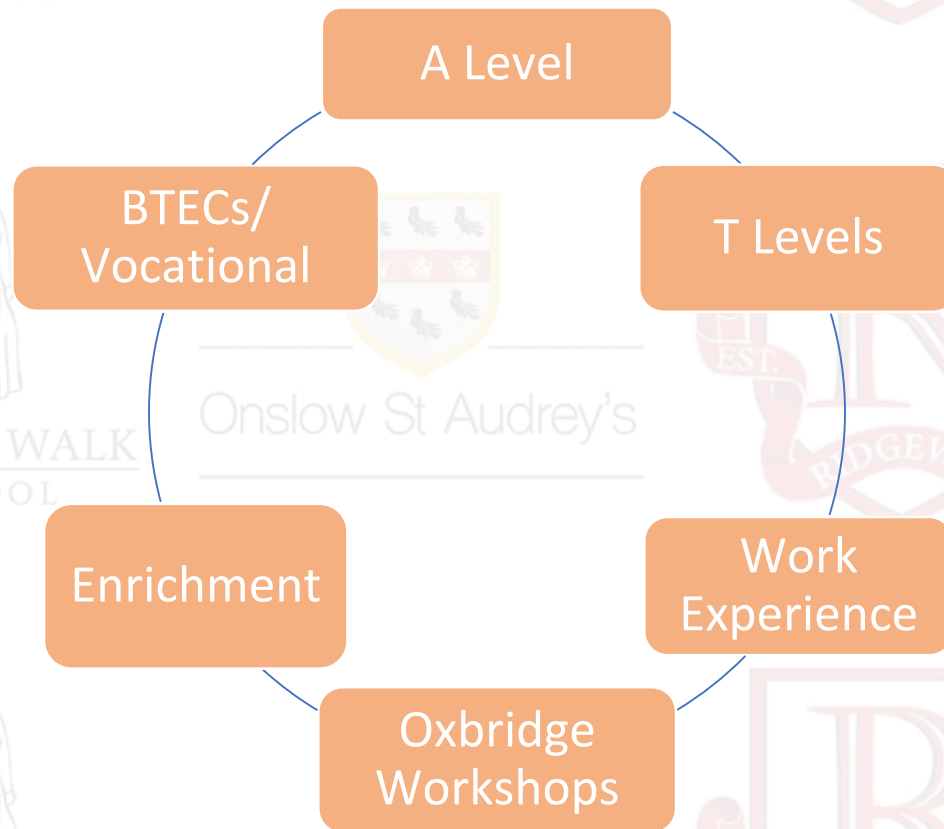
The curriculum is based on student needs

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

Broad range of curriculum offered



Pathways



MONK'S WALK
SCHOOL

Onslow St Audrey's



Each subject has individual requirements



[Welwyn Hatfield Consortium](#)

2025 COURSE ENTRY CRITERIA

Course	Criteria For Course
3 A Levels	APS 4.5 or above 9-4 English Language or English Literature 9-4 in Maths Subject based criteria
2 A Levels and 1 Vocational Course	APS 4 or above 9-4 in English Language or English Literature Subject based criteria
1 A Level and 2 Vocational Courses	APS 3.8 or above 9-4 English Language or English Literature Subject Based Criteria
Vocational Courses and T Levels	APS 3.7 or above 9-4 in English Language or English Literature Subject Based Criteria

Students who do not achieve 9-4 in English and/or Maths will be required to attend retake lessons and resit the exam(s). Students who wish to take more than 3 A levels must have approval from their Head of 6th Form before submitting an application.

