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Sixth Form 2026-27

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At Heron Hall, we believe every young person deserves the chance to aim high and achieve great things. Our Sixth Form is a place where ambition, care and opportunity come together. Students leave us not only with strong results, but with confidence, maturity and a clear sense of direction for their next steps - whether that's university, an apprenticeship or employment. We're proud of the young adults they become and the difference they make in the world.

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Arthur Barzey,
Headteacher

> "BEING PART OF HERON HALL SIXTH FORM HAS HELPED ME BELIEVE IN MYSELF. OUR TEACHERS CHALLENGE US TO AIM HIGH AND SUPPORT US TO GET THERE."
>
> Alkin, Head of School

Welcome to a place where ambition grows

Message from the Head of Sixth Form, Michael Pieri.

Heron Hall Sixth Form is more than a bridge between school and the future - it's a community. You'll be known, supported and challenged to achieve your best.

Our teachers, mentors and tutors will guide you every step of the way, helping you discover your strengths and build your ambitions. Many of our students go on to study at top universities or take up exciting apprenticeships. What matters most is that every student finds a pathway that's right for them.

A Sixth
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Our teachers are subject specialists who inspire confidence and push every student to aim high. Lessons are challenging, purposeful and designed to help you succeed. With small classes and focused support, you'll be encouraged to stretch yourself and achieve results you can be proud of.

Ambition

Support

You'll be known here. Every student has a personal mentor who provides one-to-one guidance, helps set goals and keeps you on track. Our staff genuinely care – they'll help you balance your workload, stay motivated, and prepare for life beyond Sixth Form.

"WE HELP EVERY STUDENT PLAN THEIR NEXT STEP - WHETHER THAT'S UNIVERSITY, AN APPRENTICESHIP, OR STRAIGHT INTO A GREAT CAREER.

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ound you

At Heron Hall, we believe every student should have the chance to achieve their personal best. Our Sixth Form brings together high expectations, excellent teaching and strong pastoral care to create a community where ambition thrives. Whether your goal is university, an apprenticeship, or a great first job, we'll help you plan your route and make it happen.

> "AT HERON HALL SIXTH FORM, EVERYTHING STARTS WITH YOU - YOUR AMBITIONS, YOUR STRENGTHS, YOUR NEXT STEPS. WE BUILD YOUR JOURNEY AROUND WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU."

Opportunity

Life at Heron Hall goes beyond the classroom. Through Academy PLUS, leadership roles, cultural trips and creative projects, you'll have the chance to develop your interests and discover new ones. From debating to volunteering, there's something for everyone – and most of it is free.

Our Sixth Form builds on years of achievement and ambition across Heron Hall.

From Heron Hall to Higher Horizons

Students who began their journey here continue to thrive - in our own Sixth Form, at universities across the country, and in exciting apprenticeships and careers.

Every one of them shows what's possible when determination meets opportunity. Their stories remind us that success is never accidental - it grows from the belief that effort, encouragement, and belonging can take you further than you imagined.

At Heron Hall, that belief runs deep. We prepare our students not just for exams, but for life - giving them the confidence, independence, and ambition to make their mark wherever they go. Each of these young people reflects what Heron Hall stands for: hard work, resilience, and a commitment to excellence.

"I'm inspired by the resilience and sacrifice of my parents, who worked so hard to give me opportunities they never had. That drives me to make the most of them — not just for myself, but to open doors for others."

Michael

Now studying: Law, University of Cambridge

At Heron Hall: Developed a passion for public speaking and social justice

"I'm motivated to make the most of every opportunity. I had teachers who believed in me, and that belief gave me confidence to push myself further."

Yvette

Now: Doctor, Barnet Hospital

Degree: Medicine, Queen Mary University of London

At Heron Hall: Excelled in sciences and took an active role in student leadership

"What inspires me is the idea of legacy — through creativity, achievement, and authenticity. Success isn't just about what you earn, but what you give back."

