

Welcome...



to the **Transition Programme**
@NHSG Sixth Form





Dear Prospective Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Norbury High School for Girls Sixth Form. This booklet has been designed to support you as you consider our **Level 2 Transition Programme**, a dedicated pathway for students preparing to move confidently into Post-16 and Level 3 study.

At NHSG, we are committed to ensuring equitable access to our Sixth Form. The Level 2 Transition Programme is designed for students who are motivated to continue their education at NHSG but who may not yet meet the standard entry requirements for Level 3 courses. It offers a structured, supportive one-year programme that develops academic foundations, personal confidence and independent study skills.

Our vision is to empower young women with the knowledge, skills and self-belief needed to succeed. Through a combination of core GCSE courses, pastoral support and enrichment opportunities, students on the Transition Programme are carefully prepared for progression into Level 3 study at NHSG or, where appropriate, with other local providers.

We combine high expectations with a strong culture of care and inclusion. Our values of Empowerment, Empathy, Excellence and Equality underpin the Transition Programme, ensuring that every student is known, supported and challenged to achieve her potential.

Within this booklet, you will find answers to frequently asked questions about the Level 2 curriculum, entry requirements, progression routes, pastoral support and expectations. We hope it provides clarity, reassurance and a clear understanding of how the Transition Programme supports successful progression into Sixth Form study and beyond.

If you require any further information, we would be very happy to support you.

Kind regards,
Mrs M Hayden
Headteacher



'you'll never know what you're capable of until you take that first step' Natasha Hastings

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What is the Level 2 Transition Programme?

- The Level 2 Transition Programme is a one-year course designed to support students who wish to continue their Post-16 education but do not yet meet the entry requirements for Level 3 study. It provides academic foundations, personal development and a clear pathway into Level 3 courses at NHSG or other local providers.

What subjects are available at Level 2?

- Students study a tailored programme of GCSE and Level 2 qualifications, which may include:
- English (Language or Literature)
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Biology
- Citizenship

What is the purpose of the Level 2 curriculum?

- The curriculum is designed to:
- Strengthen core academic skills, particularly in English and Maths
- Develop independent study habits and confidence
- Prepare students for the expectations of Level 3 study
- Support successful progression within the three-year funded post-16 route

What progression routes are available after the programme?

- Successful completion of the Level 2 Transition Programme can lead to:
- Progression into Level 3 courses at NHSG, where entry requirements are met
- Progression to Level 3 provision with other local providers, if a broader course offer is required
- All progression is subject to meeting academic standards and Sixth Form expectations.

What support is available if a student struggles academically?

- Students receive targeted support through:
- Subject teachers and tutors
- The Sixth Form Team
- Academic intervention sessions
- Structured independent study support and guidance
- The programme is designed to provide close monitoring and early intervention.

How is independent study supported at Level 2?

- Students are explicitly taught how to study effectively. Independent study time is structured and supported through:
- Clear expectations and guidance
- Access to academic resources and intervention directories

What personal development and enrichment opportunities are included?

- Students follow PSHE and personal development sessions focused on:
- Study skills and resilience
- Confidence and wellbeing
- Preparation for progression and future pathways



Empowerment



Equality



Empathy



Excellence

- There may also be opportunities to take part in enrichment activities and external programmes, such as employability and personal development courses.

Are there opportunities to develop employability skills?

- Yes. We are exploring the inclusion of The King's Trust Personal Development and Employability qualification, which supports communication, teamwork, confidence and career readiness alongside academic study.

What are the entry requirements for the Level 2 Transition Programme?

- To be considered, students must have:
- A minimum of 3 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above
- English Language at Grade 3 or above
- Students above 4 GCSEs at 4+ including English/Maths that allows progression to L3 locally will be guided to this option and not considered appropriate for this pathway
- These requirements reflect local post-16 expectations and ensure students are well placed to progress successfully.

How and when do students apply?

- January–February: Applications submitted via the school website
- February–March: Interviews and guidance meetings
- Post-GCSE exams: Induction and transition activities

Where can we find more information?

- Further information can be found in:
- The [Sixth Form Prospectus](#) and handbooks are available on the Sixth Form section of the school website.
- [Croydon Choices post-16 portal](#) and the [My Choices at 16+ brochure](#)
- Careers section of the [@NHSG](#) website

Looking for more help and support, check out [@NHSG](#) here via the QR code

