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SIXTH FORM
ROCKPORT SCHOOL





Welcome to Rockport

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From nursery to A-Level, the nurturing environment of Rockport, coupled with excellent teaching and wonderful student opportunities, shape and develop who our young people become.

Sixth Form is an important stage of education and we ensure all our students are well equipped for whatever path they may choose beyond Rockport.



A nurturing environment,
where our students grow.



Choosing for
the future

Sixth Form

What it's all about

As Northern Ireland's only fully independent day and boarding school, Rockport remains committed to its traditional goals.

We are an academic school, with a fine record in terms of exam results, and the pursuit of academic rigour – but we are also a school which prides itself on bringing out the very best in all our students, whatever their abilities, talents and interests.

Rockport is unashamedly a small school; our size means that every student knows everyone else – young and old – and our class sizes are much smaller than at other schools. This familiarity and the level of one-to-one attention that each student receives, within the classroom and beyond, is an invaluable way for students to excel at A-Level.

Specialist teaching in a broad range of subjects enables all students to have the right combination of A-Levels for all Higher Education courses, in the UK and overseas.

Our membership of the Round Square association of schools gives our students an unparalleled opportunity to participate in a host of challenges, exchanges and service projects around the world.

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Curriculum

The Sixth Form experience at Rockport is about exploring a new intellectual landscape and offers students two years of rich stimulus in the classroom, a wealth of experience and opportunity outside it, and an ideal preparation for life after school.

The range of academic disciplines is broad and the curriculum is designed so that every student will be able to follow their own interests and to move onto whichever chosen path they wish to follow.

To find out more about our A-Level courses and subjects currently available, please visit:

<https://www.rockportschool.com/sixth-form>

Teaching styles are committed, enthusiastic and individual. Sixth Formers will know their teachers well, not just from the classroom but because every member of staff contributes outside it. Individual revision and help sessions are readily available for Sixth Formers.

Sixth Form is not just about learning in a narrow academic sense; it is about finding oneself and learning self-reliance, how to work independently and how to handle new challenges.





New challenges and
shared experiences

Community builds confidence

Sixth Form boarders live in separate parts of the main House, in attractive accommodation, designed with both home and university in mind.

Sixth Form students can make use of the Sixth Form Centre - a dedicated and private area comprising a quiet study centre and common room where they can chat and relax.

