

Richard Hale School

Sixth Form Presentation 2026

400 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Welcome to the school

Ian Hawkins

Headteacher



Outcomes 2026

B-

Average overall grade

Distinction

Average BTEC grade

A level	2024	2025	2026
A*–A	33%	23%	**25%**
A*–B	61%	50%	**56%**
APS per entry	38.64	35.04	**36.24**
BTEC grade	Distinction	Distinction	Distinction



Destinations:

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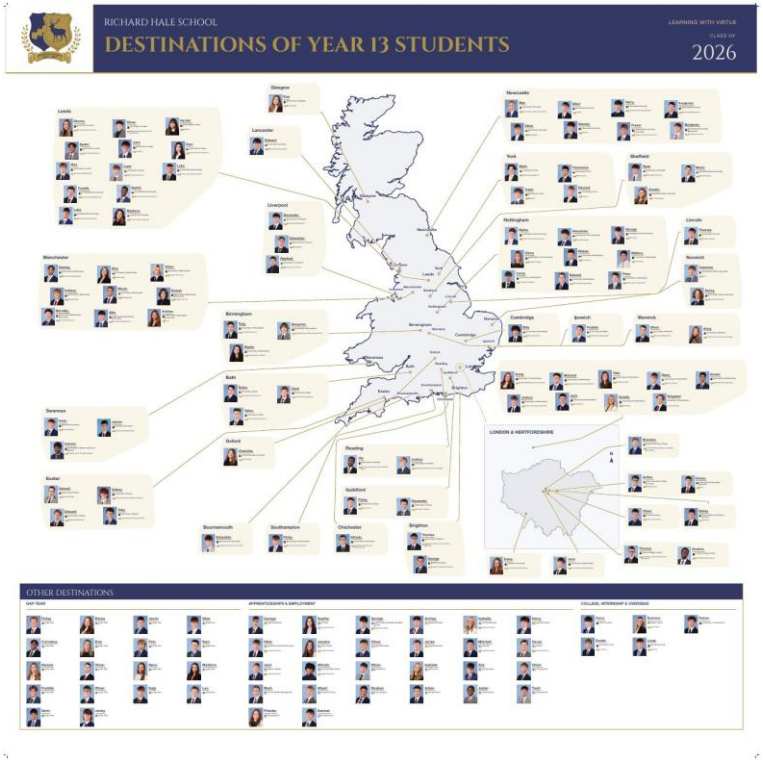
Russell Group university places

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Oxbridge – in 2026: Cambridge Natural Sciences

From Glasgow to Exeter, including:

Cambridge	UCL
King's College London	Warwick
Bath	Manchester
Leeds	Nottingham
Birmingham	Exeter
York	Newcastle
Southampton	Royal Veterinary College



See the full poster in the Dining Hall

Success beyond Sixth Form

Degree and higher level apprenticeships

Deloitte	Airbus
BBC	Chubb
Dow Jones	MBDA
Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Trust	Neilcott's Quantity Surveyors





A student’s perspective

Head Boy and Head Girl 2026



Zahraa Khaled

Head Girl 2026



James Price

Head Boy 2026

From Year 7 to Year 13



Year 7



Year 13

Seven years of growing up, Sixth Form at Richard Hale.

Senior Students

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

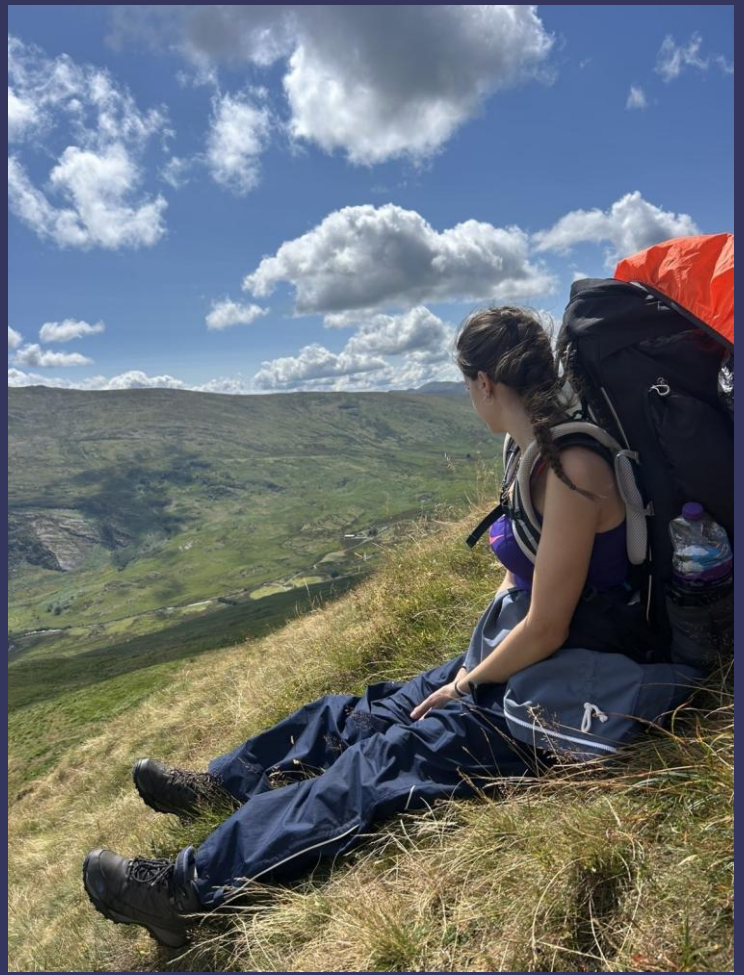
Senior students lead on initiatives, run House events, engage younger students in fundraising and present in assemblies.