← 6th Form
Entrance Criteria

2025 SUBJECT BASED CRITERIA

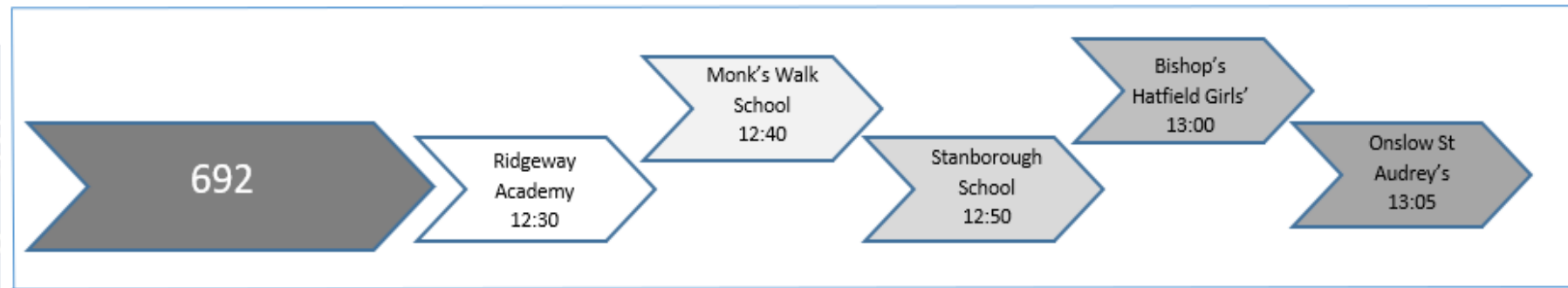
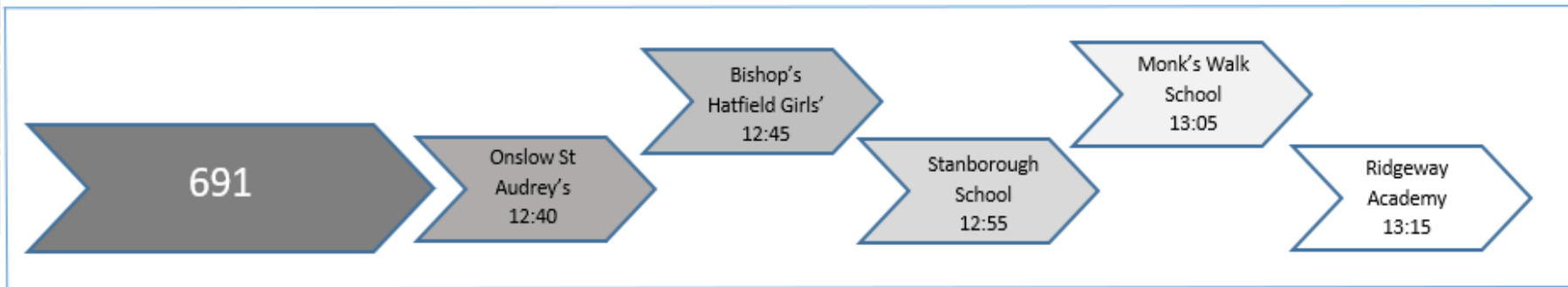
Subject	Criteria For Subjects
All Art courses	9-5 in Art, Art Textiles or Photography or 9-5 in Product Design or Graphics or a high quality portfolio 9-4 English Lang or English Lit Vocational course entry criteria

← Specific Subject
Entrance Criteria

Pastoral Support

- Students are a full member of their home site no matter how many teaching sites they attend
- Throughout their time in the sixth form, they will be assigned a tutor
- The Head of Sixth and their team will be responsible for monitoring students' academic guidance alongside their pastoral care

Travel between schools



Enrichment programme

Opportunities include:

- Recreational sports activities
- Membership of sports teams
- Community based projects
- Additional qualifications
- Mentoring younger students
- Fund raising events

Cross-Consortium/Enrichment activities:

- Amnesty International Conference
- Critical Thinking
- Consortium Debating Competition
- Guest speakers, e.g. Genetics
- University Challenge
- School House plays
- Community Sports Leaders

Home site and course choices

- We would expect students 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 to support all applications to change home site
- All students must study their subjects at their home site if they are able to, exceptions being a clash of subjects or subjects only delivered at a different teaching site

