

# *Student Perspective*

The start of my sixth form journey has been challenging. I have faced academic burnout in a new environment with more responsibilities and none of my old friends from secondary school, alongside mental health issues such as dyslexia, autism, anxiety and depression. However, although it has been difficult, the sixth form team at Kings Langley Sixth Form have supported me throughout.

I have been able to adjust to the new changes and daily challenges with the help of the Sixth Form pastoral support team, which have created a safe space for me and many other students, its not just the bean bags, live plants and stress balls, the teachers, Mrs Battalia, Mr Tubb, Mr Scott, and Mrs Allan have that make me feel comfortable and understood.

I have been welcomed and supported as an adult and in a non-judgmental way. They are there to talk about everything from academic life, to complicated home life relationships and navigate tricky waters with a variety of options and alternative pathways and options available to overcome those issues.

I have been empowered by this sixth form in a way I can take control of my life currently with study techniques and mental health management, but also my life after sixth form with future careers advice, decision making and even basic life skills like how to wash your clothes - thank you Mr Tubb! The Sixth Form has allowed me to flourish as a person although I have had to face a lot of challenges so far.

*Terri, Yr12 (Nov. 2023)*



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I was not sure whether Sixth Form was for me as I knew it would be hard and didn't know what to expect. Since I've joined Kings Langley Sixth Form, I have enjoyed many aspects of Sixth Form life from the subjects I've chosen to the vast events that have been put in place for us.

The option to revise and work on the subject we want during our private study periods in the study hall or library, is great. This gives me the chance to widen my knowledge of the subjects that I am studying. It's a sense of freedom you don't get anywhere else. The new purpose built sixth form building is simple lovely.

During wellbeing week, we planted house plants to have permanently within our building, which has been a great addition and my personal, favourite activity. Being part of the whole school charity walk and used at check points gave us more responsibility and a welcome break from the workload, allowing us to have fun.

Taking part in the wider community and being an active member of the Sixth Form has allowed me to be awarded £100 scholarship awards towards my education and I won a breakfast for my whole form and form tutor for my contribution to World Mental Health Day—including making a film which I uploaded to YouTube.

One thing I think that the sixth form has over others is that it allows you to show a bit of personality and expression, whereas other sixth forms do not provide as much personal development or activities beyond academic study. I believe that the sixth form leadership team is a massive reason it's so enjoyable. I couldn't ask for a better leadership team they are great. In conclusion sixth form is very enjoyable wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I'm chuffed to bits.

***Ben, Yr12 (Nov. 2023)***



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Whilst the decision of what I wanted to do after receiving my GCSE results was a difficult one to make, I'm glad that I settled on staying at Kings Langley Sixth Form. Every aspect of applying and starting was made easy, accessible, and reassuring, ensuring a smooth transition whether you joined from a different school or stayed on from the lower school.

The new Sixth Form building that opened this year is a real highlight of KLS Six; it provides a dedicated working and social space for all students, and allows for a sense of independence from the lower school. Whether it's assemblies, lessons, or study sessions, the new building has been a key element in the move into Sixth Form, and with the building came a highly dedicated Sixth Form team. Each member of staff involved in the Sixth Form is friendly and approachable, and easy to talk to about any issues you may have, educational or otherwise.

One of the main reasons I wanted to go to KLS Sixth Form was because of the teachers. Every teacher is committed and passionate about their subject, and passes this on to each of their students. I was quickly assured that my decision to stay had been the right one from their enthusiasm in lessons.

*Grace, Yr12 (Nov. 2023)*



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There are many reasons to why Kings Langley Sixth Form was my top choice. There are simple basic reasons such as geographical reasons; however, there was a lot more to it. Going into a Sixth Form it was completely terrifying; but the staff here are so lovely and welcoming making it so easy to be myself.

This Sixth Form has given me so much support always ensuring that I was comfortable and the transition could come with the least amount of stress. My experience at my old school was not great so the students here being so loving and open has been a pleasant refresher.

So far, I am really enjoying coming to Sixth Form and going to classes as the teachers are wonderful and always open to helping you if you need support, and the people here are so great. Im so grateful that I chose Kings Langley Sixth Form as I could not have asked for a better start to my A-Levels.

*Mischa, External Student—Yr12 (Nov. 2023)*



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From the outset I have felt welcomed by both teachers and students at KLS. I have always been passionate about my education and one of the main reasons I decided to join Kings Langley Sixth Form was because I knew I would be able to reach my full potential here. The facilities such as the dedicated Sixth Form building as well as the range of subjects that were beneficial to my future, supported my choice.

I felt very confident in picking Kings Langley Sixth Form because the Open Day made me realise, I was making the right choice. Not only did I get the chance to try different classes, I also got a sense of the environment and culture which I believe is very important in developing over these two incredibly important years.

During Mental Health Awareness Day, I was able to participate in activities such as baking, meditation with a Buddhist monk, gardening and relaxing wellbeing walks. It was an amazing opportunity to socialise with my peers and become a part of the Sixth Form community.

I have been able to become a member of the Anti-racism club, Bold Voices and the School Council. I believe it is extremely important to promote equality and educate people on prejudice in our society. There are endless possibilities of what I can do and become here at Kings Langley Sixth Form.

*Adaya, External Student—Yr12 (Nov. 2023)*