Tasilima

Now studying: Architecture, University College London

Scholarship: Bartlett Promise Scholar

At Heron Hall: Combined creativity with academic focus, contributing to school art projects and exhibitions

Where our 2025 Sixth Formers are heading next

Universities, including:

University of Essex
Brunel University
City University
Kings College, London
Queen Mary University
University of Westminster
University of Sussex
University of Portsmouth
University of Greenwich

Degree courses, including:

Film Studies
Computer Science & AI
Pharmacology
Primary Education with QTS
Computer Science
Childhood Studies
Chemical Engineering
Accounting & Finance
Biomedical Science
Midwifery
Law

Life at Heron Hall Sixth Form

Heron Hall Sixth Form is a community built on ambition, belonging, and care.

Students describe it as a place where everyone knows you, teachers genuinely want you to succeed, and every day brings something new to look forward to.

Lessons are focused and challenging, but never impersonal. Teachers know when to stretch you and when to support you. Between classes, students head to the café or Sixth Form Hub - places to study, relax, or just catch up with friends.

Beyond the classroom, life is full of opportunity. Through Academy PLUS, students get involved in clubs, creative projects, leadership activities, volunteering, and trips that build confidence and real-world skills. Whether you're into science, sport, or the arts, there's always something to be part of.

It's a balance that works: high expectations matched with the kind of support that helps every student grow.

"IT FEELS LIKE A REAL COMMUNITY HERE - EVERYONE WANTS YOU TO DO WELL, AND YOU CAN FEEL IT."

A Day in the Life – Elif

Morning: I get in early, grab a hot chocolate, and head to my first lesson. The teachers know when to push you and when to help - it feels grown up but still supportive.

Lunch: The café's always busy. It's where everyone catches up, laughs, and talks about what's next after college.

Afternoon: We have study time or enrichment. I like working with my friends - it keeps me motivated.

End of the day: I usually finish with sport or something active - it's a good way to switch off after a busy day.

Subjects and Pathways

Choose your path. Build your future.

At Heron Hall Sixth Form, you'll study in small classes with expert teachers who help you aim high and stay supported.

Every course opens new doors - to university, apprenticeships, and future careers - so you can build a pathway that fits your ambitions.

A LEVEL COURSES

Art & Design: Fine Art
Develop creativity through drawing, painting and mixed media while building a portfolio that reflects your own ideas. This course inspires confidence and prepares you for art and design degrees.

Art & Design: Photography
Learn to capture stories through images using professional techniques. You'll build creative and technical skills valued in media, design and communication.

Biology
Explore life - from cells and genetics to ecosystems and human biology. You'll gain scientific thinking and practical skills for health, science or environmental careers.

Business Studies
Understand how businesses work and make decisions. You'll study marketing, finance and strategy while developing skills that employers and universities value.

Chemistry
Discover how matter behaves and why reactions happen. The course builds analysis and lab experience for medicine, research and engineering.

Computer Science
Learn to code, solve problems and think logically. This is ideal preparation for computing, data and technology careers.

Economics
Examine how decisions made by individuals, markets, and the government shape everyday life. You'll learn to analyse evidence and debate real-world issues clearly.

English
Study great writing and express your ideas with impact. You'll strengthen communication, interpretation and critical-thinking skills.

Geography
Investigate people, places and the planet's challenges. Fieldwork and research build insight into global and environmental change.

Go to our website for full subject details.

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Government & Politics
Find out how decisions are made and who holds power. You'll develop debating and reasoning skills useful for law, politics and media.

History
Explore the events and ideas that shaped today's world. This course deepens understanding, curiosity and strong essay writing.

Mathematics
Challenge yourself with numbers, logic and problem-solving. Maths builds precision and supports success in science, finance and engineering.

Media Studies
Analyse film, television and social media while creating your own content. You'll gain creative and production experience for modern media careers.

Physics
Study forces, energy and the structure of the universe. Physics develops accuracy, reasoning and technical skills for STEM paths.

