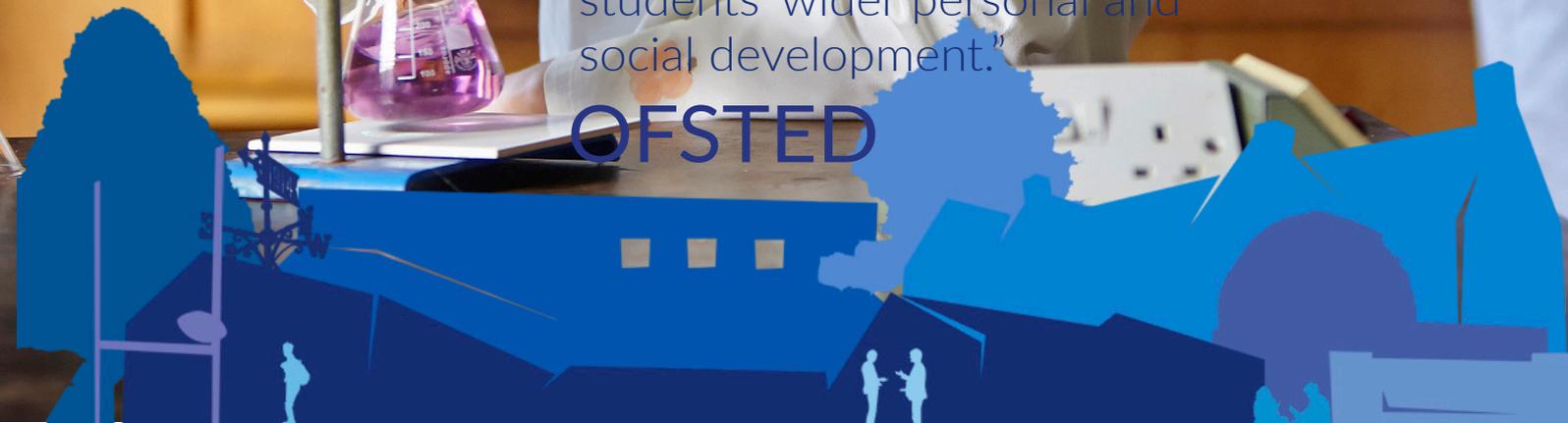


# TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

# SIXTH FORM

"This drive for academic achievement is balanced by a deep commitment to students' wider personal and social development."

**OFSTED**



A photograph of four students in school uniforms standing in front of a brick building. From left to right: a boy with glasses, a boy, a girl, and another boy. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. The building behind them has a large window and a blue sign with the text 'TOR GRAM' and 'SI F'.

**Dare to be  
part of a successful and  
supportive Sixth Form**

**“The school has equipped me with a belief in my ability, a gift that I will treasure when tackling the future challenges that lie ahead of me.”**



Torquay Boys' Grammar School Sixth Form is a high achieving establishment, offering a broad, balanced curriculum and extensive extracurricular opportunities in sport, music, the performing arts, languages and many other disciplines. We offer both A Levels and the International Baccalaureate and are open to applications from female students as well as male for the IB.

Close to 100% of our cohort will progress to university and we therefore have a strong emphasis on preparing students for higher education. Each year, around 75% of our students attend Russell Group or 1994 Group universities and around 85% achieve a place at their first choice establishment. We regularly send a good number of students to Oxbridge, and increasingly students are now applying to universities abroad. Five students have now achieved full scholarships to study at Harvard. Regardless of our success with our university applicants, we offer guidance on a wide range of post-18 options and endeavour to cater to each individual's needs.

We regularly appear in the top 10 boys' state selective schools in the country for A Level results. The percentage of students achieving A\* grades is more than double the national average and the number of students achieving A\*/A grades is also well above the national average. The IB average point score is around 36 compared to 29-30 globally. This makes TBGS comparable with the top 10 fee paying schools in the country and near the top of the state schools in the country offering the IB.

TBGS Sixth Form is a very dynamic and vibrant place. In the two years the students are with us, they not only make great progress academically in their chosen subjects, but also have opportunities to participate in a range of activities outside the classroom that will develop both their thinking and a broad range of life and leadership skills. When students leave TBGS, we aim for them to be fully prepared for the next step in their lives.

