

Wisdom is Strength

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# Students treated as individuals

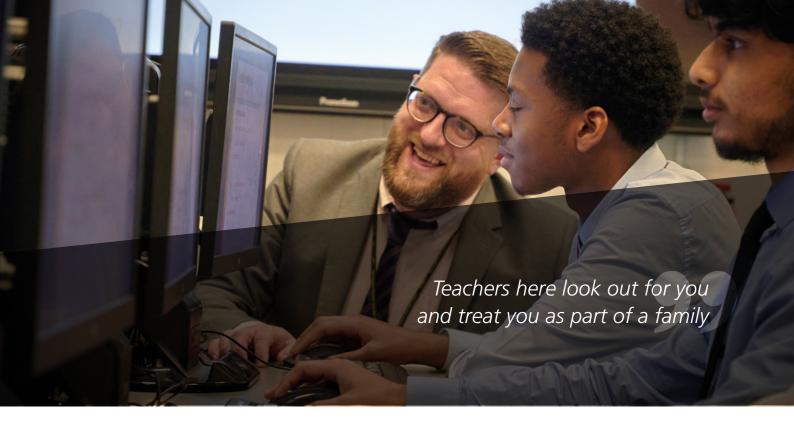
At Norlington we think big. We are moving ever closer to becoming a world class leader in education.

Norlington School has been recognised by the Minister of State for schools as one of the top 100 schools nationally on 3 separate occasions. Building on this success, it is our aim for all our students to enter University or a Higher-Level apprenticeship and that at least one third of our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students will leave Norlington for Russell Group Universities.

This has been achieved consistently for over five years. We have established links to help ensure our students will have the opportunities to access these institutions.

Our success lies in our capacity to provide a supportive environment where students are not just a statistic; here they are treated as individuals by staff who know and care about them.

Norlington is a mixed 6<sup>th</sup> Form and we welcome applications from both male and female students.



# We develop outstanding leaders

We want our pupils to leave the Norlington family ready to face the challenges and realise the opportunities of the 21st century.

This is achieved through our aims:

- ➤ To develop Outstanding Leaders across the 6<sup>th</sup> Form.
- ► To guide our students to achieve exceptional Academic Performance.
- ► To provide outstanding Learning Experiences for every student.
- ► To be the 6<sup>th</sup> Form of choice within the local community.
- ► To ensure every student has access to high quality enrichment opportunities.

# A place where every pupil matters

At Norlington we pride ourselves on creating a supportive and caring environment for our students, making sure that each one of them reaches their potential.

Our academic record speaks for itself, but it is the relationship our teachers have with the students that brings us the most pride.

We are successful because our 6<sup>th</sup> Form is a place where every pupil matters. At Norlington we focus on the individual therefore are able to support and challenge our students more effectively than larger institutions.

Our new 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre opened in September 2019. This is a valuable facility complete with computers, lockers and large workspaces. It is the hub for 6<sup>th</sup> Form activity, where students come to work during study periods or socialise during break times.

The 6th Form Centre has also undergone a complete refurbishment with extra PCs added, new furniture and zonal spaces established for both silent study and collaborative learning. This has enhanced the learning environment and created a space where students can also be self-sufficient with the addition of a kitchen area for making hot food and drinks.





Norlington has prepared me not just for a good education but for life



# Subject choices

Your choice of study at Post -16 is important because it will impact your future, e.g. the University and courses you can apply for. There are three key considerations when choosing a subject:

- 1. You have not only enjoyed but have also been successful in this subject in the past, so you are confident you can achieve highly at Key Stage 5.
- 2. Your chosen career path requires you to have studied this subject.
- **3.** You have not studied the subject before but you are interested in the opportunities the subject provides and are confident that you can take on a new challenge and achieve the entry requirements.

#### Further considerations are:

- ► Ensure that your skills and knowledge base at GCSE will be transferable to the course.
- ▶ Be conscious of the potential challenges which may arise while studying your chosen subject at an advanced level and your management of the academic rigour in your subject.
- ► Ensure you have sought appropriate careers advice and researched your future options to ensure you will leave Norlington having studied the right courses with grades at the required level both at GCSE and Higher Level.

The most important thing that your teachers will be looking for as you make your choices is evidence of your successes at Key Stage 4 and your commitment to your chosen subjects at Key Stage 5.

