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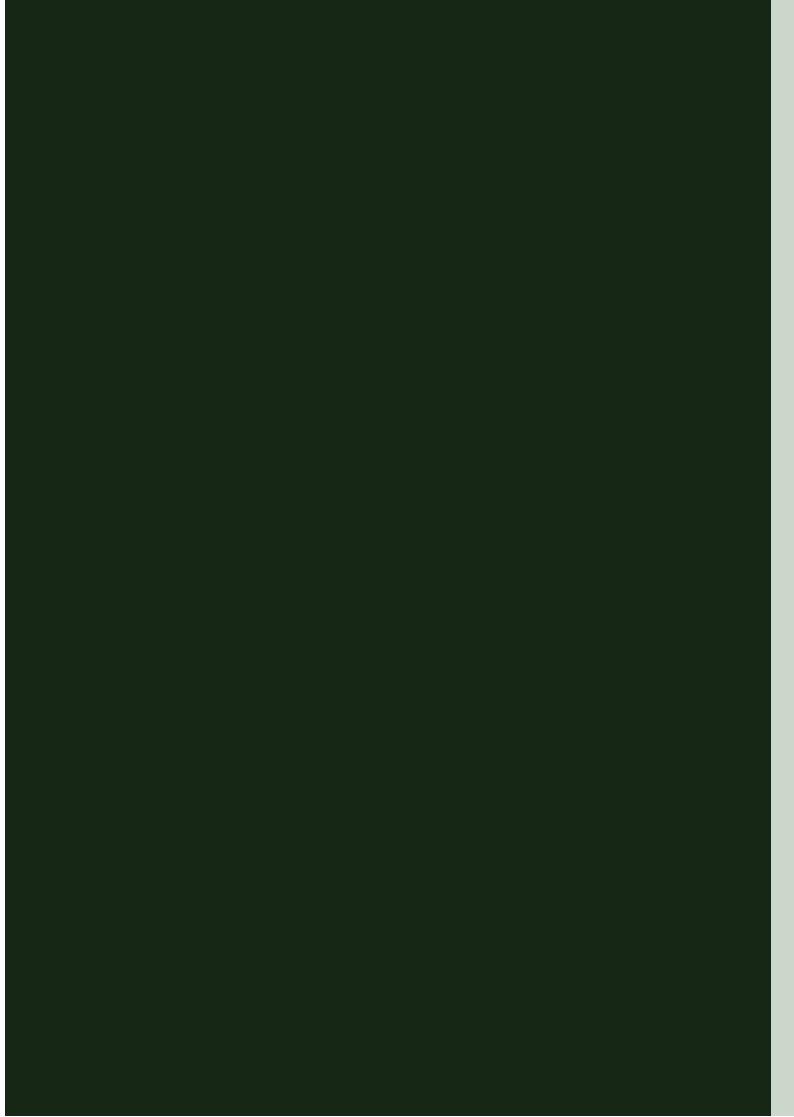
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EXPERIENCE OUR SIXTH FORM FOR YOURSELF

We believe the atmosphere at Gateacre School is something you truly need to experience in person. We warmly invite you to join us at one of our Open Events, where you can explore our school, meet our students and staff, and ask any questions you may have.

For details on upcoming events, please visit our website at www.gateacre.org. To arrange a personal tour, please contact our Admissions Team at sixthformadmissions@gateacre.org.

We can't wait to welcome you.



LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS



WHERE STUDENTS BOLDLY GO



WELCOME

We are proud of Gateacre Sixth Form. Our purpose-built Sixth Form suite provides a dedicated, university-style environment designed to foster both independent study and collaboration. With a welcoming common room, a specialised computer suite, and a focused Sixth Form library, you will find everything you need to thrive academically and socially.

Our small class sizes are one of our greatest strengths. They enable us to develop and nurture the relationships between staff and students and ensure that you receive personalised guidance from teachers who know you well. You will be encouraged to think critically, extend your learning beyond the classroom, and develop the confidence to pursue your ambitions.

Our Sixth Form Team offer exceptional support and experience, guiding students to a wide range of destinations, including top UK universities, programmes to study abroad, foundation courses, and prestigious apprenticeships. Our strong track record of success reflects our tailored approach to both academic and pastoral care.

For students aspiring to Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, or international universities, our Raising Aspirations Programme provides bespoke preparation for entrance exams and interviews, starting early and supported by our thriving network of alumni and mentors.

All of this is united under the Gateacre Baccalaureate, a framework that ensures every student flourishes personally, intellectually, and socially. You will leave us confident, curious, and ready to take the next step in your journey into adulthood.

