

Year 11's

Visit to John Warner School, Hoddesdon

Sixth Form

9th December 2025

Gatsby Benchmark 7

"Encounters with Higher and Further Education"



On arrival at the school, we were met by Miss Hayley Wood-Thompson, Director of Sixth Form at John Warner School. Following initial introductions, she provided a guided tour of the school, highlighting the different areas and pathways available to students depending on their subject choices.

John Warner School offers modern, up-to-date facilities, and our students were impressed by the calm atmosphere throughout the school. They observed students fully engaged in their lessons within their subject areas. During the visit, our students were informed about the key differences between college and sixth form education, including that college often focuses on a single subject, whereas sixth form typically involves studying three subjects. This comparison prompted noticeable interest and discussion among the students.

At the end of the tour, we met with current sixth form students at various stages of their education, who provided valuable insight into what it is like to attend sixth form, the advantages it offers, and their future career intentions, ranging from joining the Army, Politics, Dentistry to name just a few varied careers after completing their studies at John Warner School. Hailey Hall students asked relevant and appropriate questions and gained valuable information to support them in making informed post-16 pathway decisions.

At the conclusion of the visit, Hailey Hall students expressed their thanks to the staff for the tour, after which we returned to Hailey Hall School to continue with the normal timetable.

In the coming weeks, students will be supported with discussions and guidance regarding their post-16 applications. As a result of this visit, they now have a clearer understanding of the differences between college and sixth form pathways and are better equipped to make informed decisions about their preferred route. Students will continue to receive support throughout this process until they leave Hailey Hall School and transition to their next destination in September.

Students were extremely well behaved throughout the visit and were a credit to Hailey Hall School. Thank you to staff member, Jack O'Sullivan for his support during the visit.

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