

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN DAY

Today is an opportunity for you to explore the college, find out more about the subjects you are interested in and discover what an exceptional place Varndean Sixth Form College is.

TALKS TAKING PLACE TODAY ...

Principal’s Talk: 11.30am & 12.30pm in the Hall

The International Baccalaureate: 11.30am, 12.30pm & 1.30pm in STEM 5

Aspire Programme: 11.30am & 1.30pm in STEM 2 (for students wishing to apply to Oxbridge & Russell Group universities)

Careers in Medicine, Veterinary Science & Dentistry: 12.30pm in STEM 2


Maths Talk: 12.00pm & 1.00pm in STEM 7

MEET ...

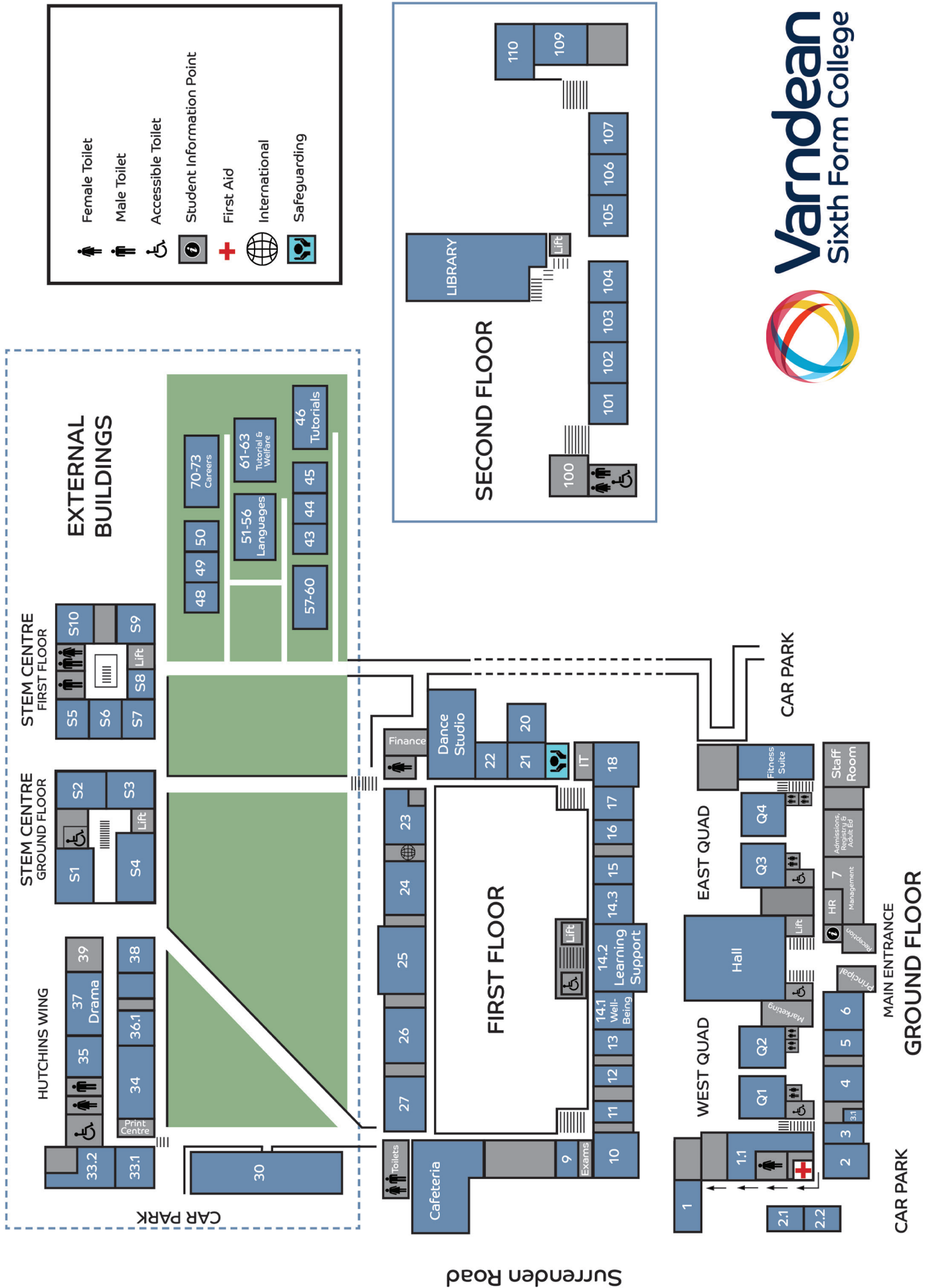
- The **Principal, Donna-Marie Janson**, and **Deputy Principal, James Gordon**, who will be based in the **Hall**
- Staff in the Cafeteria to answer questions on **Admissions, Welfare, Finance, Careers, EPQ**, and **Enrichment**
- Our **Library team** on the 2nd floor
- Our **Learning Support Team** in Room 14.2 and **Well Being Team** in Room 14.1

COLLECT ...

