



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to Harwich and Dovercourt High School Sixth Form College.

Welcome to the Harwich and Dovercourt website for Sigma Sixth and thank you for showing an interest in our prospectus and our courses. I am very proud that for over forty years students have been able to choose to further their post-16 education in our school, and I very much hope that after reading the following information regarding our current educational offer, you will decide that you would like to be one of them.

I am delighted to present to you the inspiring changes and hugely beneficial developments underway for our rebranded Sixth Form. I am confident that we can now better meet the needs and secure the futures for our students. There are huge changes afoot as you progress from year 11 into the Sixth Form environment and it is a big decision as to where you pursue your studies. Thankfully, our teachers and support staff, who may know you very well already if you were in the school for key stages 3 and 4, are on hand to guide you through what we have to offer and to help you to decide which course is the best match for your skills, your enjoyment and your chosen future career.

Our staff will support you through years 12 and 13 enabling you to decide upon the next stage of your life and strive for it ambitiously. We have been able to broaden our offer of courses, both academic and vocational, ensuring that we have a suitable course for every KS4 student at HDHS to pursue into KS5.

We are fortunate to be part of the Tendring Campus of Sigma Sixth and whilst our Harwich site remains the satellite location for a number of courses, some studies will take place at the Tendring Education Centre in Clacton and we are exploring affordable transport options to the site. The care and support you have come to value from our pastoral staff at HDHS will continue, as you have a base tutor and Head of Sixth Form at the Harwich site, with support staff transporting you to your courses at other sites as a benefit of being a Sigma Sixth Former. This will open up new opportunities, not just for the huge range of courses available, but also the prospect of meeting and studying with other students outside of just the Harwich and Dovercourt High School community and wider work experience opportunities, whilst having the security of staff who know you very well from your time lower down the school. We continue to place value on work experience in the local community and forging links with local businesses as we prepare you for your university place, training or career after key stage 5.

We also continue to value your contributions to the progress of the lower school at HDHS in activities such as our reading and mentoring schemes, as well as the trips and visits equalling life-changing experiences, that will be offered to you. After reading through our literature, please make contact with our Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Parker if you have any queries or questions. I look forward to meeting you in Sigma Sixth.

KATE FINCH HEADTEACHER