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# HILBRE T SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



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# <u>WELCOME</u>

### WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU HAVE CONSIDERED JOINING OUR SIXTH FORM.

This prospectus will provide you with key information about our curriculum, entry requirements, sixth form life and success that we have experienced.

At Hilbre we are committed to meeting the expectations and needs of every student and now offer more courses at Level 3 than ever before. We are delighted that the Sixth Form is able to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere that supports and guides students towards their chosen pathway.

We pride ourselves in developing all round students and believe that through the care, guidance and opportunities we provide, each student will flourish during their time in Hilbre Sixth Form.

#### **Paul Hellier**

Assistant Headteacher Head of Sixth Form











# MEET THE TEAM



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### OUR SIXTH FORM IS WELL SUPPORTED BY A RANGE OF STAFF, OUR TEAM CONSISTS OF:

Mr P Hellier: Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form)

Miss E Wafer: Head of Year 12

Miss D Lucass: Head of Year 13

Mrs H Devonport: Student Services Mrs C Randles: (HLTA) Sixth Form SEND

Mrs S Phelan: Academic Coach & Mentor

Mrs C Lewis: Sixth Form Administrator

Ms J Tomlinson: Careers Development & Guidance Coordinator

We are also fortunate to be supported by Edge Hill University, University of Liverpool, John Moores University, University of Chester, the Social Mobility Fund, National Citizenship and many others.

# WHY CHOOSE HILBRE Sixth Form?

## **EXCELLENT RESULTS**

Each year, our results have improved and delivered good progress for our Sixth Form students. Our 2021 cohort secured the following results with the help of excellent teaching and support:



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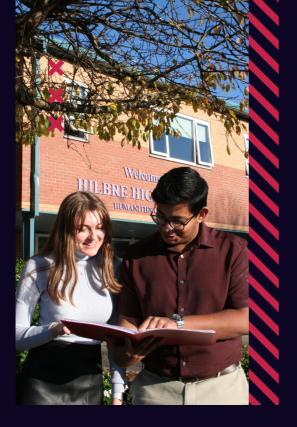
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grade A\*/A

### A TRACK RECORD of success

We have an excellent track record of securing student pathways, whether to Russell Group universities for courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Journalism and Physics or from our vocational qualifications, providing apprenticeships for students in respected careers such as Engineering and Nursing and Policing.



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## INCLUSIVE

We have a team of experienced SEND specialists who ensure that all students receive excellent support during this crucial phase of education. We support students with EHCP and IPFA's and guarantee targeted support throughout their time with us.

## 'ASPIRING SCHOOL And College' status

Studying at Hilbre will enable many students to access to the most competitive courses at university. Hilbre Sixth Formers are eligible for a reduced contextual offer thanks to an initiative to widen participation and access to higher education.



# SUPPORTING YOU \_\_\_\_\_

Student well-being is of paramount importance at Hilbre; support is offered by our wonderful team of Specialist Teaching Assistants, tutors and mentors. All students at Hilbre Sixth Form are guaranteed help to overcome obstacles with any aspect of school life. We offer targeted, 1-2-1 support to all students, with expertise in helping students with special educational needs through our dedicated HLTA who provides timetabled help and guidance. Our students receive Mental Health training and become ambassadors via the 'Hub of Hope' and NHS-accredited scheme to support young people. All students have unlimited exclusive access to a Coach & Mentor who offers academic support and personal development guidance.

# ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Whilst at Sixth Form, students are afforded many opportunities to develop their leadership and team-building skills including: The Duke of Edinburgh Gold award, The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme, Volunteering and Work Experience abroad and Summer School placements. Our students are actively involved in fund raising activities for nominated charities and regularly collect donations for our local Food Bank. The Student Leadership Team arrange wellbeing and socialising activities and encourage students to be involved with Sport, Drama and Music events and of course the Sixth Form Prom!







# HILBRE SCHOLARS

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Students receive specialised mentoring throughout Year 12 to help them consider their options after sixth form. The course offers information and guidance to students who are thinking of pursuing a career in a highly selective field including preparation for pre-admission tests (eg BMAT, UCAT, LNAT) and supporting students applying to Oxbridge.

The course leader works closely with local and national University Widening Participation departments organising subject masterclasses; experience days and career talks.