# Subject entry requirements

SUBJECT GCSE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Level Biology	Biology + one other Science - Grade 6 or Combined Science - Grade 6,6; Maths - Grade 6; English - Grade 5
A Level Business	Maths - Grade 5; English - Grade 5
A Level Chemistry	Chemistry + one other Science - Grade 6 or Combined Science - Grade 6,6; Maths - Grade 6; English - Grade 5
A Level Computer Science	Computer Science - Grade 6; Maths - Grade 6
A Level DT Product Design	Design & Technology in Product Design or Graphics - Grade 6; Maths - Grade 5; English - Grade 5
A Level Economics	Maths - Grade 6, English - Grade 6
A Level English Literature	English Literature - Grade 6; English Language - Grade 6
A Level Geography	Geography - Grade 6; English - Grade 5
A Level History	History - Grade 6; English - Grade 5
A Level Mathematics	Maths - Grade 7
A Level Further Mathematics	Maths - Grade 8 (Must be studied with A Level Maths and as a 4th option subject only)
A Level Physics	Physics + one other GCSE Science - Grade 6 or Combined Science - Grade 6,6; Maths - Grade 6; English - Grade 5
A Level Religion and Philosophy	Religious Studies - Grade 6; English - Grade 5
AAQ BTEC Nationals IT	Maths - Grade 5, English - Grade 5 (Equivalent in size to one A Level)
A Level Physical Education	Maths - Grade 5, English - Grade 5, Combined Science 6,5

# Retake GCSE English / Mathematics

SUBJECT	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
GCSE English /	Students who have not achieved a Grade 4 at GCSE in English or Mathematics can retake their GCSE
Mathematics	qualification alongside appropriate courses

## A Level Biology (AQA)

# Level 3 BTEC Nationals (AAQ) Extended Certificate

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

- 1. Biological molecules
- 2. Cells
- **3.** Organisms exchange substances with their environment
- **4.** Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms
- 5. Energy transfers in and between organisms
- **6.** Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments
- **7.** Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems
- **8.** The control of gene expression

Along with development of practical skills in biology

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ▶ 2 x two-hour written exams, each worth 35% of total A Level
- ► 1 x two-hour written exam worth 30% of total A Level

There are also practical skill assessments throughout the course.

#### **PATHWAYS**

The course can lead to the study of various Sciences at Degree level which include;

Medicine, Physiology, Biological medicine, Biochemistry, Veterinary Medicine and many more

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

The Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Information Technology (Extended Certificate) allows students to study the fundamental knowledge of Information Technology. The qualification is designed to be taken alongside A Levels - it is intended for students that wish to progress into higher education as a pathway to employment.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

There are two examined units and two internally assessed units using a grading scale of Distinction (D), Merit (M), Pass (P), Near Pass (N) and Unclassified (U). The qualification has four mandatory units covering the following topics:

- 1. Information Technology Systems
- 2. Cyber Security and Incident Management
- 3. Website Development
- 4. Relational Database Development

#### **PATHWAYS**

This Digital Skills framework has five categories with specific digital characteristics that apply in varying extent across sectors:

- **1.** Problem Solving The use of digital tools to analyse and solve problems
- 2. Digital Collaboration and Communication Using digital tools to communicate and share information with stakeholders
- **3.** Transacting Digitally Using digital tools to set up accounts and pay for goods/services
- **4.** Digital Security Identify threats and keep digital tools safe

### A Level Business (Edexcel)

# A Level Chemistry (AQA)

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

- **1.** Theme 1 Marketing and people: Students will develop an understanding of meeting customer needs, the market, marketing mix and strategy, managing people, entrepreneurs and leaders.
- 2. Theme 2 Managing business activities: Students will develop an understanding of raising finance, financial planning, managing finance, resource management, external influences.
- 3. Theme 3 Business decisions and Strategy:
  Students will develop an understanding of business objectives and strategy and growth, decision-making techniques, influences on business decisions, assessing competitiveness, managing change.
- 4. Theme 4 Global business: Students will develop an understanding of globalisation, global markets and business, expansion, global marketing, global industries and companies, multinational corporations

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ▶ 2 x two-hour written exams each worth 35% of A Level
- ▶ 1 x two-hour written exam worth 30% of A Level

#### **PATHWAYS**

Many students studying business will go on to study the subject or related subjects at university. A career in finance, banking, the financial sector and retail are popular. May also prepare you for higher level apprenticeships.

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

- 1. Physical chemistry
- 2. Inorganic chemistry
- 3. Organic Chemistry

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- > 2x 2h written exams, each worth 35 %
- ▶ 1x 2h written exam worth 30 %

There are also practical skill assessments throughout the course.

