

Welcome to Sixth Form



Our Vision



- Two years is not a long time. Preparing for the future and the world of work is integral to our job over the next two years.
- Our vision is to equip every young person with the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to thrive beyond the school gates.
- Through high-quality teaching, exceptional support, and meaningful enrichment opportunities, we are committed to preparing our students for the next steps in their educational journey and helping them take the first strides towards achieving their career ambitions.

Our Mission Statement:



Offers students a clear pathway from GCSE options.

Enables students to become experts in their chosen subjects, developing a love of learning that will inspire them into adulthood.

Develops students as individuals, increasing their independence and confidence.

Encourages students to take responsibility for their learning and progress, becoming effective.

Creates life-long learners.

Provides opportunities for extra curricular activities and personal development.

Prepares students for their next steps, giving advice, guidance and opportunities to make the right choices for them.

Inspires students to become leaders in our wider school community.

Reflects our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Kindness.



Our USP:



Online Lessons

Bespoke Enrichment Programme

Student Appraisals

ALL students as leaders

Preparation for the modern world of work.

Our Facilities:



Our Offer: A Broad Curriculum



Applied Science

Art

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Computer Science

Construction and the Built Environment

Design-Graphics

Drama

Economics

English Literature

English Literature & Language

Finance

Food and Nutrition

Geography

History

Information Technology

Mandarin

Maths, Core Maths, Further Maths

Music

Philosophy and Ethics

Physical Education

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Sociology

Sport and Physical Activity

Spanish



Entry requirements



**Minimum of Grade 4 in English (Literature or Language)
and Maths GCSE**

AND

**Minimum of 20 points* from best 5 GCSE courses (or
equivalent)**

**Total points are calculated by adding the grade achieved in
each subject together.*



How Sixth Form Teaching Differs from Year 7-11:

Area	KS3/4 Focus	KS5 Additional Focus
Lesson Objectives	Knowledge + learning habit	Mastery, academic depth, independent inquiry
Activities	Varied and structured	Increasingly student-led, research-based
Reading	Vocabulary & comprehension	Extended reading, synthesis, critical analysis
Assessment	Retrieval, low-stakes testing	Essays, exam-style tasks, coursework drafts
Feedback	Verbal, written, regular	Reflective, formative, aligned to post-18 goals
Organisation	Books/folders used for progression	Folders as revision tools and evidence of learning

A typical weekly timetable



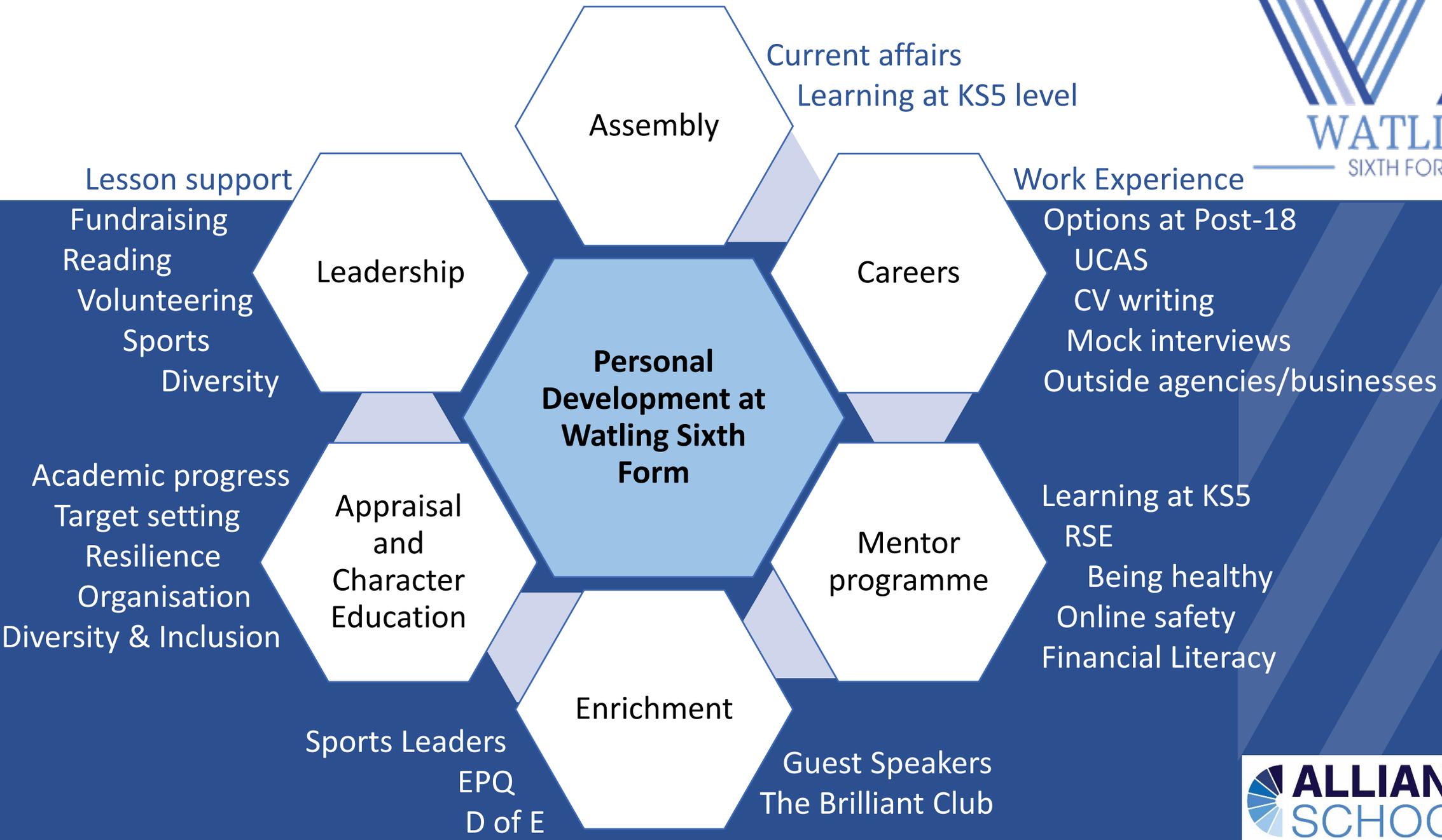
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Registration	Mentoring			Mentoring	
Lesson 1	Supervised study	Chemistry (Online)	English Lit (Online)		Maths (Online)
Lesson 2	Maths		Student Leadership	Chemistry	
Break					
Lesson 3	English Lit	Chemistry		English Lit	
Lesson 4	Chemistry		English Lit	Supervised Study	Maths
Lunch					
Lesson 5	Enrichment	Maths	Maths		English Lit
Lesson 6			Chemistry		

