



Frequently Asked Questions: Enrichment and Extra-curricular activities

What enrichment opportunities are available to Sixth Form students?

All Sixth Form students will undertake one of the following courses. Guidance will be given from the Sixth Form Team to help you decide which one is appropriate for you.

Leeds Progression Module

All students studying a 2 year course will have the opportunity to gain 12 UCAS points on completion of the Leeds Progression Module. It is designed and run in conjunction with Leeds Beckett University, Leeds Trinity University and Huddersfield University. As part of the Module students will participate in a range of practical activities in preparation for HE or employment:

Unit 1: Work experience preparation, career planning, CVs and letters of application

Unit 2: HE and employment finance budget planner

Unit 3: HE and employment decision making exercises

Unit 4: Mock interviews, presentation skills and writing personal statements

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification is an in-depth study which can take the form of an experiment, extended essay, performance or project. It is graded A*- E. It is an independent learning opportunity unlike anything else available to you in the school curriculum. It is worth half an A level at whatever grade you achieve. Some universities offer reduced entrance requirements to those with an EPQ because it shows them that you are more likely to be able to thrive on their course as you already have skills in areas they are looking for and will need.

Preparation for University Life – online learning with the University of East Anglia

Higher education is about learning at a higher level: developing skills relating to critical thinking; holding a supported, substantive argument; analysing and using data or sources critically. These are university-level skills but you can work on the foundations of these skills before you get there by completing this online course. Such skills will also help in assessments such as A-levels, extended project work, and they are attributes that employers value in graduates.

During their two years in Sixth Form, all students will be required to complete a combination of tasks and activities to build their experience and help improve their applications for university or employment.

Opportunities include:

- Leadership Roles in school
- Participation in the Sixth Form Leadership Group
- Voluntary work in and/or outside of school.
- Duke of Edinburgh awards
- Completion of an online course based on their studies or a personal area of interest
- Sports/Clubs participation



The Tutorial Programme

We have a comprehensive tutorial programme in the sixth form which includes character building activities, careers advice, completion of university application forms and access to guest speakers linked into specific jobs, careers, courses and gap year opportunities. You will be able to access careers advice and the careers library. You will get advice on writing an up to date CV and making your application for higher education, employment or training, stand out from the rest.

Personal, Social and Health Education programme (PSHE)

PSHE education helps pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society. From making responsible decisions about alcohol to succeeding in their first job, PSHE education helps pupils to manage many of the most critical opportunities, challenges and responsibilities they will face growing up. Our programme is responds to the needs of our students specifically, through an analysis of the annual My Health, My School survey, which informs our planning.

My child already plays a musical instrument, can they continue at Sixth Form?

Music is also a big part of life at Allerton Grange. There are many opportunities to get involved. We know Music is an important skill to learn, so we offer subsidised instrument lessons with peripatetic teachers (they come in to school every week to teach students). These have continued online this term.

There are a whole range of bands and choirs that rehearse regularly; all students are welcome to join them. These include Samba band, Wind band, Brass band, Concert band, SoCKS (Soul and Rock band) and the school choir. We also encourage students to grow their own bands too and we have a range of practice rooms where they can rehearse.

We have an annual Battle of the Bands competition, where students perform their own compositions. The finalists visit a recording studio and have the opportunity to lay down their own tracks.

The Music Department puts on 5 concerts a year and there is an annual music tour at the end of the summer term to Europe, mostly recently Lake Garda, Italy.

The Music Team holds the Music Mark Award and was also awarded Music Champion School status in 2019.

