



# HABERDASHERS' ADAMS



Handbook for Sixth Formers  
2025/26

Welcome to Haberdashers' Adams Sixth Form!

We are a diverse and busy community that looks forward to you diving enthusiastically into our large pool of activities. However, it's essential that you maintain a healthy balance between your academic, extra-curricular and home life and we shall work with you to achieve this.

Our role in the Sixth Form Office is to ensure your time here is as productive as possible so you are prepared for the next stage of life post-Haberdashers' Adams. Whether you are looking at a university degree, an apprenticeship, gap year, job, or anything else, we are here to give you advice and support.

Our door is always open for a chat regardless of whether it's about your personal or academic life.

We hope you have the most wonderful time at Haberdashers' Adams and encourage you to do everything you can to stretch yourself and develop your personal skills. Our motto is 'Follow your Bliss;' find what it is and follow that path – even if it is a little 'different'!



**Mrs Charlotte Harman**  
**Head of Sixth Form**



**Miss Nia Williams**  
**Deputy Head of Sixth Form**

Sixth Form is my favourite key stage as it is a very challenging but rewarding time. I have worked with Sixth Form pupils for over 20 years, both as a tutor and Head of House. I have been Head of Sixth Form since 2019.

We will work you hard and expect you to get stuck in from day one; there are so many opportunities on offer at Adams. There really is something for everyone.

Whilst you are in our Sixth Form, you will be preparing for life after Adams; this may be going to university or straight into the world of work – whatever your choice, we will support you all the way.

I look forward to guiding you towards your goal and wish you a very enjoyable and successful two years with us!

I have been Deputy Head of Sixth Form since 2015 and am also a Sixth Form tutor in Talbot House. In addition to my Sixth Form duties, I am Head of Religious Studies and Philosophy, and was formerly Deputy Head of Talbot House.

I thoroughly enjoy my role in the Sixth Form; it is a real privilege to be in a position to support and guide you through your A Level journey and to prepare you for life beyond Adams. We operate an open-door policy in the Sixth Form office; you are always welcome to come and talk to us and we will do our best to help and support you.

# Meet the Student Team

## School Captains 2025-26



**Arjun Toora**



**Nicole Florek**

Hello everyone, we are your two school captains, Nicole and Arjun. To begin with, well done on your GCSE results, achieving such grades and getting a place at Adams' is not an easy task. Our role is to bridge the gap between us as the student body and our teaching staff, we are always here if you have any questions or need advice for sixth form. For some of you, you will be continuing your Adams' journey, and for some, it will be a new beginning. Whether you have been here for 5 years already or just a few open days, we encourage you to get involved with everything sixth form has to offer and seize every opportunity which comes your way.

For any questions and advice, please do not hesitate to contact us, you can message us through our personal emails, [arjuntoora@outlook.com](mailto:arjuntoora@outlook.com) and [nicoleflorek4@gmail.com](mailto:nicoleflorek4@gmail.com) - we look forward to seeing you in September!

Message from Nicole:

Hey everyone! Huge congrats on getting into Adams – that's an amazing achievement, and you should all be super proud of yourselves!

I'm Nicole Florek, and I'll be your Head Girl this year. I take Biology, Chemistry and Maths, and I'm also really into sports. I know some of you might be feeling a bit nervous about starting sixth form – whether you're completely new to Adams or you've been here before, it's totally normal. But hopefully, those nerves are mixed in with a bit of excitement too. There's honestly so much to get involved in here, from clubs and societies to rehearsals, events and everything in between. Adams isn't just about the grades (although yes, they're great!) – it's about the experiences, the people, and the memories you'll make along the way.

To the new girls joining us – welcome! I genuinely think Adams girls are something special. The friendships, support and laughs you'll share here are unmatched, and they'll stick with you long after sixth form ends. If you've got any questions, worries, or just want a chat, please don't hesitate to reach out – either to me or to Arjun (he's your Head Boy and honestly one of the friendliest people you'll meet). We're both here to help however we can, and we're really looking forward to meeting you all!

See you soon!

Nicole :)

Message from Arjun:

Hello everyone! I hope you're all doing well — and congratulations on making it into Adams! Excellent choice, by the way. I'm Arjun, and I take Maths, English, Economics, and Music. I'm really honoured to be one of your school captains this year, and I can't wait to get to know all of you.

The first few days and weeks might feel a bit overwhelming — that's totally normal. But trust me, it'll all be worth it. Adams offers a smorgasbord of opportunities for every single one of you, so make the most of your time here — it goes by fast! If I could give you one piece of advice, it would be this: get involved in as much as you can. Whether it's clubs, music, sport, volunteering, or our legendary inter-house drama competition, the Dixon Cup (which is coming up soon!), dive in and give things a go.

