THE SIXTH FORM WITH BIG IDEAS
BIG THINGS HAPPEN AT GDA6

We may be a small Sixth Form, but we certainly punch above our weight. A powerful blend of outstanding teaching, aspirational thinking and a positive, friendly environment ensures our students excel. Most achieve their academic goals and fulfill their dream of progressing to university.

OUTSTANDING TEACHING THAT GETS BIG RESULTS

Passionate, dedicated tutors deliver the type of learning that will enthuse you to embrace and excel in your chosen subjects. You are encouraged to explore and voice ideas, and we help grow your self-belief and confidence to become fully engaged in lifelong learning.

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

Mutual and self respect create a strong community, and are fundamental to GDA6. Staff and students create a happy, caring and supportive atmosphere that allows the mature exploration of ideas and the freedom to express those ideas without fear of criticism. We pride ourselves on inclusivity – everyone is treated as an individual and is encouraged to achieve their goals.
WE'RE NEVER TOO BIG TO CARE ABOUT YOU

Unlike many of the other large colleges, everyone at GDA6 knows each other, and everyone is a valued member of a small tight-knit community. No student is left on their own, and help is always on hand from a tutor or any member of staff. Our size also allows us to monitor both your academic progress and well-being. Our aim is to make sure that you are not only achieving your full potential but also enjoying life at the college.

CLASSES ARE SO SMALL YOU CAN THINK BIG

Our smaller class sizes allow your tutors to get to know you better. We recognise that everyone has special skills, abilities and aptitude and are treated as individuals. The tutors and staff know each student inside out and can tailor your learning tasks, and employ a variety of approaches for you during lessons. This helps you progress, achieve and enjoy more and also helps you develop a sense of independence.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE A BIG SAY ABOUT GDA6

A mutual respect exists between the students and staff. Students have an extremely valuable role to help develop every aspect of life at GDA6 and are encouraged to express their opinions. There is a GDA6 Council that meets regularly to represent the students’ views to the Academy, the Headmaster and the Trustees.

A BIG CHOICE... WHICH SUBJECTS WILL YOU STUDY?

Deciding on the perfect subjects is one of the most crucial decisions you need to make to get the most out of the Sixth Form, and to ensure that the qualifications help you achieve your future plans. The curriculum is designed to provide a range of subject options and learning experiences that do just that, and we can advise and help you every step of the way to make certain that you make the right decisions.

We offer a carefully chosen blend of high status academic A levels and vocational BTEC courses which provide an excellent foundation for moving on to the next stage of your career. For full details see our Course Guide.
THIS IS THE START OF SOMETHING BIG.
YOUR FUTURE

GDA6 raises your aspirations to achieve your full potential both in academic terms and in whatever career you choose. Instilling a sense of self-belief helps you set your ambitions high, and removes any barriers in your thought process that may limit your success. We continually stretch you so that you can overcome any obstacles to achieve the best future for yourself, whatever path you choose.

BIG TRANSITION
FROM SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY & BEYOND

We try to make the transition from school to the Sixth Form, then onto university as simple and stress-free as possible. Most of the students who attend GDA6 progress to university. This year 95% of students went to university. This doesn’t happen by chance – there is a planned programme of careers information, advice and guidance delivered by the Sixth Form team to ensure that you receive enough practical help and support. You will also have the chance to gain valuable insight and experience by engaging with universities and graduate employers to be fully prepared for your future career.
It’s a big decision where to study next...

Just talk to us to answer any questions about GDA6

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