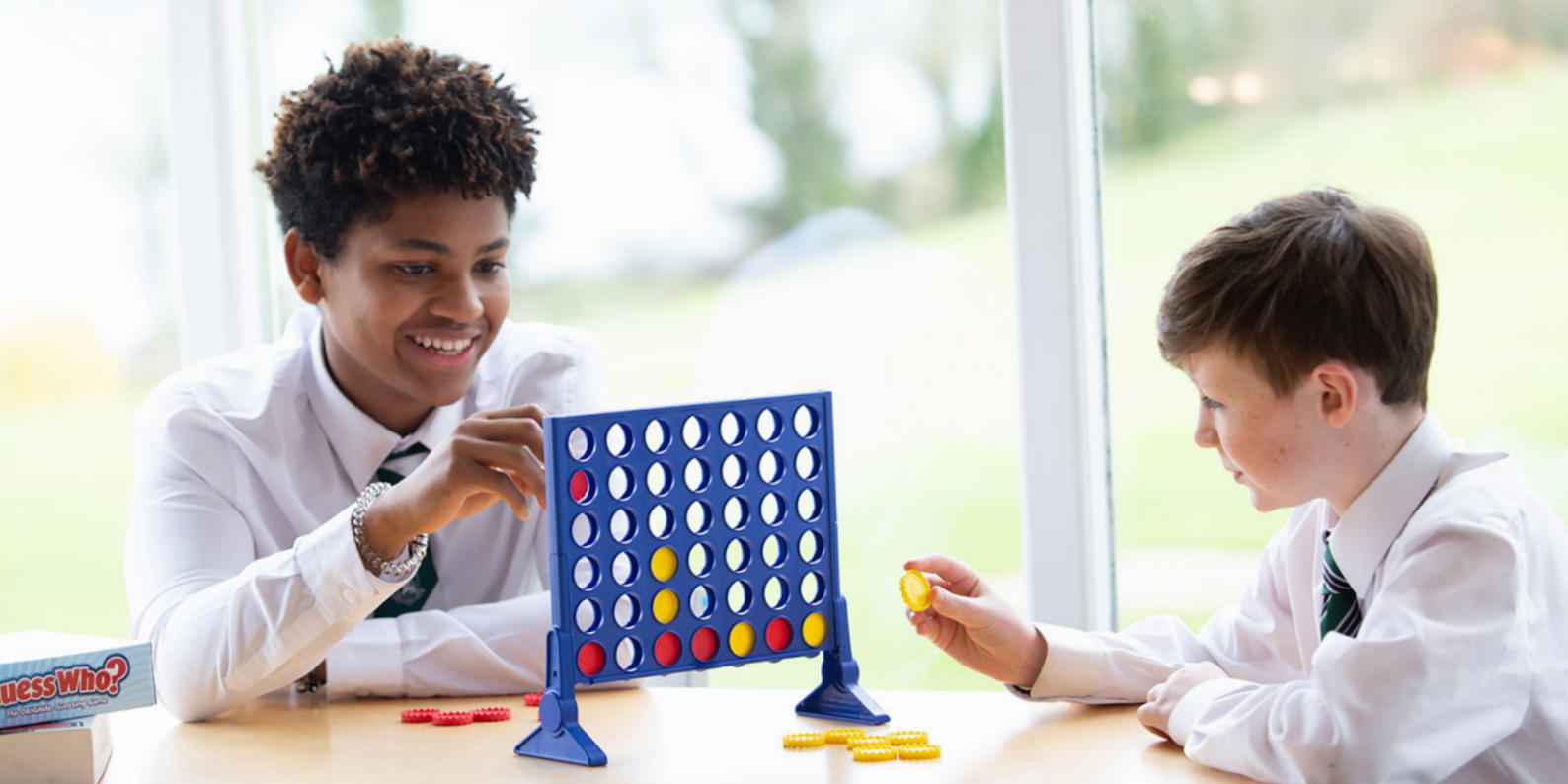
Students are supported in the study centre by the Sixth Form Co-ordinator, who takes an active interest in all areas of Sixth form life.

There is particular emphasis on independence, openness and maturity and preparation for university or further education.

For more information about Boarding at Rockport, please visit;
<https://www.rockportschool.com/boarding>







Enrichment

Our Sixth Form students are provided with many opportunities outside the classroom, providing essential life skills and preparation for life beyond school, be that further education, university or a career path.

Throughout the duration of their Sixth Form study, students are given many valuable opportunities to 'stand out from the crowd', giving them an advantage over their peers.

Coupling a strong academic performance with opportunities to showcase character and experience, is something that sets Rockport students apart from the rest. What are these opportunities?

Our Sixth Form students;

- are guided through careers research and discussion of options for courses and careers
- are supported with dedicated UCAS advice
- undertake at least one week of placement in industry
- have the opportunity to attend networking events
- are introduced to guest speakers offering industry-specific advice
- have the opportunity to travel internationally as members of Round Square
- can take advantage of volunteering opportunities
- benefit from a customised revision skills workshop – unique to their needs
- have the opportunity to be part of our Year 8 Mentoring scheme
- enjoy added responsibility and rewards in recognition for being in Sixth Form

And much more too!



FAQs

What are the entrance criteria for Sixth Form?

The rigorous nature of A-Levels means there is a GCSE (or equivalent) standard that is required for students to move into the Sixth Form — usually having a B grade (or 6) at GCSE in the subjects to be studied at A-Level.

However, the school retains its proud tradition of selecting students on their individual merits, not just the narrow parameters of academic achievement.

Will I fit in if I haven't been at Rockport before?

Rockport is a small and very welcoming place, and this is has always been the school's success. New students quickly feel as if they have always been at the school and there are always a number of overseas students who are also 'new' to Rockport.

How much independence do Sixth Formers have?

The Sixth Form years are a natural stepping stone to life at university and this is reflected in the semi-independent nature of A-Level study at Rockport.

Sixth Formers are responsible for their own learning but structure and early staff intervention will enable important academic thresholds to be met. Sixth Form day and boarding accommodation also acts as preparation for independent living in Higher Education.

How do I apply?

Application should be made as soon as possible and all prospective students will invited to visit the school, to meet current students and staff, and to be interviewed by the Headmaster.



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