

TDA Sixth Form Course Offer September 2026

All students must have a minimum of 6 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and Maths, plus subject specific entry requirement as shown below.

Accountancy	English 5, Maths 5	Health & Social Care AAQ	BTEC L2 H&SC Merit (if taken)
Art (Fine Art or Art Textiles)	Art or Textiles 6	History	History 5, English 5
Biology	Biology 6, Trilogy Science 6,6, Maths 5	Human Biology AAQ	Science 4, 5
Business	Business 5 (if taken)	Maths	Maths 7
Chemistry	Chemistry 6, Trilogy Science 6,6, Maths 6	Photography	Art, Photography or Textiles 6
Computer Science	Computer Science/ ICT 6 (if taken), Science 5, Maths 5	Physics	Physics 6, Trilogy Science 6,6, Maths 6
Cyber Security and Networks AAQ	IT Merit / Computer Science 4 (if taken)	Politics	Humanities 5, English 5
Economics	Maths 6	Psychology	Maths 5, Science 5
English Language & Literature	English Language 6, English Literature 6	Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	RE or humanities 5, English 5
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	By invitation / choice as additional option from Term 3	Sociology	Humanities subject 5, English 5
Further maths	Maths 8: as a 4 th subject alongside Maths only	Spanish	Spanish 6
Geography	Geography or humanities 5	Sport AAQ	Maths 5, Science 5,4, Sport Studies Merit (if taken)

All subjects are A levels unless stated otherwise.

AAQ – Alternative Academic Qualification at Level 3 i.e. equivalent to A level.

EPQ – equivalent to half an A level

About Thomas Deacon Academy Sixth Form



At TDA we are very proud of the achievements of our Sixth Form students who play an active role across our school through leadership, mentoring and acting as role models to younger students. Our Sixth Form ethos and processes are firmly grounded in research enabling our students to develop both their academic knowledge, their skills and their character. Sixth Form students benefit from daily tutoring, with expert tutors who stay with them throughout their time in Sixth Form. These sessions provide students with academic coaching; deliver sessions on wider knowledge and personal development; and support their progression onto the next stage of their education or career for example through applications to university, CV writing and interview skills.

In addition to their academic studies, students have timetabled study sessions across the week in our Sixth Form Study Centre where they can seek help from our Progress Support Officers (PSOs) with managing their workload, revision techniques and target setting. Our PSOs are also able to support students with anything else that may be affecting their progress, such as their wellbeing.

All students have opportunities to visit at least two universities, access our HE Fayre, and participate in more bespoke activities related to the subjects they study and their progression ambitions. These activities include trips to Cambridge University, Chelmsford Medical School, SERN, The AAAS Conference in America, and The Bank of England; in school/visits to theatre productions and exam workshops; and guest speakers from a wide range of universities, employers and charities. Students in our Sixth Form are also encouraged to take part in wider activities including Senior Prefects, CCF, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Extended Project Qualification, volunteering (in school and the wider community), work experience, and sports.

The Sixth Form Team

Mrs M Jackson: *Assistant Principal and Director of Sixth Form*
Mrs C Young: *Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Pastoral and Student Leadership. Head of Year 13*
Mr M Taylor: *Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Academic and Scholars Programme. Head of Year 12*
Mrs A Ali: *Progress Support Officer Year 13*
Miss J Halifax: *Progress Support Officer Year 12*
Mr M Hanif: *Student Support Officer*
Mrs L Athony: *TDA Careers Lead & Sixth Form Careers Advisor*



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High Expectations in a Supportive Environment