- **Head Students**
- **School Captains**
- **Subject Ambassadors**
- **House Captains**



Enrichment Opportunities

- Duke of Edinburgh
- Sports Leaders
- Core Maths
- Languages for Business
- EPQ
- Sports Academy
- MOOCS



From Year 7 to Year 13





Seven years of growing up, learning and leading at Richard Hale.

Life in our Sixth Form








Mentoring

Volunteering

Study support

School events

Role models

"Thank you for encouraging, supporting and inspiring our son throughout his time at Richard Hale. We are very proud of his contributions, achievements and amazing results."
Parent

Trips, visitors and competitions

History Trip to Warsaw



Winners at the Rotary Club Competition





MP Josh Dean Visits



Geography Field Trip

What to expect…

Mrs Gallagher

Deputy Headteacher





Richard Hale Leavers



Why Sixth Form at Richard Hale?

- Challenge
- Personal growth
- Pastoral support
- Friendship + respect
- Success

Ofsted

“Sixth form students serve as role models and mentors.”

“Pupils live out the school’s vision of ‘learning with virtue’. They have thoughtful opportunities to develop their character.”

“Pupils’ experience extends beyond the academic. There are extensive extra-curricular opportunities.”



Choosing the right course for you…

- New Subjects
- Facilitating subjects
- Coursework subjects
- Extended writing subjects
- Complimentary subjects
- Practical subjects



Three routes. One Sixth Form.

