

Kesgrave Sixth Form

**Parent Information
Evening**

25th September 2025



Meeting the Sixth Form Team



Miss Dodwell
Director of Sixth Form



Miss Gilbert
Head of Year 12



Mr Robinson
Head of Year 13



Miss Fitch
Assistant Head of year



Mrs Smith
Curriculum Support



Mr Betts
Student Support Officer



Mrs Lankester
Curriculum Support

Off to a great start...

We are really impressed with how quickly Year 12 have settled into the Sixth Form

Lots of positive feedback from staff about their focus and commitment to learning

Some info for you...

- Students can come into school and use our facilities from 8am to 6pm
- Registration is at 8:50am
- We value students having paid employment, but they are not allowed to this during school hours
- We recommend that students work no longer than 10 hours a week
- Students can have driving lessons during one study period a week (not during registration or Future Ready sessions)
- We do have a dress code in Sixth Form

Attendance Protocol

- ▶ Please could you tell us if your child is not coming into school.
- ▶ We ask students not to do this themselves.
- ▶ Please call us on **01473 624 855 option 3** or email using the address 6thformoffice@kesgrave.suffolk.sch.uk before 8.50 a.m. on every day of absence
- ▶ **Truancy Call:**
 - ▶ Each student absent from morning registration **and** first lesson you will receive an automated text.
 - ▶ You can reply and this will automatically be recorded. Or you can call us or send an email.

Unwell at school

- If students become unwell during school, they must speak to someone from the sixth form team
- If we feel they need to go home, we will inform parents first
- We also decide if it is safe for them to make their own way home or whether they need to be collected

Why is good attendance so important?



Poor attendance can have a huge impact on learning and grades:



Attendance below **90%** equates to a drop of half a grade

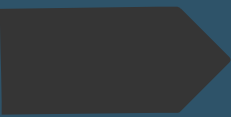


Below **80%** equates to a drop of one whole grade



References requested for UCAS, training courses and employers will include student's attendance record

What you need to know...



Students are expected to be at Sixth Form all day, including study periods at this point

Students may be given sign out privileges after October half-term

This will be for study periods only (registration must still be attended)

This will be dependent on report data and attendance.

Study periods



Study periods are to be used to complete work set by teachers



The volume of work will increase as the term goes on!



Study periods are the first opportunity students have to work on their own



It is an important part of developing independence that will help when going on to university or an apprenticeship

How should students use this time?



Complete homework



Recap lesson notes



Creating revision resources



Organise subject folders



Wider reading, including from Firefly, Seneca and resources in the LRA



Tutors are delivering a series of study skills sessions to prepare students to use their study time effectively.



Academic reading

Registration

Tuesday 08:50-09:50
(Future Ready sessions)

All other days 08:50-
09:20



Registration activities and the Future Ready Sessions will be based on the mandatory programme of Sixth Form study



This is arranged into three core themes



1. Health and Wellbeing



2. Relationships



3. Living in the wider world

Subjects



Most students are on 3 subjects



Report data will be available before half-term



There will be an assessment week (6th October) which will inform this data.

Assessments, Mocks and Public exams



Monitoring and Assessment

We monitor students' attainment, their 'Commitment to Learning' and 'Attitude to Homework' throughout their time in Sixth form

You will receive this information at the following points

- ▶ October 2025 (attainment, CTL & ATH)
- ▶ January 2026 (full reports)
- ▶ March 2026 (full reports)
- ▶ July 2026 (mock exam results, CTL & ATH)

Parents evening is 20th November 2025 - online

Sixth Form reports

		Autumn 1		
Subject	Target	Att	CtL	AtH
Business Studies	B	A	Excellent	Excellent
Geography	B	C	Good	Excellent
Sociology	B	C	Excellent	Good
Leiston Football				

Sixth Form reports

Subject	Business
Head of Department	Mr S. Tingey
Classroom Teacher	Mr M. Stapleton