Mr James Bainbridge  
Head of Sixth Form

# A Level

“The teachers are nurturing, committed and inspirational.”

**On the A-level route choose 3 or 4 A Levels,** with up five one-hour periods per subject.

You can also choose one or more options to complement your studies, including Extended Essay, AS Further Mathematics, GOLD DofE Award and AS Music.

“Throughout my time I was constantly given opportunities for challenging extensions and national competitions to push abilities on further.”

Dare to choose the right path for you.





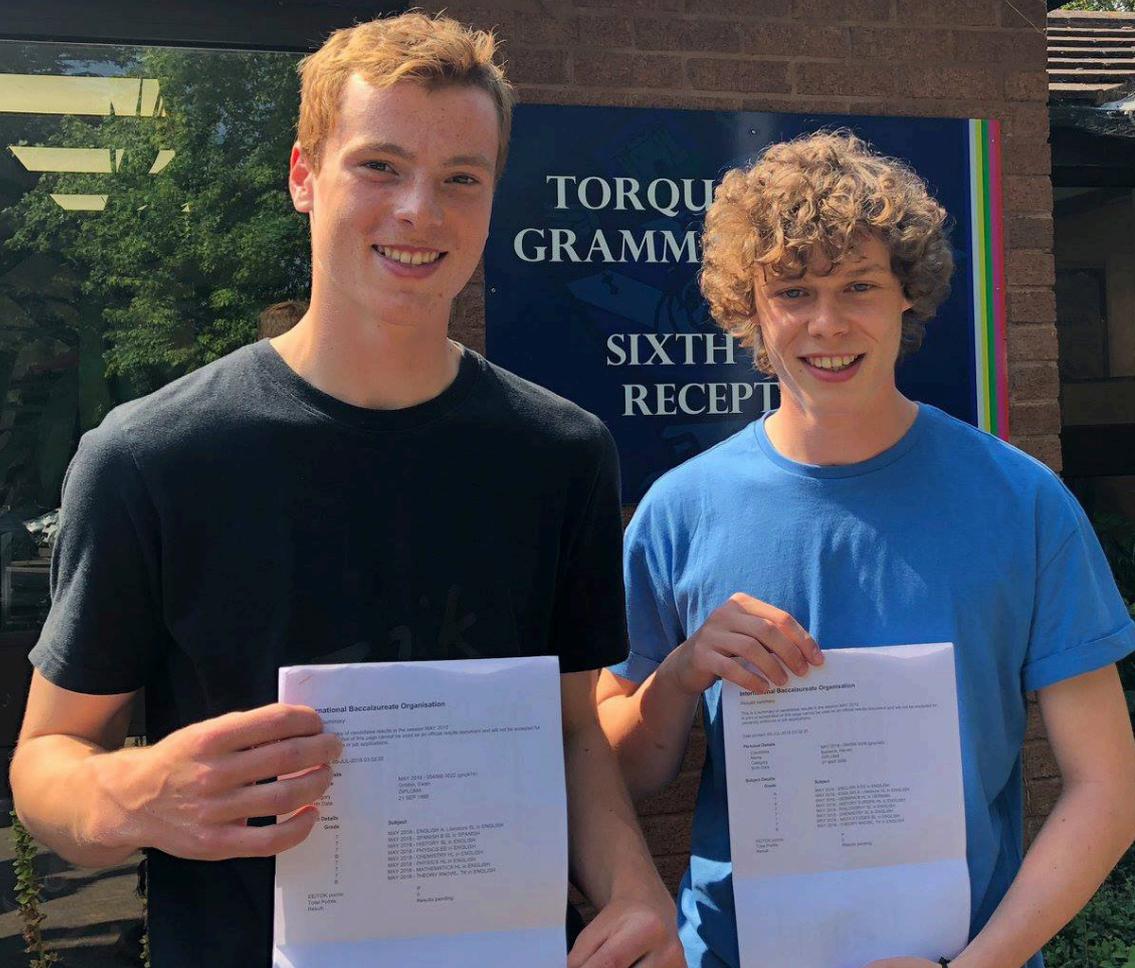
# International Baccalaureate

“Completing the IB at TBGS was instrumental in helping me attain a place to study medicine, as it provided a breadth of study across a range of subjects, as well as opportunities to get involved in community service and sport.”

available to male and female students

The IB is a high-status international qualification in which students choose 3 Higher level subjects, each with 4 one-hour periods per week, and 3 Standard level subjects, each allocated 5 periods per fortnight. They also undertake the common core of Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity, Service. Each subject is awarded a grade out of 7 and the core out of 3 giving a total of 45.