#### **PATHWAYS**

The course can lead to the study of various sciences at degree level which include; Pharmacy, Pharmacology, Forensic Science, Biochemistry, materials engineering and medicine.

# **A Level Computer Science (OCR)**

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

- 1. Computing principles
- 2. Algorithms and problem solving
- 3. Computer systems
- 4. Algorithms and programming
- 5. Programming project

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ➤ 2 x 2.5 hour written exams, each worth 40% of total A Level
- ▶ 1 x Programming project worth 20% of total A Level

#### **PATHWAYS**

The course can lead to the study of Computer Science/ Computing at Degree level as well related subjects including; Software Engineering, Systems analysis, Games Development as well employment in the IT sector

# A Level Design and Technology Product Design (AQA)

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

- 1. Technical Principles
- 2. Designing and making principles
- **3.** Practical application of technical principles, designing and making principles

Course content 1 and 2 are assessed through written exams while course content 3, the non-exam assessment element consists of a written or digital design portfolio and photographic evidence of final prototype. The specification requires students to demonstrate their application of knowledge, understanding and skills of maths and science in both theoretical and practical ways. DT uses maths and science to support decisions made in the processes of designing and making.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ► 1 x 2.5 hour written exam worth 30% of total A
- ▶ 1 x 1.5 hour written exam worth 20% of total A Level
- ▶ 1 x Substantial design and make project worth 50% of total A Level

#### **PATHWAYS**

Product design could take you into a number of exciting career paths. Of course there's product or automotive design. But what about computer generated cartoons? Or maybe CAD for industry appeals to you more? This course could take you into architecture, teaching, manufacturing, advertising or engineering.

### **A Level Economics (Edexcel)**

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

- **1.** Theme 1: Introduction to Markets and Market Failure
- **2.** Theme 2: The UK Economy Performance and Policies
- **3.** Theme 3: Business Behaviour and the Labour Market
- 4. Theme 4: A Global Perspective

#### **ASSESSMENT**

Paper 1: Markets & Business Behaviour

- ► Themes 1 & 3 | 2 hrs | 35%
- ► MCQs, data response, essay

Paper 2: National & Global Economy

- ► Themes 2 & 4 | 2 hrs | 35%
- ► MCQs, data response, essay

Paper 3: Micro & Macro Economics

- ► All themes | 2 hrs | 30%
- ► Data response & essay

#### **PATHWAYS**

Economics supports university study in economics, business, finance, and related fields. Popular career routes include finance, banking, consultancy, and retail.

### A Level English Literature (OCR)

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

- 1. Drama and poetry pre-1900
- 2. Shakespeare: Hamlet
- 3. Webster: The Duchess of Malfi
- 4. Rossetti: Selected Poems
- 5. Comparative and contextual study
- 6. The Gothic Genre
- 7. Shelley: Frankenstein
- 8. Angela Carter: The Bloody Chamber

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- 2x 2.5 our written exam each worth 40% of total A Level
- ➤ 2 x Non-Exam Assessment worth 20% of total A Level - 1 Close reading or re-creative writing piece with commentary and one comparative essay

Over the two years, students study a range of critical lenses and apply them to two texts; one selected and taught by the Department, and one selected and studied independently by the student.

#### **PATHWAYS**

Many students studying English will go on to study the subject or related subjects at university. Careers in Law, management, banking, marketing and education and popular.

# **A Level Further Mathematics (Edexcel)**

# A Level Geography (Edexcel)

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

Pure mathematics: Proof, Complex numbers, Matrices, Further vectors, Further algebra, Series, Hyperbolic functions, Further calculus, Polar coordinates, Differential equations

Mechanics: Dimensional analysis, Work, energy and power, Impulse and momentum, Motion in a circle, Centre of mass, Further dynamics and kinematics

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ▶ 4 x 90-minute exams, each worth 25% of total A Level
- ▶ Paper 1 and 2: Pure Core 1 and 2
- ▶ Paper 3 and 4: Further Mechanics & Decision Maths

#### **PATHWAYS**

Can lead to the study of a Mathematics rich degree, Finance, Economics, Sciences, Engineering and Computing. Some prestigious university courses require you to have a Further Mathematics qualification and others may adjust their grade requirements more favourably to students with Further Mathematics.

