

6th Form



MALVERN
COLLEGE



This is just the beginning

Since 1865 we have been forging an enviable reputation as a leading independent school where self-assured and grounded young adults are shaped with the ability to work with anyone, anywhere. For generations our pupils have influenced the modern world of science, sport, literature and the arts.

Our academic programme is broad and rightly challenging. We teach our pupils a deep and rich curriculum, developing their knowledge and fostering their curiosity. In addition to academic awareness, to thrive in a rapidly changing world, young people need confidence, integrity and initiative. The foundation for developing these characteristics is a stimulating, varied and well-balanced school curriculum. At Sixth Form we offer choice - delivering the International Baccalaureate and A levels alongside a rich balance of super-curriculum and co-curriculum motivation. In recent years our academic programme has expanded to include BTECs.

When pupils enrol in the Sixth Form at Malvern College, they are choosing to invest in their future pathway to higher education and subsequent career. We partner vast opportunities with deep-rooted support ensuring our young people are ready for success.

Jennifer Major

Head of Sixth Form, Malvern College

“A confident, outward-looking school where academic ambition, exceptional pastoral care and a rich co-curricular life combine.”

Which School Advisor, School Review 2026

A destination and a journey

A place of innovation, a seat of
learning, a home away from home

For over 160 years, Malvern has been recognised as a school that is the epitome of a classic English education. A rich heritage of academic excellence is woven into the fabric of our architecture, where ideas can reach new heights, to be as expansive and inspiring as the views.

Take a walk through the grounds and you can feel the vibrations of a noble past, following the footsteps of CS Lewis, Francis William Aston, Edward B Titchener, Baron MacLaurin of Knebworth, James Meade, and Professor Sir Chris Whitty. A new generation of Malvern alumni, who excelled in the classrooms and studios, on sports pitches and under the spotlight, have also paved the way to make Malvern a dynamic school where every pupil thrives.

But above all, Malvern is a home. A safe place where potential is uncovered, where ambitions are discovered, and childhood is enjoyed. Where pupils are encouraged, supported and nurtured. They have every opportunity to achieve – not just academically – so that they can transform their future and the lives of those around them.

160⁺ years





Growth and transformation

Building the self-confidence to step out boldly into the world

Malvern pupils develop confidence, adaptability and resilience. Our young adults are prepared to make their mark, pushing boundaries to transform themselves, and their world.

Through our academic, super-curricular and co-curricular programmes, we teach the importance of the human values enshrined in the 'Malvern Qualities'. All pupils follow the Malvern Award, with Sixth Formers aiming to achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold status.

The principles of our educational philosophy at the College are highly valued internationally. We have developed a worldwide network of schools that serves to extend that global recognition. Across all our family of schools we are able to share best practice, provide extensive international learning opportunities and extend the professional development opportunities for our staff.

As a Sixth Form pupil, you will be involved in the Curiosity & Change-Maker curriculum. This unique curriculum is entirely pupil-led. It enables pupils to individualise their curriculum choice whilst supporting the academic core of their International Baccalaureate, A level or BTEC courses.

“Judging by the hordes of delightful, down-to-earth pupils with big grins on their faces, you get the impression that it is a very happy environment.”

Talk Education School Review



Learning and achievement

Awakening a passion for life-long learning

At Malvern, our pupils do more than just remember and recite facts. By encouraging curiosity and diversity of thought, we ensure each pupil develops a well-rounded approach to learning.

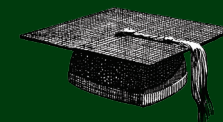
Academic progress is underpinned by a robust support network, while classwork and homework are complemented by a programme of lectures and educational visits designed to inform and inspire.

The Sixth Form nurtures each pupil's research and learning capabilities, preparing them not only for exam success but for life beyond Malvern College. As one of the UK's pioneering International Baccalaureate schools, Malvern has championed the IB for more than 30 years, alongside a broad choice of A level and IB subjects.

Since 2024, BTEC qualifications have further broadened the Sixth Form curriculum, offering greater flexibility and choice. Pupils can combine vocational and academic studies or focus on a particular discipline, creating a programme that reflects their strengths, interests and future ambitions.

“An early champion of the IB, Malvern College draws an international cohort keen to experience a well-rounded, character-building education.”

Talk Education, School Review 2025



Our Sixth Form
academic
programmes

**International
Baccalaureate
(IB)**

A levels

BTEC



Malvern pupils are taking places
at 9/10 top ranked UK universities*
and attending 4 out of the top ten
QS World Ranking Universities.