# Dare to make the right choice for your future



Our results speak for themselves, but more than this, our nurturing environment, high quality teachers and enviable resources ensure that all students accelerate to make outstanding personal progress.

Last year, the average IB score was 38/45 compared to a world average of 29. 38 points is the equivalent of 4½ A\* at A level. The average offer for Oxford was 38 points and for most other Russell group universities 32.

The A-Level results were equally strong with average grade B, 66% A\*-B and 36% of grades A\* and A.

## LIST OF SUBJECTS

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Economics
- English
- French
- Geography
- German
- Global Politics
- History
- Japanese
- Mandarin
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Philosophy
- Spanish

## Popular Destinations

Bath	Harvard
Bristol	Oxford
Cambridge	Plymouth
Cardiff	Reading
Exeter	Southampton



“I found all the teachers to be incredibly supportive in helping me to prepare for all aspects of my American and UK university applications. I received detailed feedback concerning personal statements, as well as enthusiastic references and opportunities for practice interviews.”

**“TBGS** did not only allow me to flourish academically, but I felt that I was also able to develop personally through pursuing all of my extra-curricular interests, meaning that I could really enjoy my time at sixth form.”



# Sport

The school is justly proud of its sporting tradition. Boys from TBGS Sixth Form have represented England Schools at Rugby, Cricket, Football, Water Polo, Athletics, Skiing and Sailing. Senior Teams have repeatedly won National Championships in Football, Water Polo, Swimming and Skiing.

At County and District level the school's sporting successes are too numerous to list here and its reputation is fearsome. Underpinning this is an ethos of having a go, whatever the level of competence.



# Social

The social facilities in the Sixth Form are shared with the Girls' school. Students have access to the Common Room areas in the Girls' Sixth Form Centre and in our own Sixth Form Centre. The rooms are comfortable places in which to relax and there are vending machines and snacks served in the morning and during the lunch hour in the Sixth Form Café. Students are given more freedom than in the lower school to prepare them for independence in adult life.

# Clubs & Societies

Every autumn there is a Clubs & Societies Fair, showcasing a multitude of extra-curricular options from sporting to sedentary, adrenalin-fuelled to contemplative. Together they help to create the rich and dynamic atmosphere for which the school is known. Where any particular interest has not been catered for, students have often started their own club or society.



“There were also plenty of opportunities for leadership through membership of the senior team and helping the younger year groups.”

Students are allocated to one of our six House families: Blake, Davys, Frobisher, Gilbert, Hawkins or Raleigh. Heads of House will invite Sixth Formers to take on positions of responsibility as Prefects and a role in helping to lead the House as a Senior Prefect. There will be numerous annual House competitions including Quiz, Chess, Football, Rugby, Cricket, Athletics, Swimming, Basketball, Badminton, Tennis and Hockey. Houses also organise musical and charity events throughout the year.



We rely on Sixth Formers to act as role models for the younger boys; the manner in which Sixth Formers conduct themselves has a considerable effect on the ethos of the whole school, and so are expected to register, attend all lessons, complete all work on time, use study time productively, wear school uniform and involve themselves in the extra-curricular life of the school.

## Graduates of TBGS Sixth Form

- enjoy learning for its own sake;
- develop their creative talents and to fulfill their intellectual potential;
- harness the skills to respond to a changing world with confidence and humility;
- become reflective, open-minded and principled, so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.



## Alumni



## Dare to apply?

Application Forms & Subject Guides are available from the school website

[www.tbgs.co.uk](http://www.tbgs.co.uk)

ELECTRONIC FORMS SHOULD BE PRINTED AND SUBMITTED IN HARD COPY. PLEASE HAND APPLICATION FORMS TO THE SIXTH FORM SECRETARY BY THE LAST SCHOOL DAY IN JANUARY

or send to

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