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

In Physical Geography, students will study the following components:

- 1. Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- 2. Landscape Systems, Processes and Change
- 3. The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
- 4. The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security
- 5. Globalisation
- Shaping Places
- **7.** Superpowers
- 8. Global Development and Connections

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- 3 x 2.15-hour written exams, combined, worth 80% of total A level.
- ▶ 1 x Geography fieldwork investigation (NEA), worth 20% of total A level.
- ► The student's investigation will incorporate fieldwork data (collected individually or as part of a group) and own research and/or secondary data
- ► The fieldwork, which forms the focus and context of the individual investigation, may be either human, physical or integrated physical-human
- ► The investigation report will evidence independent analysis and evaluation of data, presentation of data findings and extended writing
- Students will be expected to show evidence that they have used both quantitative and qualitative data to support their independent investigation as appropriate to the particular environment and/or location.

#### **PATHWAYS**

The course can lead to the study of Geography at Undergraduate Degree level as well related subjects including; Economics and Sociology. Geography is highly valued by universities as an A Level choice and is considered one of the top facilitating subjects. This is a subject most likely to be required or preferred for entry to degree courses and choosing facilitating subjects will keep more options open to you at university.

# Gold Arts Award (Music) (Trinity College London)

This qualifications allows student to gain valuable UCAS points and a potential reduced offer at Russell Group Universities, whilst complementing their learning.

Learners create a portfolio presenting evidence that they have both developed their own personal music skills and that they have taken leadership of an arts project.

As part of this course students will:

- ▶ Develop their practice as musicians.
- ► Research an Arts issue.
- ▶ Collaborate with artists in another art medium.
- ▶ Plan, deliver and review a project.

The portfolio of the course can be presented in any medium the learner desires.

## A Level History (Edexcel)

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

Students study a Breadth Study with interpretations called in Search of The American Dream, USA 1917-1996. Also, a Depth Study on India, 1914-48, the road to independence.

The Themes Unit is on Industrialisation and British social change and the forging of a new society, 1759-1928.

The coursework element of the course is on the Origins of the First World.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ▶ 2 x 135-minute written exams, each worth 30% of total A Level
- ▶ 1 x 90-minute written exam worth 20% of total A Level
- Coursework is worth 20% of total A Level

#### **PATHWAYS**

History is a respected choice at A-Level fostering the development of skills that are applicable to a wide range of higher education courses and careers.

These include law, Journalism and Media, The Civil Service and Public Policy, Research and Education, Accountancy, and Heritage and Curation careers

### A Level Mathematics (Edexcel)

# A Level Physical Education (AQA)

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

Pure mathematics: Proof, Algebra and functions, Coordinate geometry in the x-y plane, Sequences and series, Trigonometry, Exponentials and logarithms, Differentiation, Integration, Numerical methods, Vectors

Statistics: Statistical sampling, Data presentation and interpretation, Probability, Statistical distributions, Statistical hypothesis testing

Mechanics: Quantities and units in mechanics, Kinematics, Forces and Newton's laws, Moments

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ► Three two hour exams, each worth 33.3% of total A Level
- ► Paper 1: Pure Mathematics Paper
- ► Paper 2: Pure Mathematics Papers
- Paper 3: Statistics & Mechanics

#### **PATHWAYS**

The course can lead to the study of a Maths-based degree, Science, Engineering, Accounting, Finance, Computing, Business Studies, Medicine, plus many more.

Mathematics A Level is highly regarded by employers and higher education institutes

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit all their exams and submit all their non-exam assessment at the end of the course.

- 1. Applied anatomy and physiology
- 2. Skill acquisition
- 3. Sport and society
- 4. Exercise physiology
- 5. Biomechanical movement
- 6. Sport psychology
- **7.** Sport and society and the role of technology in physical activity and sport

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ➤ 2 x two-hour papers, each worth 35% of the total A Level.
- ► Paper 1: Factors affecting participation in physical activity and sport
- ► Paper 2: Factors affecting optimal performance in physical activity and sport
- Non-exam assessment: Practical performance in physical activity and sport: Students assessed as a performer or coach in the full sided version of one activity.
- ► Plus: written/verbal analysis of performance. Worth 30% of A Level

#### **PATHWAYS**

University courses or apprenticeships related to the study of physical education or sports science.

## A Level Physics (AQA)

# A Level Religion and Philosophy (OCR)

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

- 1. Measurements and errors
- 2. Particles and radiation
- Waves
- 4. Mechanics and materials
- 5. Electricity
- 6. Further mechanics and thermal physics
- **7.** Fields and their consequences
- 8. Nuclear physics
- 9. Option module (Turning Points)

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ➤ 3 x two-hour written exams, each worth 33.3% of total A Level
- ► There are also practical skill assessments throughout the course.