Nicole and I are always here for you, whether you've got questions or just want a chat. I often see Nicole playing cricket with the younger years, so you'll quickly realise she's up for anything! I'm really looking forward to meeting you all in September — and hopefully seeing some of you join the Music department too! See you soon!

– Arjun

## Deputy School Captains



**Jack Stevens**



**Jayden Chahal**



**Esme Oldroyd**



**Ella Russell**

Hello and welcome to Adams Sixth Form! We are your Deputy School Captains this year and are really excited to help support you throughout your Adam's journey!

Our main role as deputies is to offer a helping hand to the School Captains, and other staff around school, but you'll probably see us at the front of the school assembly most of the time. A big part of our job is working with the School Captains and Headmaster to help improve the school, so if you have any ideas or concerns, we're here to listen and help in any way we can.

There are four of us this year, two new entrants and two old boys, so we all have different experiences of Adams and the Sixth Form in general! The one thing we all have in common though is that we love getting involved and are happy to chat at any time about anything, so feel free to say hi if you see us around school!

While Adams is really keen on academics, we all do so much outside of the classroom, including the school musical and play, helping to write the school magazine, sports teams and of course, house events like Dixon Cup and House Music.

This is just the beginning of your Sixth Form journey, but it goes by SO quickly, so make the most of every opportunity thrown your way, and you will enjoy every minute of this year.

We are so excited to get to know you all this September and can't wait to see what you will all bring to the school!

## Boarding Captain



**Nok Kan Norton Mo**

Hello and welcome to Adams!

I'm delighted to be your Senior Boarding Captain for the upcoming year and to be part of your journey in this wonderful school and community.

As for my role, I'm here to support you as a boarder—from daily routines to academic challenges. I'll do my absolute best to assist you and help make your boarding life both enjoyable and memorable. Please don't hesitate to come to me for advice or with any questions—my door is always open.

In addition, my role involves acting as a bridge between the boarding community and the school. As the representative of Boarding, I will ensure that your concerns are raised and addressed in various meetings with staff. So once again, feel free to talk to me about any issues, no matter how big or small they may seem.

Throughout the year, there will be a variety of activities for you to take part in, from cinema trips to paintballing. These events will help you settle in and connect with new friends. I've made life-long friendships here, and I believe you can too. Embrace this unique experience and make the most of this special opportunity.

I look forward to meeting you in September!

## House Captains



**Aayush Deshpande**  
**DARWIN**



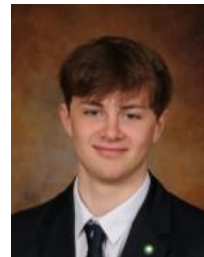
**Neason Tai**  
**OWEN**



**Ferdia Tindal**  
**SA'ADU**



**Yaw Osei-Asabere**  
**TALBOT**



**Henry Shaw**  
**WEBB**

Welcome to Adams, and most importantly, welcome to your new house! Each one of you belongs to one of five houses- Darwin, Owen, Sa'adu, Talbot or Webb led by their respective house captains and a brilliant front team serving in various roles. These groups in all your houses are there for you- there to help you settle well into the school system and to support your journey here at Adams. Throughout the year, the vast majority of you will be involved in different house competitions scoring you points needed in the race for the ultimate prize, the Chaloner trophy. The house events range from academics to sports- and even performing arts. These competitions emphasise the school's ethos and brings pupils together through teamwork and perseverance. Sounds exciting right? So get stuck in and together, let's make this year better than the last!



Leon Dobson  
CCF Senior Cadet

Hello all, my name is Leon and I have the honour of being your Head of CCF (Senior Cadet) for this year, congratulations on making it into Adams! You'll have an amazing time. I am excited to welcome you into the school and hopefully the CCF for this upcoming academic year. My main role is to make sure you get involved in all the opportunities and experiences that the CCF and Adams has to offer, ranging from Flying, shooting and fieldcraft, to camps and competitions. My biggest piece of advice is to get stuck in with everything even if you think you may not enjoy it, try it first. Whether it's just to fill your Fridays with an activity, or genuine interest, the CCF has something for everyone, with progression through the ranks and lifelong skills. If you have any questions about it feel free to come find me and ask at any time. Good luck!

## **Higher Education and Careers for Sixth Formers**

You may have already given some thought to what you would like to do when you leave school, but do not worry if you are still undecided. At Haberdashers' Adams, university study is preferred by most of our students but you should explore other alternatives. Which career would you like to pursue? What university course would you like to study that might be most appropriate for your aspirations? It is essential that you ensure the A Level subjects you have chosen adequately to prepare you for your course/career. You must consider future options during the Lower Sixth year and make definite decisions well before the end of Lower Sixth or, if you can't make up your mind, then consider taking a gap year. There are about 170 Higher Education Institutions in the UK offering more than 50,000 courses, so explore the options thoroughly.