*Complete Universities Guide 2027

Results and destinations

Providing the tools to succeed as modern leaders.

Our Tutor system provides well-considered academic support for each pupil throughout their school career. Tutors work closely with pupils, providing guidance and support as they navigate their academic and personal development.

With dedicated departments for UK university applications and international universities, including the USA, Canada and Europe, the College provides outstanding support for pupils as they plan their onward journey. Expert staff are also on hand to advise pupils applying to competitive courses such as Medicine and Veterinary Science.

Pupils go on to a wide range of leading universities in the UK and overseas, including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London, London School of Economics, Warwick, St Andrews, Durham, University College London, King's College London and Oxford. Internationally, pupils are able to match their specialist interests with renowned institutions around the world, from Business in Spain and France to Engineering in the Netherlands. Malvern College is a SAT exam centre and is well-placed to prepare pupils for entrance procedures to American universities.

Recent successes include pupils securing sports scholarships at Ivy League universities and a scholarship to study Medicine at the University of Sydney. These destinations reflect the breadth of opportunities available to pupils, with each able to pursue a pathway that matches their individual strengths, interests and ambitions.

Some of our pupils choose degree apprenticeships across the globe; and advice and guidance about the world of work is given to all pupils by independent careers advisors and former pupils.

83% of our International Baccalaureate,
A level and BTEC cohort achieved grades A*-B.

(equivalent at A level)

2026 Results:

171
POINTS

Combining the
2026 IB, A level and
BTEC scores into
UCAS tariff points,
this equates to an
average result of:

A* A* A*
at A level

International Baccalaureate A levels, or BTEC

Finding the right pathway.

With a choice of the IB, A levels and BTEC, Malvern provides extensive guidance to help each pupil choose the pathway best suited to their strengths and ambitions.

There is no single right choice between A levels and the IB. Both courses are academically rigorous. A levels allow earlier specialisation, which may suit pupils considering subjects such as Engineering or Medicine, while the broader IB provides an excellent route into these areas and is particularly well suited to the breadth of the US university system. Both qualifications are widely recognised by universities around the world.

Malvern offers a wide range of IB subjects, with most available at both Higher and Standard Level. Our IB course is also recognised by the Vector School List, enabling pupils to gain full Abitur status, including with Maths SL. Spanish is available from beginners' level, supporting pupils who may be new to learning an additional language.

BTEC offers a practical, flexible pathway through Diplomas in Sport Coaching or Sport and Outdoor Activities, supporting careers in sport, active leisure and outdoor education. Through coursework, projects and practical assessment, pupils apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios and develop skills for further study, apprenticeships or employment.

Our first cohort of BTEC Sport Coaching excelled in 2026,
with many **Double Distinction** achievements..

(equivalent to 2x A grades at A level)



International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB has been available in the Sixth Form at Malvern since 1992 and is recognised as a route to leading universities worldwide.

Structure

Group 1: Language A

Group 2: Language B (Acquisition)

Group 3: Individuals & Society

Group 4: Experimental Sciences

Group 5: Mathematics

Group 6: The Arts & Electives

All All pupils must choose one subject from Groups 1 to 5 with the sixth subject to be chosen from any of the subject groups. Three of these chosen subjects must be studied at Higher Level with the remaining three subjects to be studied at Standard Level. The IB curriculum ensures inter-disciplinary links are drawn across all subjects and pupils are given extensive opportunities for independent learning, supported by highly experienced teachers.

Assessment (coursework) plays a key part in the assessment of all IB subjects and pupils learn to manage their workload and plan their time effectively throughout the programme.

As well as studying their chosen six subjects, all IB pupils must satisfy the IB Core requirements which include the Theory of Knowledge, the Extended Essay and the Creativity, Action and Service programme.

Theory of Knowledge (“ToK”) seeks to promote an inquisitive approach to learning beyond the curriculum. It develops the skills needed by pupils to test the validity of arguments and analyse the strength of evidence.

Each pupil also completes an **Extended Essay (“EE”)**; a 4,000-word research paper on a topic of their own choosing.

Lastly the **Creativity, Action and Service (“CAS”)** component takes learning outside of the classroom and ensure pupils develop new skills by working collaboratively in the service of others.





A levels

Pupils will study either three subjects or four subjects throughout their two years in the Sixth Form.

Malvern offers a broad range of A level subjects and pupils may choose either to specialise in a particular area such as sciences for those wishing to become, for example, doctors or engineers, or offer a wide spread of subjects in the case of pupils who may not be sure what they wish to study in advanced education.