Hannah Parsons
Head of Sixth Form | Gateacre School



LIMITLESS PATHWAYS

We support every Sixth Former to follow their passion and ambition, with most students achieving their first-choice destination – from Oxbridge and Russell Group universities to world-class apprenticeships.

- **Raising Aspirations:** Our comprehensive programme is designed to prepare you for the next stage of your academic journey, instilling key career attributes such as leadership, analytical thinking, and resilience. This includes work experience, university visits, and professional interview practice.
- **Competitive Admissions:** Dedicated mentoring and individual support is provided for students applying for Oxbridge and highly sought-after university courses in Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary (MDV).
- **Expert Speaker Series:** Our Speaker Series stimulates intellectual curiosity, inspiring talks from professionals across disciplines – from law and engineering to the arts and medicine.

At Gateacre, the possibilities are limitless – and your journey begins here.



WELLBEING & BALANCE

At Gateacre, academic success and wellbeing go hand in hand. Our students thrive when they feel confident in their learning, supported both academically and pastorally, and secure in who they are as individuals.

Our dedicated Sixth Form team takes time to get to know each student, celebrating achievements and providing support when challenges arise. From 2026, our new House system will build an even stronger sense of belonging, fostering healthy competition and shared pride across the school.

DEDICATED SUPPORT & BESPOKE ENVIRONMENT

Life in the Sixth Form feels different – more independent, more collaborative, and more like the next step after school.

Our dedicated Sixth Form suite includes a relaxed common room, seminar spaces, a kitchen, and quiet study areas – all designed to prepare you for university life.

Our pastoral care team, including tutors, counsellors, and wellbeing staff, are always available to support you both academically and pastorally.

Diversity and inclusion are central to our ethos. Our multicultural community reflects the richness of our city and prepares students to thrive as global citizens in an interconnected world.

VISION

Gateacre School joined Northern Schools Trust in 2024 – a growing family of successful schools united by a shared commitment to educational excellence.

At Northern Schools Trust, we believe exceptional education is the foundation for future success and lasting fulfilment. As a charitable organisation, every surplus is reinvested directly into our schools and students, continually strengthening opportunities and outcomes.

We are proud to deliver an ambitious, forward-thinking education that empowers young people to thrive academically, socially, and personally. Our curriculum encourages curiosity, resilience and self-belief, enabling students to pursue their goals and ambitions without limitations.

At Gateacre, you will find a community that inspires you to challenge barriers, lead with confidence, and shape your own future.

Paul Smith
Chief Education Officer | Northern Schools Trust





THINKING BEYOND EDUCATION

At Gateacre School, our mission is simple: to prepare students not just for what comes next, but for a life of purpose, independence, and fulfilment. We do this through investment into education excellence, character development, and service to our community.

We are values driven. We believe our core values (Graciousness, Respect, Excellence, Ambition, Teamwork) bind our young people, staff, and wider community – it provides a backbone to everything we do. Our core values – being a Gateacre GREAT, means something more profound than just a play on words: it becomes synonymous with selflessness, philanthropy, entrepreneurship and leadership.

Gateacre students strive to achieve their best academically, but more importantly, they are encouraged to live lives of consequence and make a meaningful impact on the world. Our pupils will become changemakers in the local, national and international contexts.

This vision is embedded in everything we do – from our Raising Aspirations programme to our ambitious curriculum that challenges students to think beyond exam specifications. Formal leadership training equips Sixth Form pupils with the independence, confidence, and skills needed to navigate early adulthood successfully.

We are proud to be one of the most improved schools in the UK, with sky-high expectations and an academic curriculum designed to help every student achieve their ambitions. Our leavers go on to a diverse range of universities, courses, and apprenticeships – a reflection of the individuality and ambition we nurture here.

When you join Gateacre, you join a lifelong community. Our global alumni network offers mentoring, guidance, and support throughout your education and beyond. Gateacre is more than a school – it is a lifelong family and community.

Nabil Jamil
Principal | Gateacre School

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP

What truly sets Gateacre Sixth Form apart is the breadth of opportunity beyond the classroom. We believe that personal growth, creativity, and leadership are as vital as academic success.

- **Co-Curricular Life:** Our varied programme encourages participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, CCF, overseas expeditions, LAMDA classes, and creative arts productions.
- **Student-Led Societies:** Sixth Formers lead societies across the Senior School, engaging students in diverse topics from Debating, Equality, Politics, Law and Film clubs.
- **Physical Wellbeing:** We promote a lifelong love of sport through timetabled lessons, competitive fixtures, and specialist coaching. Exclusive activities available to Sixth Formers include rowing, climbing, and dance.