Throughout this process, your Form Tutor, Head of House, Head of Sixth Form and Deputy Head of Sixth Form are available for guidance.

## **What we expect from you as a Sixth Former**

### **Registration**

You must register, in the morning and the afternoon, with your form tutor or, in the case of form prefects, sign in at Reception. If you arrive late, you must sign in at Reception with a reason for your late arrival. You should attend all timetabled activities including lessons, form periods, lectures and assemblies.

### **Attendance**

Attendance at all lessons, registrations, assemblies and form periods is compulsory. Full participation in all A-level and AS-level courses, the Extended Project Qualification and Wednesday afternoon games is required.

The target for attendance is 100%, i.e., no academic time is missed. However, in addition to illness, it is accepted that during the Sixth Form, you will wish to spend some time visiting universities. This must be planned sensibly with minimum disruption to academic time and 48 hours' notice must be provided for the absence to be authorised. As a guide, we will normally only authorise three days for careers and

university visits (most universities have open days at weekends). It is not taken as a given that all requests to attend open days during school time will be authorised; each request will be assessed on an individual basis and consultation between the Head of Sixth Form and Head of House may be necessary.

An investigation will take place into those with below 90% attendance for the reasons for such low levels. If no good reasons are clear for this then pupils will be charged for their exam entries. Those with a high percentage of unauthorised absences are most likely to be charged. If attendance is above 90%, the first sitting of each examination is paid for by the school. If the Head of House notices a pattern of late arrivals to school, the student will be required to sign in with the Head of Sixth Form at 08:45am for a week.

### **Leaving the school site**

You may go into town at break and lunchtimes. During school hours, you **MUST** scan in/out in reception **using your ID card**. You will not be able to leave the site without your card (you cannot sign out manually). Failure to follow this rule will see a revocation of this privilege for a period of time as agreed between your Head of House and the Head of Sixth Form. Scanning in using this method is not an acceptable substitute for attending registration, and this facility will not be available on Wednesday afternoons as all students will sign in with the head of their chosen Games activity.

### **Early Departure**

**Upper Sixth** students, with no afternoon lessons, may leave school to return home, following afternoon registration and not before. You must have no other commitments at Haberdashers' Adams such as lessons, games activities, prefect duties or any other school-organised activity. You should sign out before departing. This privilege may be withdrawn if any part of your Sixth Form life at school becomes a cause for concern.

### **Absences**

All planned absences, including for university open days, must be requested by emailing [absence@adamsgs.uk](mailto:absence@adamsgs.uk) at least one week in advance. Medical appointments should be made outside the school day unless it is an emergency. Please e-mail full details of any appointment and provide a copy of an appointment card or letter using the above email address or bring it to Reception. If no supporting information is provided, the absence will be treated as unauthorised. You will then receive an e-mail from the School Administration Team advising you of the decision made by the Head of Sixth Form. Please be aware that we do not authorise students to attend driving lessons or take holidays during school hours; we only authorise absence for work experience in exceptional circumstances.

### **Study Periods**

Unlike when studying for GCSEs, in the Sixth Form you have some time during the week when you do not have lessons. These periods are not for socialising – they are there for you to do some wider reading, consolidate notes or research. You are expected to work in the Library or Sixth Form Centre during study periods.

### **Sixth Form Centre**

Use of the Sixth Form Centre is a privilege. You are expected to treat it with the utmost respect or that privilege will be withdrawn. There are areas for relaxation and quiet socialising during break and lunch. The upper floor is intended for quiet study. You are expected to follow these guidelines so that the Sixth Form Centre remains a pleasant environment for all:

- Treat everyone with respect
- Put all rubbish in the bins provided
- Refrain from consuming fried/smelly foods
- Refrain from shouting/rough play
- Do not play with sports equipment
- Do not play music during study periods
- Do not play games (cards, video, chess, etc.) during study periods
- Keep feet off the furniture

## **Games**

Participation in some form of sporting activity on Wednesday afternoons is compulsory. A wide variety of sports is available and there should be an activity to suit everyone. If unable to participate, you must provide a written note or email from parents regarding the reason why and then it will be decided by the activity leader whether you will help/watch the activity or go to the library to complete work. This must be done by the day before unless unavoidable.

Mentoring and outreach opportunities will be available for Upper Sixth students from September onwards during games. This is through prior agreement with the Outreach Manager. Mentoring opportunities for the Lower Sixth will be offered after the first half term.