#### Programme includes modules on:

- Stretch and challenge
- Goal setting
- Russell Group university applications
- Information on entry requirements & introduction to UCAS
- Support and guidance on studying for medicine; dentistry; veterinary science; law including pre- entry exams
- Exploring careers
- Improving critical thinking skills through debating activities
- Improving independent learning skills including exam preparation
- Mental health wellness and how to cope with exam stress

# CAREERS SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

Work-related learning, careers and enterprise education are significant facets of the development and preparation our students undertake during their time in the Sixth Form. We want to prepare them for the highly competitive world of work, training and Higher Education as well as possible and there are a variety of initiatives in place to achieve this.

We have partnered with Mploy Solutions, who are an independent careers, advice and guidance agency, specialising in working with young people and helping them to make informed decisions about further training, education options and career choices. Mploy will run various activities, including mock interview sessions with local employers, CV writing workshops and the compulsory work experience placement for all Year 12 students. The theme of workrelated learning is further supported by an Apprenticeship Evening each January, where students and parents/ carers can meet employers and training providers.

All students in the Sixth Form will have access to one-to-one careers support from our Careers Adviser, Matt Paulson. Matt works for Mploy Solutions and holds a Level 6 Diploma in Careers Guidance and Development. Matt holds one-to-one careers guidance sessions with students and provides them with expert and impartial advice on the range of opportunities available to them. 13

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### A CURRICULUM THAT SUITS YOU

We offer over 25 subjects, with a full range of academic, vocational and performancebased qualifications. This gives prospective students an opportunity to select a blend of subjects that will fulfil their career ambitions.

Alongside studying their chosen subjects, Sixth Formers have access to:

- Directed Study periods which are private study sessions for completion of assignments, coursework and research and are equipped with ICT facilities.
- Common Room use for free periods, refreshments and additional work completion. Our students also have 'home-based study', which entrusts them with some independent learning time on their schedule.
- Free Wi-Fi and Printing.

## **LEVEL 3 COURSES**

5 GCSEs with or Level 2 courses with grade 4 or above, suitability will be discussed at interview. You will ideally have a grade 6 or above in the subject that you want to study at A level. If you have never studied that subject it is important to have good English and Maths grades.

For Sixth Form you will need a grade 4 in GCSE English and Maths.

#### Academic

- Art, Craft & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- DT Product Design
- English (Lit & Lang)
- EPQ
- French
- Geography
- History
  Maths
- Maths
- Core Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish

## VOCATIONAL

- Animal Management
- Applied Law
- Business
- Health & Social Care
- IT
- Science
- Sport

## PERFORMING ARTS

- Acting
- Music (Performance)

We have now forged a partnership with Calday Sixth Form. We are now able to offer Core Maths to students that wish to add an additional qualification into their programme of study. This means we can also provide students with opportunities to study other courses where appropriate.

## **FOUNDATION YEAR (LEVEL 2)**

Prior to entering full time employment or training or progressing onto Level 3 courses, some students may be advised to follow a Foundation Year.

Our Foundation Year is offered to students who wish to improve their GCSE and Level 2 qualifications and help increase their employability skills.

#### This will include:

- GCSE Maths
- GCSE English
- Sport
- Marketing
- Work Experience (1 day per week)

Foundation Year 12 – you will need to have at least 3 qualifications at grade 4 or equivalent at Level 2. If you need to re-sit English and Maths, then this is the ideal pathway for you.

Students who are successful in the Foundation Year will be able to progress to Year 12 Level 3 courses the following academic year.





# DESTIDATIONS

### RECENTLY, OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE ON TO STUDY OR TRAIN AT SOME OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS DESTINATIONS INCLUDING:

Medicine at Liverpool University

Dentistry at Liverpool University

Physics at Manchester University

Robotics and Mechatronics at Loughborough University

Computer Science at Liverpool University

**Biomedical Science** Sheffield University Journalism at Leeds University

Fashion and Buying at Manchester

Sports and Exercise Science at Newcastle University

Apprenticeship PCDA with Merseyside Police

Higher Level Apprenticeship at Jaguar Land Rover

Equine Bioveterinary Science at University Centre Reaseheath



# HOW TO $\rightarrow$ APPLY



Applications will be accepted from the beginning of December, and are to be completed via the school website.

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After you have completed your application, you will then be invited with a parent/guardian to attend an interview following your mock examinations, which take place in February.

We welcome applications from external candidates and we will contact you to be invited for interview; please bring your most recent report to the interview.

After the interview stage, if successful, we will write to you with a conditional offer. Students who meet their conditional offer will be able to enrol on GCSE Results Day, after they have received their results.

We look forward to welcoming your application.

Good Luck!

The Sixth Form Team.

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