Academic

A levels

3 A levels (4 with Further Maths)

ENTRY

APS 5.0

+ the grade required for each A level subject

NEW

Combined

BTEC + A levels

A BTEC with one or two A levels

ENTRY

APS 4.5

+ the grade required for each A level subject

Vocational

BTEC only

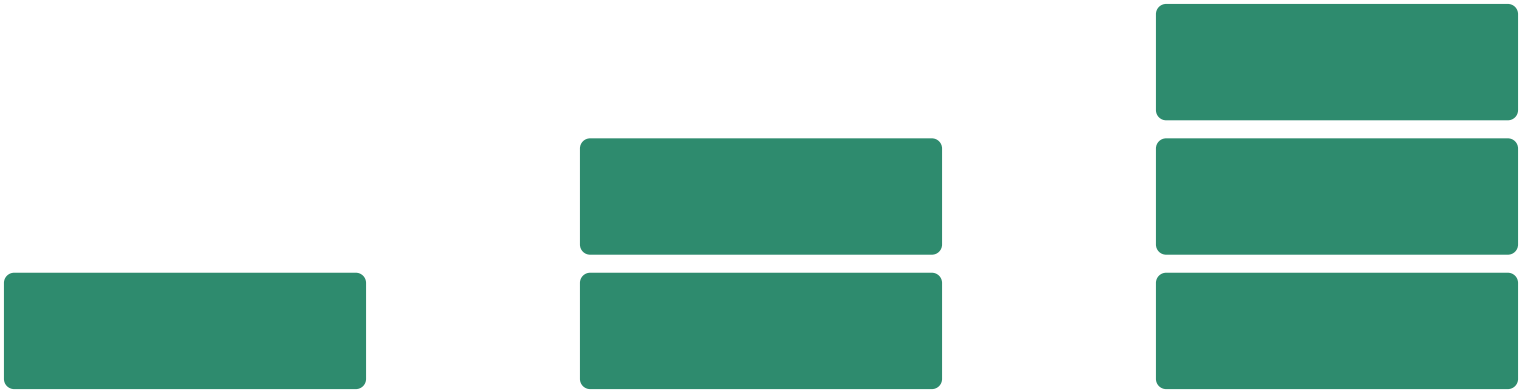
A full BTEC programme

ENTRY

APS 4.0

+ grade 4 in English and Maths

BTECs come in three sizes



Extended Certificate

Equivalent to 1 A level

Diploma

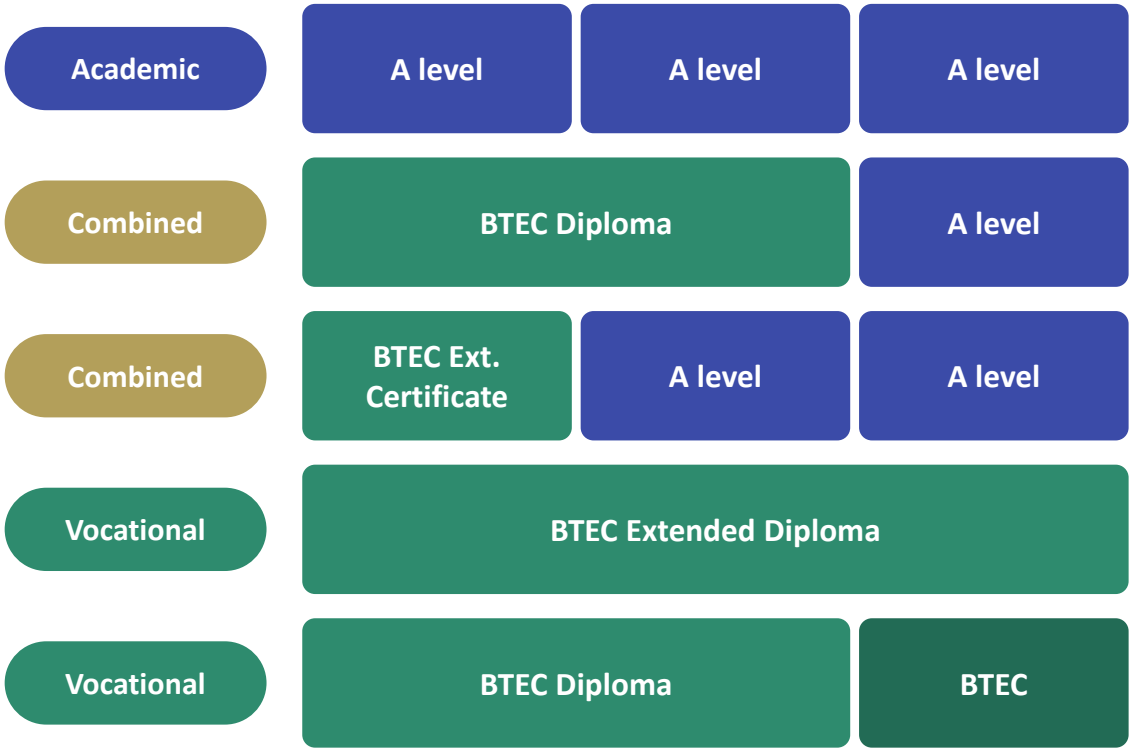
Equivalent to 2 A levels

Extended Diploma

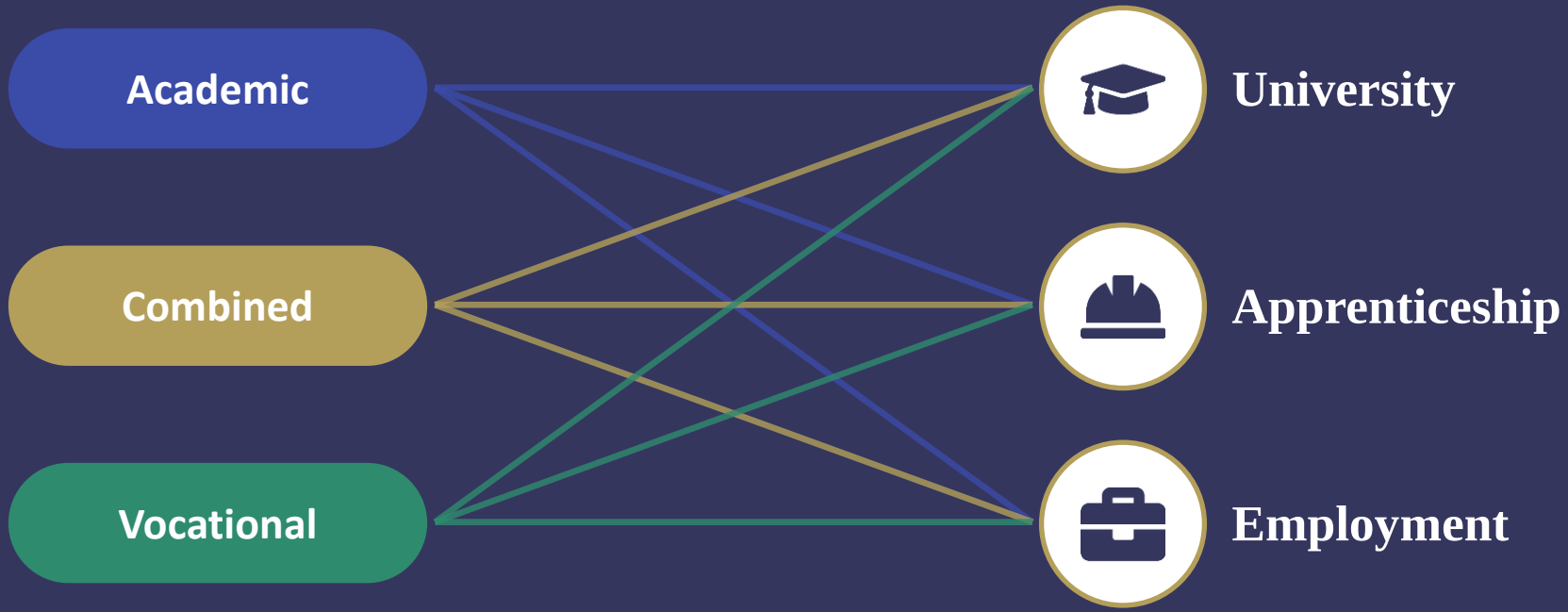
Equivalent to 3 A levels

Each block is the same size as one A level.

How the pieces fit together



Every route opens every door



The most important thing: choose subjects you will enjoy and do well in.

Entry criteria

Average Point Score (APS)
Add the points for each GCSE, then divide by the number of GCSEs taken. Use the latest progress report.

APS 5.0

1. Academic route

APS 4.5

2. Combined route

APS 4.0

3. Vocational route

For each A level: grade 6 in the subject (or a related subject); grade 7 for Maths; grade 8 for Further Maths.

Sciences and Maths: if considering Maths, Biology, Chemistry or Physics, we highly recommend an APS of 6+.

GCSE grade	Points
9	9.0
8	8.0
7	7.0
6	6.0
5	5.0
4	4.0
3	3.0
2	2.0
1	1.0

Make an informed choice

Choose subjects you enjoy, but be mindful of next steps. Class of 2026:



Billy

University of Cambridge

Natural Sciences

Studied: Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Further Maths and EPQ

Cambridge



Darcey

University of Leeds

Economics and Finance

Studied: Geography, Maths and Economics

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Ibrahim

King's College London

Biomedical Engineering

Studied: Physics, Maths, Economics and EPQ

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Anna