#### **PATHWAYS**

University courses or apprenticeships related to the further study of Physics, Engineering, Optometry and Medicine.

#### SUBJECT CONTENT

Students will engage with Philosophy from the Ancient Greeks, including Plato and Aristotle, to more modern ideas put forward by Kant and Wittgenstein. They will learn about varying philosophical issues including Philosophical Thought, Existence of God and the Problem of Evil

The Ethics component covers the origins of Ethical Thought, Applied Ethics, Business Ethics and Globalisation. Students will explore the question what does it mean to be ethical and how can this be achieved.

Developments in Christian thought will take an indepth look at beliefs, values and teachings of the Islamic faith and how they have developed historically.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

- ➤ 3 x two-hour exams, each worth 33.3% of total A Level
- ▶ Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion.
- Paper 2: Religion and Ethics.
- ▶ Paper 3: Developments in religious thought.

#### **PATHWAYS**

Religion and Philosophy is a prestigious A-Level that is highly regarded by Russell Group Universities for its breadth of learning and development of a wide variety of skills.

Students of the Religion and Philosophy A-Level regularly go on excel in their university studies and go on to careers in Politics, Medicine, Journalism and Education. The holistic approach used in philosophy is considered a valuable attribute when applying for Law.

# **Extended Project Qualification (AQA)**

This qualification allows students to gain valuable UCAS points and a potential reduced offer at Russell Group Universities, whilst complementing their learning.

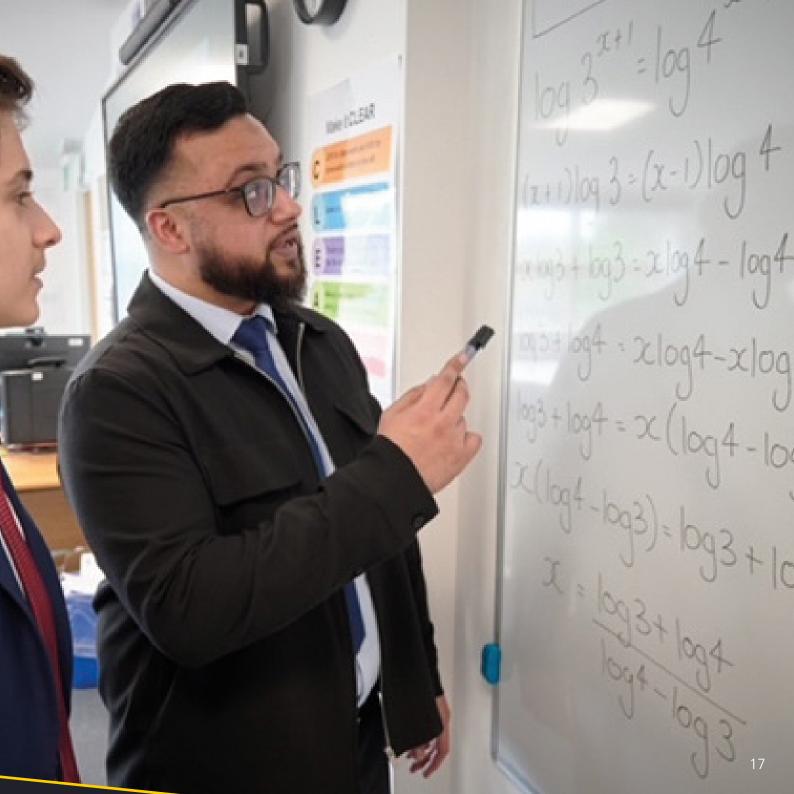
The EPQ allows each student to embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project. Students must choose a topic, plan, research and develop their idea and decide on their finished product.

We encourage creativity and curiosity. A project topic may be directly related to a student's main study programme, but should look beyond the specification. A finished product may take the form of a:

- research based written report
- production (e.g. charity event, fashion show or sports event etc)
- ► an artefact (e.g. piece of art, a computer game or realised design).

The project is assessed through a production log, written report and presentation.











# Achieve



# Your route to a Russell Group university

Every Norlington student should aspire to the best universities in the country and the world. How we help:

- Every student will visit either Oxford or Cambridge University for the day for a campus tour and workshops to support successful applications.
- Mentoring programmes led by Russell Group University professionals.
- ▶ 1:1 University application support programme (including writing personal statements).