The co-curriculum is constantly evolving and adapting based on student input, ensuring every year offers new opportunities. There are also many opportunities for academic visits and overseas trips on offer, enriching your global perspective. In or out of the classroom, there's never a dull moment at Gateacre.

LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

Sixth Form pupils are leaders and role models across the school. Positions such as Sixth Form Captains, Senior Prefects, Peer Mentors, and Society Leaders provide valuable experience in leadership and communication.

Our commitment to service extends beyond our walls: students volunteer, fundraise, and partner with local schools and charities, embodying Gateacre's ethos of compassion and contribution.



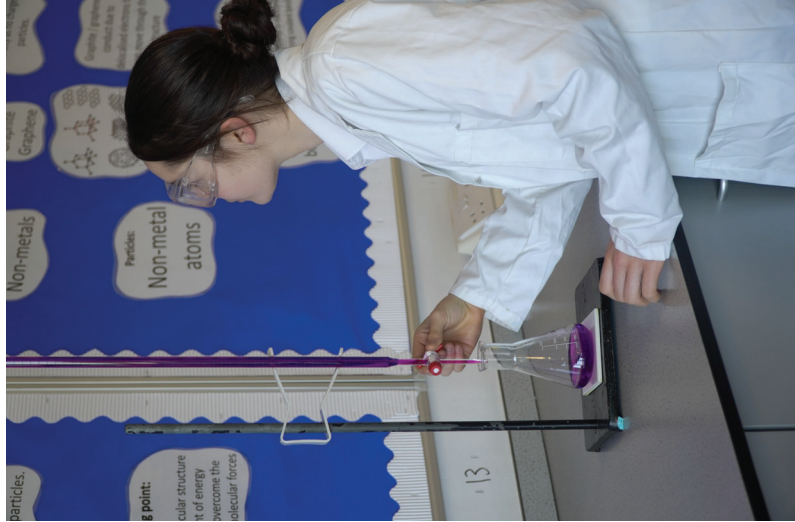
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We are thrilled that you are considering joining our close-knit, inclusive community, where every student is known, supported, and celebrated. Gateacre Sixth Form pupils are role models throughout the school – confident, compassionate, and ambitious young people who inspire others through their own example.

Pastoral care is at the heart of Sixth Form life. Our dedicated team ensures that every student feels safe, supported, and empowered to make confident decisions about their future – whether that is university, an apprenticeship, or a creative pathway.

The Sixth Form Team

Time	Event
7:45 - 8:30	Breakfast Club
8:45	Lessons Begin
10:25	Tutor Time/Assembly
10:55	Break Time
11:10	AM Lessons
12:50	Lunch Time
13:35	PM Lessons
15:15	Lessons End
13:35 - 15:15	Wednesday - Co-curricular Afternoon



THE GATEACRE BACCALAUREATE – OUR FOUR PILLARS

Entry into the Sixth Form marks an exciting bridge between school and adult life. Launching in 2026, the Gateacre Baccalaureate will provide the structure to balance independence with guided development, ensuring every student emerges confident, resilient, and ready for the future.

The Baccalaureate centres on four key pillars:

- **Academics** – Your A Level studies, the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), and enrichment opportunities that cultivate a genuine love of learning and intellectual curiosity.
- **Skills for Life** – A dynamic co-curriculum that develops essential personal and professional skills, from teamwork and communication to financial literacy and creative problem-solving.
- **Service and Leadership** – Engagement with the community through volunteering, activism, and leadership roles within the school and beyond.
- **Making the Leap** – Comprehensive preparation for life after Sixth Form, including university and apprenticeship support, career guidance, and mentorship.

This holistic framework will empower every Gateacre student to develop their strengths, evidence their achievements, and chart a confident path towards adulthood.



DISCOVER A LOVE OF LEARNING – ACADEMIC

Gateacre Sixth Form pupils are curious, ambitious learners. We encourage all our students to begin with three A Levels, providing flexibility as interests and goals evolve. The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) further deepens learning, offering a taste of genuine academic research.

Our Gateacre Curriculum extends learning beyond the syllabus, with weekly sessions, academic mentoring, and a visiting lecture series featuring leaders from diverse fields – from astronauts to campaigners.

Students receive one-to-one guidance from mentor teachers for personal statements, admissions tests and university applications. Our results tell only part of the story. Gateacre students leave not just with excellent grades, but with the independence and determination to succeed in higher education and beyond.

For full course descriptions and entry requirements, please visit our website.