University of Warwick

Politics & International Studies

Studied: Business, Politics, Geography and EPQ

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Darius

UCL

Law

Studied: History, English Lit, Economics and Sports Leaders

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Benjamin

University of Birmingham

Engineering and Physical Sciences

Studied: BTEC Science and EPQ

Russell Group

Creative, sport and health

A huge range of courses: these students followed what they love.



Madison

Leeds Arts University

Comic and Concept Art

Studied: Art, Product Design and Psychology



George

BIMM University

Musical Theatre and Dance

Studied: Drama, History, Psychology, Sports Leaders and EPQ



Harry

University of Hertfordshire

Sports Therapy

Studied: BTEC Science



Amelia

Sheffield Hallam University

Physiotherapy

Studied: PE, Biology and Psychology

Apprenticeships

Earning while learning, with leading employers.



Mitchell

Deloitte

Apprenticeship

Studied: Maths, Media, PE and EPQ



Oscar

Airbus

Apprenticeship

Studied: Computer Science, Maths, Physics and EPQ



Jack

Balfour Beatty

Apprenticeship

Studied: BTEC Science



Jessica

Dow Jones

Apprenticeship

Studied: German, Maths, Economics and EPQ



Choosing the right courses

Think about…

- New subjects
- Facilitating subjects
- Coursework and practical subjects
- Extended writing
- Complementary subjects

Research beyond Sixth Form

- UCAS
- Which? A-level Explorer
- Russell Group: Informed Choices



What next?

- Visit the school website
- Course descriptions and videos
- Life in the Sixth Form and testimonials
- Complete the online application form

Application deadline

23rd November







Respect others
Aim High
Show commitment










Thank you.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

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