Psychology
Discover how people think, feel and behave. You'll learn to investigate questions scientifically and apply ideas to real life.

Sociology
Examine how society shapes culture, identity and opportunity. The course develops research and analytical skills valued in many professions.

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)
Learn how to support people's health and wellbeing through practical and theory work. You'll prepare for caring professions such as nursing and social work.

Music Performance (Extended Certificate)
Build confidence as a performer and understand the music industry. You'll gain experience in rehearsal, recording and live events.

Performing Arts (Extended Certificate)
Combine acting, dance and stage craft. This course develops teamwork, creativity and communication for theatre and media careers.

Sport and Physical Activity (Extended Certificate)
Study coaching, fitness and sports science through hands-on learning. You'll prepare for roles in sport, teaching and health promotion.

Travel and Tourism (Extended Certificate or National Extended Diploma)
Explore destinations, events and customer service in a global industry. You'll gain business and communication skills for travel and hospitality careers.

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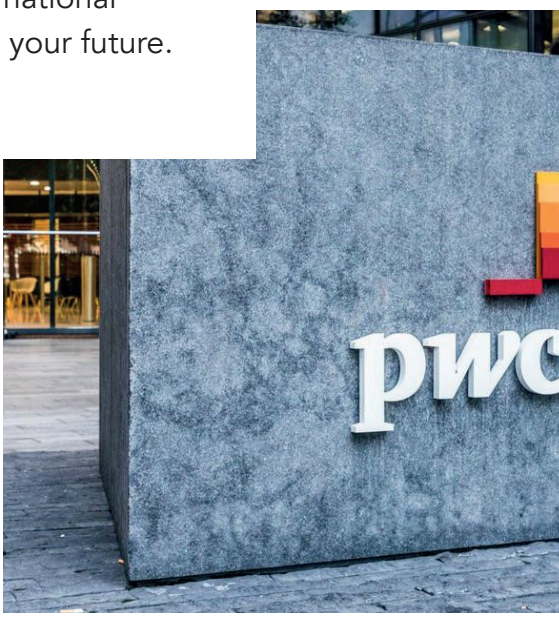
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
Research a topic you care about and present your findings. The EPQ strengthens independence and impresses universities.

Experiences that open doors

Real experiences. Real opportunities.

At Heron Hall Sixth Form, you'll take part in experiences that help you grow, lead, and connect with the world beyond school. From professional mentoring and university visits to international conferences, these moments shape your confidence and your future.



Leadership, mentoring & confidence

Envision programme – weekly mentoring to build communication and leadership skills.

Spear national debating challenge – oracy competition with a £10,000 prize.

Jack Petchey "Talk the Talk" – sessions on CVs and interview success.

Enfield Young Lecturers – leadership and public-speaking development.

Careers & professional pathways

Work placements at AXA, Zurich and other leading employers.

AXA head-office business day and Zurich online mentoring in finance, HR and IT.

SEGRO employability workshops, PwC business sessions, and Young Professionals network in law, business, and tech.

1-to-1 careers interviews for every student.

Careers & Apprenticeships Fair at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium with 50+ providers.

ASK apprenticeship talks and WizeUp Education financial-literacy sessions.

University access & academic enrichment

City University – personal-statement and finance workshops at Heron Hall.

St Peter's College, Oxford – academic visit.

Wadham College, Oxford – banking and finance access scheme.

Newham College, Cambridge University partnership visit.

Oxford at Heron Hall – bespoke "How to apply to competitive universities" session.

University of Hertfordshire visit.

UCL medical and healthcare trip; Florence Nightingale Museum visit.

Global & cultural experiences

Thessaloniki, Greece – annual European UN conference.

Krakow, Poland – enrichment trip including Auschwitz and Birkenau.

PCW head-office day – professional insight into business and design.

Winter Wonderland – community celebration and reward trip.