- Our **2026 Prospectus** from Room Q3.
- Information on our **Adult Education Counselling Courses** from the Cafeteria.
- Further detailed **course information** is available on our website at www.varndean.ac.uk/courses

 **Free tea and coffee** is available from our **Cafeteria**, with other **refreshments** available to purchase.

3D Design	30
Art (Fine Art)	25
Biology & Biology (Medical Science)	STEM 3
Business Studies	17
Chemistry	STEM 1
Classical Civilisation	103
Computer Games Development	Q2
Computer Science	STEM 9
Criminology	2
Dance	Dance Studio
Drama & Theatre Studies	37
Economics	21
Education & Early Years	15
Engineering	STEM 4
English Language & Literature	110
Environmental Science	STEM 3
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	Cafeteria
Film Production	6
Film Studies	Q1
Geography	22
Graphic Design	23
Health & Social Care	16
History (Early Modern & Modern)	104
History of Art	104
IT	STEM 9
International Baccalaureate Diploma	STEM 5
Languages (French,German,Spanish)	107
Law & Applied Law	101
Maths & Further Maths	STEM 7 & 8
Media Studies	4
Music Production	1.1
Performing Arts	37
Philosophy	13
Photography	27
Physical Education	Q4
Physics	STEM 4
Politics	102
Protective Services	36.1
Psychology	10
Sociology	12
Sport Courses	Q4
Textiles	24
Travel & Tourism	33.1



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VISITOR GUIDE

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
11AM-2PM

FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2026

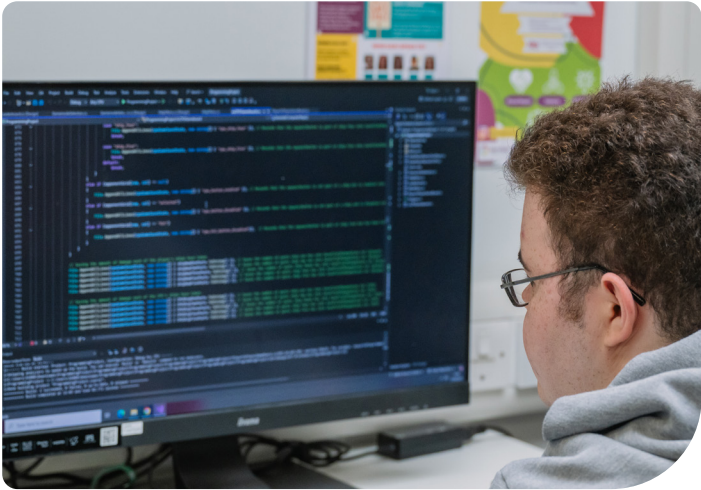


TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

THE COURSES WE OFFER

At Varndean Sixth Form College, we provide exceptional education within a vibrant and supportive community, where students thrive both academically and personally. We ignite a passion for learning, fostering curiosity and confidence, while empowering students to flourish, pursue their dreams, and achieve success.

We offer a wide range of qualifications, including A Levels, Vocational Courses, and the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma, alongside a vast enrichment and personal development programme, all designed to help students grow and succeed.



All information can be found in our **2026 College Prospectus** or at **WWW.VARNDEAN.AC.UK**

THE APPLICATION TIMELINE

Embarking on your journey to sixth-form college is a pivotal moment that shapes both your academic and personal future. At Varndean Sixth Form College, we understand the importance of choosing the right path, and we’re excited to guide you through this process.

Our application timeline is carefully crafted to guide you smoothly from initial curiosity to becoming part of our thriving community. We value the aspirations and ambitions of each student and their families. Every step in the process offers an opportunity to explore, engage, and envision the rewarding experience that will help you flourish and be happy at Varndean Sixth Form College.

Our experienced and committed staff are here to ensure you feel supported throughout the entire process, offering guidance, answering questions, and giving you the confidence to take this significant step towards a happy and successful future.

Explore

Visit us at our Open Day and Open Evening, researching the courses you are considering and where they might lead you in the future.

Apply

Apply for a place at Varndean Sixth Form College by completing the **online application form** on the College website **www.varndean.ac.uk**. Please ensure you meet the deadline of **Friday 5th December 2025** to be considered as a priority application for September 2026 entry.

Interviews & Offers

You will be invited to an admissions interview to discuss your programme of study with an experienced member of staff. We will look at your attendance, latest school report and talk to you about your future plans. At this point, we will decide if we can make you an offer.

Transition

In July 2026 you will spend the day with us for **New Students’ Day**. This day offers a valuable opportunity to attend subject sessions for your chosen courses, meet staff and other students, and get involved in our vibrant community events. We will ensure you have everything you need for a smooth transition to your journey at Varndean Sixth Form College.

Enrolment & Induction

After GCSE results day in August, you will come to college for an enrolment meeting to finalise your programme of study. Before teaching starts in September, you will have a comprehensive induction to life as a sixth form student, ensuring the start of teaching is exciting, positive and you have all you need.

OUR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

COURSE LEVEL

GENERAL GCSE GRADE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Advanced Level (Level 3) Programme	
IB Diploma or 4 A Levels	A mixture of at least 7 GCSEs at Grades 6-9 including English, Maths and Science
3 A Levels	A mixture of at least 6 GCSEs at Grades 4-9 including English
A mixed programme at Level 3 to include at least one vocational course	A mixture of at least 5 GCSEs at Grades 4-9 including English
Foundation Level (Level 2) programme	At least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 including English

Any student who has not achieved a Grade 4 in GCSE Maths must include further study of this subject in their programme.

Some individual subjects have their own specific entry grade requirements and these can be found in our **College Prospectus** or on our website **www.varndean.ac.uk/courses**



If you wish to make a return visit, we’d be delighted to see you again at our **Open Evening** on **Thursday 6 November, 4pm - 8pm**. For those students interested in the IB Diploma, there will be an **IB Presentation Evening** on **Tuesday 7 October, 6.30pm - 7.45pm**.