Subject Ctl & AtH

Period	<u>Yr 12-1</u>	<u>Yr 12-2</u>	<u>Yr 12-3</u>	<u>Yr 13-1</u>	<u>Yr 13-2</u>	<u>Yr 13-3</u>
Ctl						
Attainment						

Content	Assessment
Year 12 – Meeting Customer Needs	
Year 12 – Market	
Year 12 – Marketing Mix and Strategy	
Year 12 – Managing People	
Year 12 – Entrepreneurs and Leaders	
Year 12 – Raising Finance	
Year 12 – Financial Planning	
Year 12 – Managing Finance	
Year 12 – Resource Management	
Year 12 – External Influences	
Year 13 – Business Objectives and Strategy	
Year 13 – Business Growth	
Year 13 – Decision-making Techniques	
Year 13 – Influences on Business Decisions	
Year 13 – Assessing Competitiveness	
Year 13 – Managing Change	
Year 13 – Globalisation	
Year 13 – Global Markets and Business Expansion	
Year 13 – Global Marketing	
Year 13 – Global Industries	

Skills	Assessment
Knowledge and Understanding	
Application of Knowledge	
Analysis of Issues	
Evaluate with Evidence	
Quantitative Skills	

Strategy for Improvement

Comment

(Optional)

Study leave and Mock Exams

- Monday 1st June until Friday 12th June
- Mock exam results will be published to students and parents in July

AS Public Exams

- ▶ Some students may choose to sit the public AS exam in May if it is available for that subject
- ▶ This could be because they are studying 4 subjects, or they wish to pick up a different subject in Year 13.
- ▶ This decision needs to be made by **February 2026** and staff will ask their classes at the time



Subjects that can offer an AS exam

- Ancient History
- Applied Psychology
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Core Maths
- Criminology
- Drama
- Economics

- History
- Health and Social Care BTEC
- ICT BTEC
- Maths
- Music
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sport BTEC



BTECS that have public exams

January 2026

- ▶ ICT
- ▶ Creative Media
- ▶ Sport

May 2026

- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Applied Psychology
- ▶ Creative Media
- ▶ Child Development
- ▶ Health and Social Care

Maths and English GCSE Resits

English

- Paper 1- Tuesday 4th November
- Paper 2 – Thursday 6th November

Maths

- Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) – Wed 5th November
- Paper 2 (Calculator) – Fri 6th November
- Paper 3 (Calculator) – Mon 10th November
- All these exams are morning exams – details to follow from subject staff



Events in Year 12

- ARU University and Apprenticeship Fayre
- BEST Event
- HE Conference at the University of Suffolk
- St Catharine's College Cambridge
- Trips aboard:
 - Geog
 - Shamwari expedition
 - Activities week residentials



Activities Week

Monday 13th to
Friday 17th July 2026



Students select activities from a range of options

Introduced to residential options in assembly yesterday. Letters with more details will be sent out.

Non-residential offers will be shared later in the term.

Students can organise work experience for this week.



The wellbeing of students in the sixth form is very important to us

- ▶ Tutors are the students first point of support, including 1-1 meetings.
- ▶ We have an open-door policy where students can come to talk to us whenever they need to.
- ▶ We have a Student Support Officer, Shane Betts
- ▶ The school nurse runs weekly drop ins.
- ▶ Suffolk Wellbeing will be also be working with the year group later in the Autumn term

How can you help your child?

- ▶ **Talk to them about the importance of using their study periods productively**
- ▶ **There is never 'nothing to do' when you are studying in Sixth Form**
- ▶ **Talk to them about the importance of regular revision**
- ▶ **You can go onto UNIFROG with your child and explore post-18 options**
- ▶ **Ensure that they are not working too many hours in a paid job**

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And finally...

Thank you for very much for coming

It's now time to meet your child's tutor

We are also available for questions.

Miss Dodwell and Miss Gilbert