Wellbeing & inspiration

Tottenham Hotspur Foundation leadership and community projects.

Wellbeing and mental-health sessions, including guest speakers such as Derek Williams, former British, Commonwealth and European boxing champion.

You'll never be just a number here

Our Sixth Form community is built on genuine care. Every student is known, supported, and guided from the first day to results day. Whether you're applying to university, preparing for interviews, or facing a challenge, our team is here to help you succeed.

OUR JOB IS SIMPLE: TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS – AND ENJOY THE JOURNEY.

Personal Support and Wellbeing

How we support you

- **Dedicated Sixth Form Team –** your first stop for any concern or advice.
- **Personal tutor system –** regular 1-to-1 check-ins to track progress and wellbeing.
- **Study-skills sessions –** time management, revision, and organisation strategies.
- **Mental-health and wellbeing programme –** talks, workshops, and counselling access.
- **Careers and next-steps guidance –** ongoing UCAS and apprenticeship support.

A typical week of support

Monday: Check-in with your personal tutor.

Tuesday: Study skills workshop.

Wednesday: UCAS drop-in clinic.

Thursday: Wellbeing walk & talk.

Friday: Motivational assembly or careers talk.

Sixth Form Wellbeing Tips

Success in Sixth Form isn't just about studying hard - it's about looking after yourself too. Here are a few small things that make a big difference:

Keep balance – Plan your study time, but also make time for friends, rest, and exercise.

Ask early – If you're struggling, talk to your tutor or the Sixth Form Team straight away.

Stay active – Even short walks or stretching breaks improve focus and mood.

Eat and sleep well – Energy and concentration start with good daily habits.

Connect – Join a club or volunteering project; it builds confidence and belonging.

Switch off – Give yourself some screen-free time each day.

Be kind to yourself – Progress, not perfection, is what matters most.

Your Next Step - Careers, Apprenticeships & Universities

Preparing you for what's next

At Heron Hall Sixth Form, your future is at the centre of everything we do.

From your first week, you'll receive personalised guidance to help you explore careers, university courses, and apprenticeships - so when you leave, you're ready to take the next step with confidence.

Careers guidance and experience

Every student has a 1-to-1 careers interview to plan their next steps.

You'll take part in careers and apprenticeship workshops, employer talks, and workplace visits.

The annual UCAS and Careers Fair at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium connects you with over 50 universities, colleges, and training providers.

Work experience placements across London give real insight into business, health, and creative industries.

We partner with organisations such as AXA, Zurich, PwC, SEGRO, and the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation to provide professional exposure.

University and higher education support

Specialist help with UCAS applications, personal statements, and interview preparation.

University partnerships and relationships including City University, Oxford, Cambridge, UCL and University of Hertfordshire.

Guidance on student finance, scholarships, and alternative routes such as higher apprenticeships.

Mock interviews and subject specific advice from visiting academics and alumni.

"I HAD SO MUCH HELP CHOOSING MY COURSE AND WRITING MY PERSONAL STATEMENT. IT MADE APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY FEEL EASY."

David, Year 13

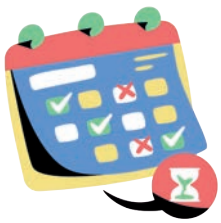
Apprenticeships and employability

Learn how to develop your CV, apply for competitive placements, and present yourself confidently.

Our alumni network supports current students with tips, contacts, and mentoring opportunities.

We have external speakers come in from universities and companies to explain the process as well as the difference between going to university, undertaking a degree apprenticeship or doing an apprenticeship.

Mini-timeline: Your support journey



Stage	Focus
Year 12 Autumn	Explore pathways, careers interest survey, 1-to-1 guidance.
Year 12 Spring	UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair, university visits.
Year 12 Summer	Work placements and mentoring.
Year 13 Autumn	UCAS application and interview coaching.
Year 13 Spring – Summer	Offers, results, and next step mentoring.

