

Sixth form – a new pupil's perspective

My name is James and I have joined John Hampden Grammar School's Sixth Form in September.

Before joining the Sixth Form, I was at Thorpe House School up until year eleven. I had always been advised to enquire about Grammar schools to study my A-levels. Therefore, I looked at local Grammar Schools.

After considering various Sixth Forms, I confidently came to the conclusion that I was most interested in John Hampden. During my tour around the school, I noticed the confidence and pride the Upper Sixth students had towards the school, which was something I admired.

After my meeting with the Head of Sixth Form, I happily accepted the offer of a place.

Truthfully, as I noticed the summer holiday coming to an end, I realised my time to join a new school was fast approaching. I only knew one person at John Hampden and I was nervous about making new friends.

However, my first day came around and I realised I didn't need to worry. Everyone I met greeted me with a smile and I could not have felt more comfortable. I went out of my way to talk to people and before I knew it I had met many new faces.

One month later, I applied for the role of a prefect. This was a great opportunity to meet more people and get to know the school a little better.

Throughout every school day I work as hard as possible. In every lesson I take down almost every word the teacher has told us, making sure every little detail is written down and ready to be learnt.

Overall, I must admit the transition from Year 11 to Sixth Form has been better than I expected it to be. As long as you work hard in your lessons, during study periods and at home, there will be no reason why you cannot achieve your full potential. After only being at this school for just over two months, I am thankful for the friendly environment I work in and cannot be more certain of my decision to join this school.