**Sixth Form Dress Code:** Please see the School Uniform Policy for more details

The school uniform is designed to reflect a business or professional environment and you are required to wear it appropriately.

*For items marked ‘\*,’ examples of what is deemed appropriate are available from the school shop. Items marked \*\* must be purchased from the school outfitters – blazer and girls’ skirts with the school logo*

## **All students**

- Blazer\*\* – navy blue, HA
- Trousers\* (boys and girls) – black, office-style (no jeans, leggings, cropped or ‘drainpipes’)
- Jumpers\*, cardigans, waistcoats – black, v-neck
- Shoes – smart, black, polishable, low heel (no boots)
- Belts - black; buckles small and inconspicuous
- Jewellery – discrete. *One small stud may be worn in the lower part of each earlobe only. No other earrings or facial piercings are permitted. Bracelets and large jewellery items are not tolerated.*
- Make-up and nail varnish – subtle/business-like.
- Hair – clean, tidy, off the face and avoiding extreme styles; only natural colours if dyed
- Coats, hats and gloves may be worn outside (coats must be on top of the blazer)
- Hoodies/sweatshirts may only be worn as part of games kit

## **Boys**

- Shirt – white with standard collar; formal in style (top buttons to be fastened)
- Tie\* - HA Sixth Form
- Socks – black
- Beards – neat, tidy

## **Girls**

- Skirt\*\*– black cloth with school logo (only available from the school outfitters) These must be to the knee and not shortened
- Trousers - black, office-style (no jeans, leggings, cropped or ‘drainpipes’)
- Blouse\*– white
- Tights – plain black or flesh-coloured (no patterns)
- Socks – black ankle socks

*We understand that some pupils may not identify as either male or female, and some students may identify as a different gender to the sex that they were assigned at birth. In such instances we would seek to support these pupils as much as we can, and so pupils/parents should contact the Deputy Head (Pupil Welfare) in the first instance.*

## **Games Uniform**

At games you will need to wear a school polo shirt or a v neck T shirt. You will also need to have tracksuit bottoms or shorts.

In choosing what is worn to school (**including mufti days**), you should ensure that you look smart and co-ordinated. The Headmaster and Head of Sixth Form are the final arbiters of what is acceptable, which will be judged on an individual basis. Failure to comply with regulations regarding uniform or appearance could result in you being asked to remove the item where appropriate and/or it being confiscated. Persistent infringement of these guidelines firstly results in you being removed from timetabled activities and may result in you being asked to leave the school site until the issue is sorted out.

Uniform can be obtained from The School Shop Direct: Unit 13, Sundorne Trading Park, Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 4NS. Telephone (01743) 440449, email [info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk](mailto:info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk), website [www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk](http://www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk)

## **Lunch**

You may eat in the Dining Hall, buy food from the Sixth Form Bistro or from shops in town. Sixth Formers using the Dining Hall are expected to queue along with other members of the school. We operate a cashless catering system in the Dining Hall. Money can be added to your account via ParentPay. You may pay with cash in the Sixth Form Centre Bistro. Those students eligible for free school meals can be catered for in both areas.

## **Driving**

There is no parking for Sixth Formers at the main school site. You are requested to respect the school's neighbours by parking in a manner that does not block driveways or business access. We recommend the free car park on New Street. **Any use of your vehicle during school hours is at the discretion of you and your family.** The school takes no responsibility for your use of any vehicle – either as a driver or as a passenger. Those who have permission to drive to Longford for games/activities must use the bottom car park.

## **Addictive substances**

Alcohol, tobacco and recreational drugs are not permitted on the school site.

**Consumption of the above during the school day (even if off site) will result in an investigation and a sanction.**

## **Sanctions**

It is unusual that a Sixth Former will face any form of sanction. However, where appropriate, the following may be used at the discretion of the teaching staff:-

- Lunchtime detention (30 minutes)
- After-school detention (30-60 minutes)
- SLT detention (2 hours after school)
- Removal of Sixth Form privileges (e.g., not being allowed out of school during the school day)
  
- Requirement to spend study periods in the Library
- Internal suspension
- Close supervision by the Head of Sixth Form
- External suspension (temporary or permanent)

## **Progression from Lower Sixth to Upper Sixth**

Students at this school normally progress from the Lower Sixth to the Upper Sixth without difficulty. Occasionally, however, students do not make appropriate academic progress in the Lower Sixth and we then offer a range of alternative options to ensure that students do not continue to final A-level examinations when they are unlikely to pass them. Exceptions to the entrance and progression criteria will be based only on extenuating circumstances such as major illness or particularly difficult personal circumstances.



**We hope you have a fulfilling two years that prepare you for your next adventure beyond Haberdashers' Adams.**