Enrichment



- An hour session each week.
- Supports personal growth, employability, and wider skills.
- Examples: guest speakers, volunteering, workshops, visits, work experience.
- Welcome parent contacts or support.
- Our enrichment programme will be bespoke and tailored to the needs of our students.





Mentors and Appraisals



- Every student has a mentor
- We will place them with the member of staff that we feel will provide the best support for academic and personal development.
- Regular 1:1 meetings – combination of online and face-to-face.
- Students will complete appraisals based on academic progress, leadership skills and personal development.
- Guidance with goals, UCAS, CVs, apprenticeships etc.
- Most importantly, pastoral care.



Key Expectations

High standards expected:

- Professional behaviour
- Punctuality & attendance
- Respect for community

Home–School Agreement signed in September

Bring Your Own Device



Sixth Form Dress Code



Sixth Form students will not be required to wear a Watling Academy uniform.

The dress code in the Sixth Form is Smart Casual, reflecting the requirements of the modern workplace.

Our dress code promotes a productive and respectful learning environment while allowing students the opportunity to make appropriate choices about what they wear to school.



Attendance



Attendance Expectations:

- In-Person Sessions: Students must be on site and attend all timetabled lessons, tutorials, and scheduled activities.
- Online Sessions: Students must be present and actively participate in all scheduled online sessions, adhering to the same standards as in-person classes.
- Absences must be reported by parents/carers and not the student themselves.

Students leaving the Academy during the school day



Students must ensure that they arrive at the Academy in good time for the start of face-to-face sessions.

Students can leave the Academy site during the school day, if they do not have an arranged face-to-face session. AFTER A SUCCESSFUL AUTUMN PROGRESS CHECK.

Students who are not on school site will not be under the supervision of Watling Academy.

Students will be required to sign in when they arrive at the Academy.

Students must maintain the high expectations of behaviour both within and outside the Academy.

Where students are not maintaining good attendance and/or punctuality, permission to leave the site during the day may be removed.



Preparation for life after Sixth Form



Tailored guidance
for UCAS
applications

Expert support
with personal
statements

Workshops on
interview
techniques and
career planning

Insight into
apprenticeships
and alternative
pathways

Access to guest
speakers and
university visits

Dedicated support
team to track and
guide progress

How to Apply



Applications are made online via our website. They must be submitted by **16th January 2026**.

Thank You



- Visit our Sixth Form Centre
- Speak to our students – take a tour
- Speak to our dedicated staff – ask for their advice
- Read the prospectus thoroughly – take time to make your choices
- Visit the Library and discover more about the EPQ and our resources
- Visit the Careers Fair in the Canteen – extensive links with employers and Post-18 suppliers.