- ► A visit to the largest University and Apprenticeship Fair in the UK.
- ▶ Norlington Scholars Programme a training programme unique to Norlington which supports the academically aspirational students attain places at the most selective Universities and employers.

# A platform for success

We aim to ensure that Norlington 6<sup>th</sup> Form continues the high standards of teaching, learning and personal development that our students have become accustomed to.

As a school 6<sup>th</sup> Form, we can continue to provide the supportive, strong relationships, care and structure whilst understanding that our students will require a sense of freedom and responsibility, as they begin their journey into adulthood.

Norlington 6<sup>th</sup> Form should be the natural progression for most of our Year 11s who have grown and developed during their time here.

Norlington 6<sup>th</sup> Form should also be the choice for ambitious young people currently attending other schools who now wish to join one of the most improved schools in the local and wider community. All students will benefit from our personalised approach to Teaching and Learning. The Norlington Family provides a platform for all to be successful and their commitment to stay or join us will ensure that it continues to provide this support for the next stage of their academic journey.

### Celebrating success

For over ten years the school has held a ceremony celebrating the success of its students. Pupils are given awards across a range of subjects, as well as for qualities including leadership and bringing enjoyment to lessons.







# Preparing young people to meet the challenges of the 21st century



If you come to Norlington, we will support you every step of the way – not just towards academic excellence, but also in your personal development.

Our students have recently taken part in:

- Opportunities to work with major international companies such as HSBC, Barclays and Moody's Investors
- ▶ Free gym membership to all 6<sup>th</sup> Form students
- ➤ Tailored and individual careers guidance including interview skills training and leadership development programme
- Opportunities to work with major international companies such as HSBC, Barclays and KPMG
- Overseas ski trip
- Visits to major scientific establishments
- Scuba Diving trip to Egypt
- Product Design trip to New Designers Exhibition
- Work experience week at the end of Year 12 with placements available at leading companies

- ► Biology residential trip for Ecology
- Pre-university summer courses
- Cricket coaching from Essex County Cricket
- Finance advice
- Cooking classes
- National Citizen Service: a programme specifically designed to provide students with new experiences and skills to boost their UCAS statement or CV. It includes a five-day adventure camp, an opportunity to work with local business leaders and charities to develop life skills (e.g. communication, budgeting), and leading a social action project

At Norlington you feel like you are part of something small but special. You wouldn't get that at a big college.





# **Applying**

### The process:

- Open evening: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>
   November 5pm 7pm
- ▶ GCSE results day Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2026

### **External students**

Norlington 6<sup>th</sup> Form is a mixed 6<sup>th</sup> Form and we welcome applications from both male female students.

All students who apply to join the 6<sup>th</sup> Form will be interviewed, and a conditional offer will be made where appropriate.

### Internal students

All internal students will be interviewed during Year 11 by both a careers advisor and a member of the senior leadership team.

Applications can be made at www.norlington.applicaa.com



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# Key dates

### **Open Evening**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 5pm - 7pm

An opportunity for students and parents to find out more about life at Norlington 6<sup>th</sup> Form and the courses we offer.

### How to Apply

To apply for 2026 enrolment, register and complete the online application form at <a href="https://www.norlington.applicaa.com">www.norlington.applicaa.com</a>

#### Interviews

At the interview, we will make you a provisional offer of a place at Norlington 6<sup>th</sup> Form, if we can, and usually attach conditions which match our course entry requirements

### GCSE Results Day and Enrolment

Thursday 20th August 2026

You can confirm your place and complete your enrolment on GCSE results day. This can be done online or by coming in person to the school.

Staff will also be available on this day to support any late applications, though this is on condition that there is available space on the desired courses.



# A Family of Learners

Over the last five years, our 6th Form has grown from strength to strength: now recognised as the number one 6th Form in the borough for academic progress for three consecutive years. Our students consistently aim high and achieve outstanding outcomes.

Almost 40% of our students have progressed to Russell Group universities in 2025, including King's College London, Queen Mary, UCL, Warwick, and Manchester, to study competitive degrees such as Law, Dentistry, Aeronautical Engineering, Pharmacy, and Computer Science. Others have gone on to top institutions across the UK such as SOAS, Leeds, and Goldsmiths, pursuing a diverse range of academic and creative pathways.

Your choice of 6th Form is an important one: not just for the next two years, but for the foundation it sets for your future. At Norlington 6th Form, you'll find expert teaching, personalised support, and a culture of ambition and care. You'll also become part of a close-knit, thriving community — The Norlington Family.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Ms D Kenyon, Head of 6th Form





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