There are sessions throughout Year 12 and 13 as well as trips such as to Law Firms, PwC, Envision, SEGRO employability plus any subject specific trips.

How to Apply

Take your next step with us

Joining Heron Hall Sixth Form is simple. We welcome applications from our own Year 11 students and from other schools across North London.

Our admissions process is friendly and supportive - designed to help you choose the right courses and feel confident about your next stage.

> "THE SIXTH FORM ISN'T JUST ABOUT GREAT TEACHING - IT'S ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE THAT HELPS YOU DEVELOP AS A YOUNG ADULT. I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK AND CONFIDENCE THROUGH ALL THE EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES WE'RE GIVEN."
>
> Almas, Head of School

Step-by-step guide

1. **Explore your options**
   Find out more about our courses and life at Heron Hall on our website or by visiting our Open Evening.
2. **Applications will open online at heronhallacademy.org.uk/sixthform**
   Applying to us online is simple and easy. If you need any help just give us a call.
3. **Attend your guidance interview**
   You'll meet with a member of the Sixth Form Team to discuss your subjects, goals, and ambitions.
4. **Receive your offer**
   Offers are made on the basis of your predicted grades and your conversation with us.
5. **Enrol and begin your journey**
   On enrolment day, you'll confirm your courses and meet your tutors and new classmates.

Key dates

Open Evening:
Thursday 23 October 2025

Applications open:
November 2025

Guidance interviews:
January - March 2026

Offers sent: August 2026

Enrolment: September 2026

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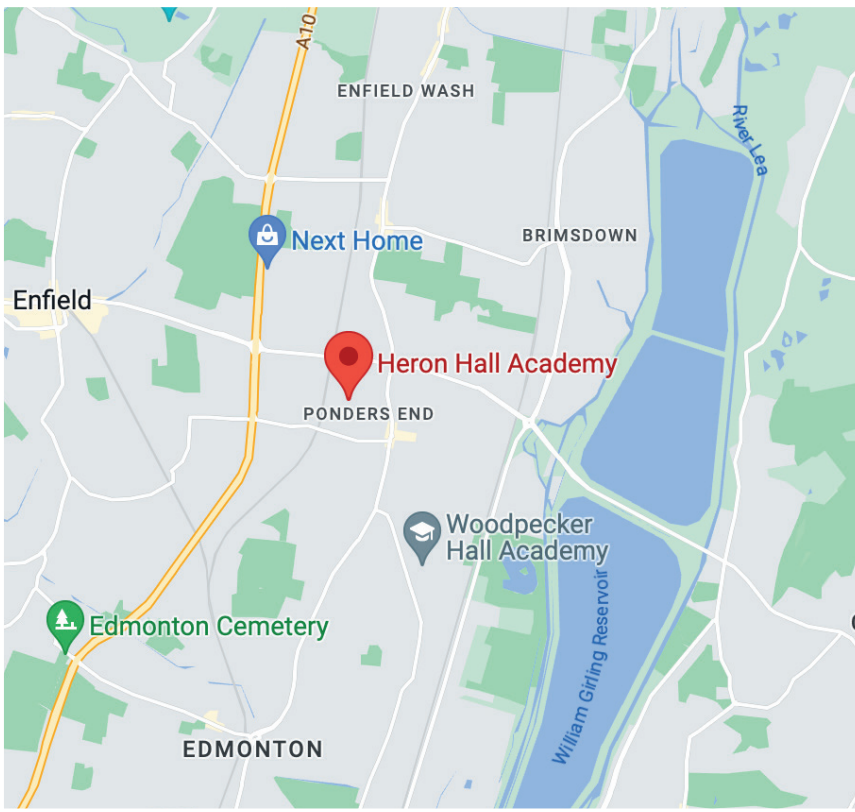

Where to find us

Nearest stations:
Southbury (7-minute walk)
Ponders End (8-minute walk)

Bus routes:
191, 279, 377, W8
(stop: Queensway / Ponders End)

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