Ridgeway Sixth Form

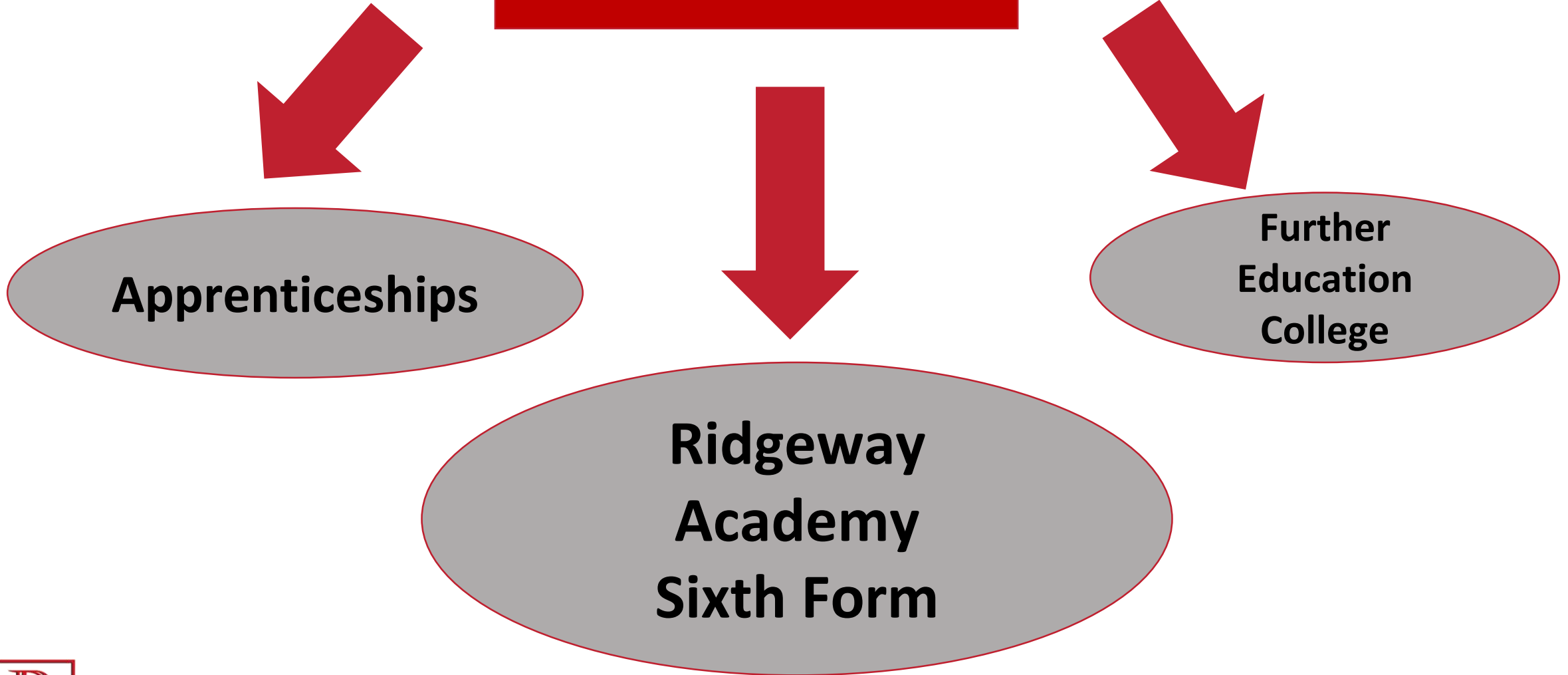
Director of Sixth Form:
Mrs N Picariello



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Your Options



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Aims of the 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?

- 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!**



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Pastoral Support System

Exams Officer

Mrs E Welsh

**Sixth Form Data
Manager**

Mr Y Kemal

**Sixth Form Student
Leadership Team**

Headteacher
Mrs Mitcherson

Assistant Head
Miss Jenner

**Director of KS5
(Head of Sixth Form)**
Mrs N Picariello

**Sixth Form
Student Support/
Administrator**
Mrs J Felton

SEND Support
Mrs F Mills

Sixth Form Tutors
Ms Henna
Mr Flanagan
Mrs Parsons



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Careers and Enrichment

- Sports leaders
- Volunteering
- Role models
- Head Students & Deputies/Prefect Team
- Charity Work/Organise Events/Sport Activities/Bullying Mentors
- Peer Reading
- EPQ
- Work Experience
- Reading Mentors
- Community youth champion
- University Challenge
- Lessons from Auschwitz
- Sutton Trust Pathway programmes - including the US Programme!



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Entry Criteria:

To ensure that you are selecting subjects at the appropriate level, please complete this table with the subjects you are currently taking and your predicted grades. Entry requirements for courses in the Consortium will include the Average Point Score (APS) for Key Stage 4 and subject specific criteria.