The teaching staff at Malvern offer a great deal of advice to pupils about their choices and their suitability for specific subjects, a particular degree course, or career path. Our aim is to ensure that each pupil chooses the most appropriate subjects, given their abilities and interests, and their longer-term objectives.

A focus on independent learning throughout the Sixth Form aims to equip pupils with the skills and desire to be responsible for their own learning with the ultimate goal of preparing them to perform strongly at university and in subsequent work environments.

A level subjects offered include*:

English Literature

French, German, Greek, Latin, Spanish

Business Studies, Classical Civilisations, Economics, Geography,
Government and Politics, History, Psychology, Religious Studies

Biology, Chemistry, Design Technology, Physics, Physical Education

Mathematics, Further Mathematics

Art, Drama, Music, Photography

*subject to demand



Enrichment
programmes:

- » EPQ
- » Global Perspectives AS
- » Further Maths AS
- » L3 Core Maths
- » MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses)
- » Gold Arts Award
- » Private language tuition



Scholarships and Bursaries

Putting pupils on the path to great heights

Malvern scholars are expected to have the desire and appetite for continual learning, challenging thought processes, being curious, interested, determined and with the motivation to develop intellectually.

We set high expectations for all of our scholars and award holders, not just in the pursuit of excellence but in conduct and behaviour, setting the highest standards and acting as role models within College.

Scholarships are awarded to those with exceptional talent and means-tested bursaries are also available*.

Many of our scholars go on to attend the elite universities of the UK and the world.

“Academic scholars at Malvern are given enormous opportunities to allow them to flourish and fly. Scholars at Malvern take the lead. We expect them to lead both in and beyond the classroom and in the societies.”

*Bursaries are available to UK pupils

*Scholarships are for external applicants



We offer
16+ scholarships:

- » **Academic**
- » **Sport**
- » **Music**
- » **Drama**
- » **Art**
- » **Design & Technology**
- » **Visual Arts**
- » **Photography**



Life in Sixth Form

A transformational learning space

Each pupil has their own needs and their own ambitions. When you're part of the Malvern family, we make sure those needs are understood to help pupils on their journey.

Sixth Form is a stepping stone to university and the wider world. Pupils at Malvern College enjoy freedom and independence, and our House staff are always on-hand to provide that extra bit of guidance when needed.

The Sixth Form timetable means that there is plenty of time for new experiences, co-curricular clubs and opportunities alongside pupils' academic commitments.

As well as outings at weekends and evenings we also have an on-site bar called the Longy, where our Sixth Form pupils can let off steam and meet their friends.

In September 2024, we opened a new contemporary Sixth Form Centre in the Memorial Library. Spread over two floors, it houses a series of versatile areas that are used for independent, self-directed study as well as group and teamwork, providing diverse working zones. It is modelled on the learning spaces found throughout universities, preparing our pupils for life after Malvern College.

“Good news for sixth-formers comes in the shape of a phenomenal new sixth-form centre.”

Talk Education School Review



A second family

Lifelong friendships forged in the Malvern foothills

Boarding provision at Malvern gives pupils the advantages of a transformational education and it helps them develop social skills, emotional intelligence, cultural awareness and an open-minded approach to the society that they are, and will be, a part of. It also affords pupils the space and time in which to grow and thrive, with the support and care of our experienced House Teams.

Naturally, the College recognises the changing needs of contemporary family life, supporting families so they can achieve the optimal balance between school, home life and work commitments. So whilst we are proud of our Full Boarding School status and the opportunities that it offers, we have two further options. Day Boarding is perfect for families who want the benefits of boarding over three nights per week. Day Pupils have extended opportunities to access benefits open to our Boarders.

Upon leaving Malvern College, you join a rich network of contacts and fellow Malvern alumni with automatic and life-long membership to the Malvernian Society. The Society exists to nurture connections and to share experiences. There are regular reunions and events hosted around the globe, allowing you business networking opportunities and career support.

This really is a place where lifelong friendships are forged and run deep.

“The staff know each pupil as an individual.”

Parent, **The Good Schools Guide**

Our houses:

- » **School House** ♂
- » **House 1** ♂
- » **House 2** ♂
- » **House 3** ♀
- » **House 4** ♀
- » **House 5** ♂
- » **House 6** ♀
- » **House 7** ♂
- » **House 8** ♀
- » **House 9** ♂
- » **Ellerslie** ♀



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shaped today.**

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