To calculate your APS **add** together the value of each of your predicted grades and **divide** by the number of subjects you are taking (see below). If you are taking fewer than 8 subjects then you must still divide the total by 8

Points Scores for GCSE 9 -1 subjects

GCSE Grade	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
KS4 Points	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Points Scores for BTEC Firsts

BTEC Grade	Distinction *	Distinction	Merit	Pass	Level 1 Pass
KS4 Points	8.5	7	5.5	4	1.75

Example how to calculate your APS

Subject	English Language	English Literature	Maths	Biology	Physics	Chemistry	Art	History	BTEC IT	BTEC Sport	Total	APS
Grade	5	6	5	7	4	5	3	5	Dist.	Pass	10 subjects	51 ÷ 10
KS4 Points	5	6	5	7	4	5	3	5	7	4	51 points	= 5.1

Section 3: Course Choice

This section allows you to state clearly which courses you would like to choose. Your average points score will indicate the level of programme you should apply for.

Use the grid on the next page to select the subjects you wish to study.

- Only select one subject from each block.
- Some vocational subjects where highlighted are offered over more than one block, so any of these must be selected in all the appropriate blocks.
- Read section three very carefully to check the range of courses available to you, as this will differ depending on your average points score



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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



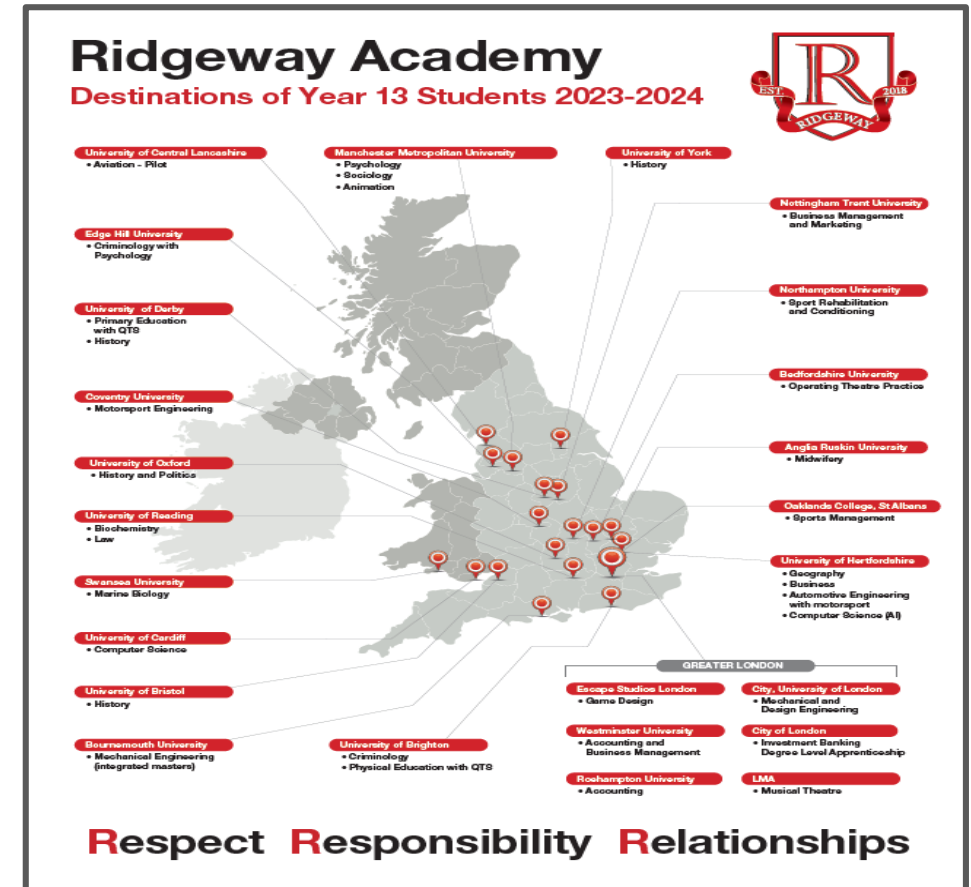
Destinations - 100% First Choice Destinations in 2024!!

Including:

- Pilot Training
- Motorsport Engineering
- History
- Computer Studies and AI
- Midwifery
- Teaching
- Investment Banking

At lots of different locations including

- Bristol
- Brighton
- Cardiff
- Manchester
- As well as closer to home in Hertfordshire!



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Next steps

- Visit the subject stands in the Sixth Form Block now and ask any questions of the teachers
- In December, visit the Student Led Information Drop in session - Friday 6th December
- Speak to tutors:
 - Mr Pring - Head of Year 11
 - Mrs Picariello - Head of Sixth Form
 - Miss Jenner - Assistant Head KS5
- Watch the subject videos which are on our website an the consortium website.
- One-to-one career guidance discussion sessions with Miss Fuller and use of UNIFROG
- Sixth Form applications will open before Christmas - we will let you know!
- Apprenticeship opportunities are open throughout the year
- Oaklands college applications can be completed online throughout the year

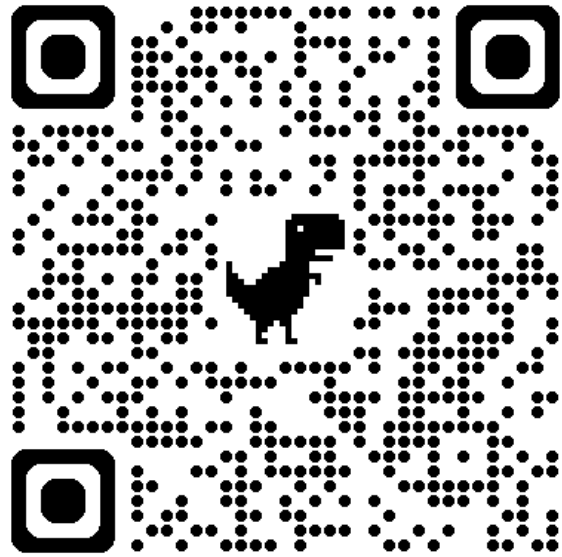


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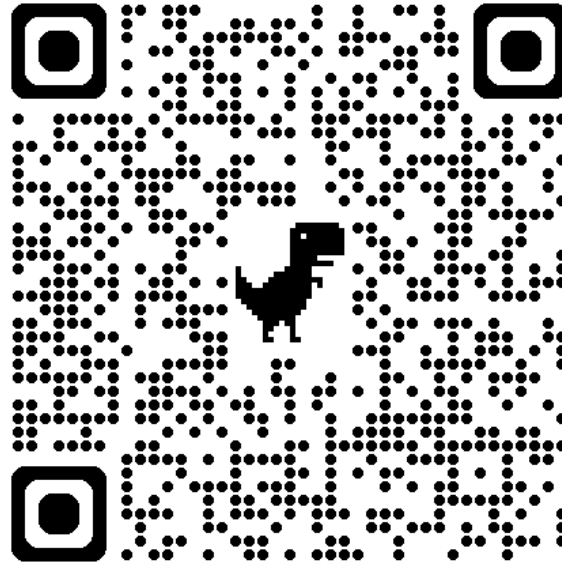


Next Steps

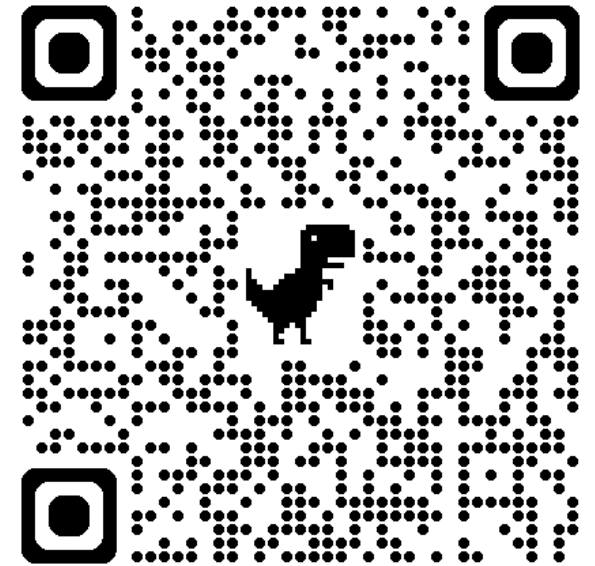
Visit RA 6th Form Area on our website for more information



Let us know your thoughts for your next steps



Please make sure you signed in.



Thank you for listening

**Please head to Sixth Form to
meet subject specialists**



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Downstairs

English

Media

Maths

Sport

Science

Upstairs

Art and Photography

History

Government and Politics

Geography

Health and Social Care

Sociology

Criminology

Business

Drama



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