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The Essential Guide to the Sixth Form

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# Hello from the editors ....

Welcome to HIGH! - an informal look at the Sixth Form at Leicester High, written by us for girls like you. We love it here, and know you will too. Happy reading!

**Simrit**

**Ambition:** Biochemistry

**Hero:** My mummy

**Music:** Bhangra

**Saara**

**Ambition:** Doctor

**Hero:** Nelson Mandela

**Music:** The Fray

**Pooja**

**Ambition:** Doctor

**Hero:** Oprah Winfrey

**Music:** Rihanna

**Vaneesha**

**Ambition:** Dentist

**Hero:** Mother Theresa

**Music:** Enrique Iglesias

**Jennie**

**Ambition:** Forensic Archaeologist

**Hero:** Brian May

**Music:** Nickelback

**Charlotte**

**Ambition:** Translator

**Hero:** Angelina Jolie

**Music:** Arctic Monkeys

**Becky**

**Ambition:** Book publisher

**Hero:** Stephen Fry

**Music:** Snow Patrol



## FROM LITTLE GIRL TO HEAD GIRL

**REVEALED: "Why staying on is best"**

Charlotte Hignett, current Head Girl and practically born at Leicester High, gives her reasons why staying on is the best thing to do.

**The Sixth Form is different.**

You think you know the school....and then there's the Sixth Form. The main difference is the very focused atmosphere, and there is much more freedom. Obviously you have a lot of friends already, but because it is not huge, you get to know Year 13 properly and make new friends within other year groups. It is like a close knit family.

**The teachers treat you with respect.**

The teachers know you and you know them, but it is suddenly as though you are an adult. They give you more responsibility and independence and they expect more from you too. Because the classes are small, there is lots of time for discussion around a subject and there are good relationships between teachers and students.

**There is more responsibility.**

There are many real opportunities for extracurricular activities, several run by the Sixth Form. As well as the Head Girl, Senior Prefect and House Captain positions, which carry real responsibility, everyone gets involved in fundraising for the Ball, work experience, trips and all the university and careers programmes.

**The A level results are good.**

I can see why it is tempting to go to a new school for the Sixth Form, but one of the main reasons why I stayed was because of the results. Leicester High is high up in the league tables, and I need good A levels for the university I want to go to, so I didn't want to risk that. I feel very settled and very happy, and you get so much support, security and attention here I don't think there is anywhere quite like it!



All I want for Christmas is to be Head Girl



I believe in Santa!

# What do they do all day?????

## SHOCKING SECRET DIARY

Simrit and Vaneesha reveal the truth about the average life in a day of a sixth former at Leicester High School for Girls.



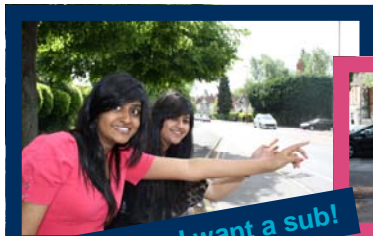
This is the Sixth Form Common Room – a place of music, chat, tea and toast!



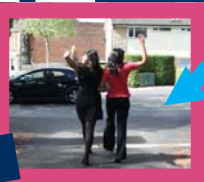
Biology next....



Back to base. Home sweet home. Headphones on.



Stop that bus - I want a sub!



Freeeeee. I mean, Study period....sign out and off to Subway!!



Catch up on some more work in the afternoon....



Enrichment....



Mrs Lancini talks to us about university choices and careers...then off to Spanish and home!

## Happy Memories.....

The Geography trip to Cranedale.....organising Band Night - it was incredible.....**the Sixth Form bonding day and falling in the water**.....organising the Junior Disco for a Haiti victim - the young children had a blast.....seeing the teachers outside the classroom at The Charity Ball - such a tradition and one of my best memories.....**the House Fashion Show - especially seeing the teachers on the catwalk**.....my first ever day at LHS - my favourite memory, as everyone was friendly and really made me feel welcome.

# Escape exam nightmares: GEEKS' GUIDE TO A\* GRADES

Over half of the A Level grades in 2011 were A\* and A - read the top tips from those in the know.....

## General Tips:

1. Check your pencil case/kit the night before
2. Make a playlist of your favourite tracks to revise to - it saves time choosing songs and you won't get bored
3. Go to bed early the night before - hot chocolate and only Facebook after 8pm
4. Never cram in the morning - it causes brain overload
5. Agree to not talk about the exam afterwards with your friends - it just stresses you out.

## Languages:

1. Change your Facebook language to French, German or Spanish
2. Talk to yourself in French etc - it helps with the flow of the language for orals
3. As much as it may kill you - re-read your texts 1000 times

## Sciences:

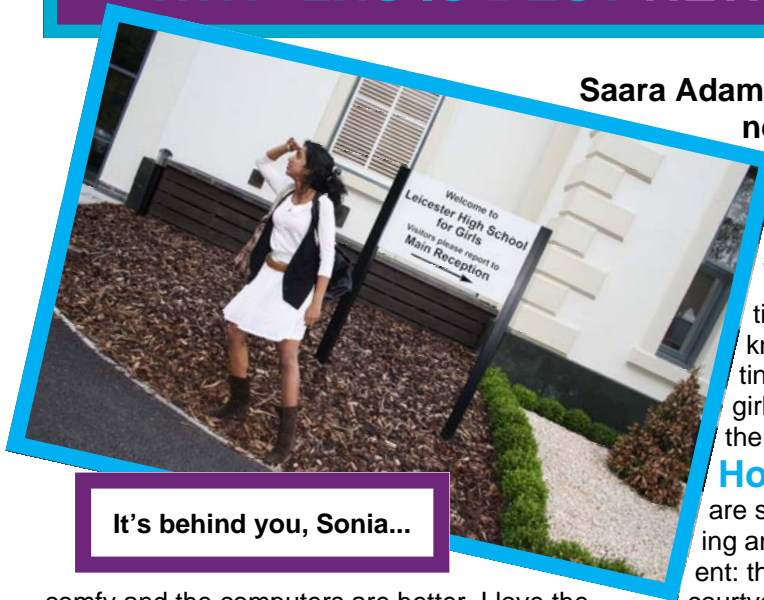
1. Past papers - print off all you can find, don't cheat, and follow up on messed-up papers in study leave
2. Use studentroom.co.uk for exam tips

## Humanities:

1. Read examiners' reports for past exams, as candidates tend to make the same mistakes
2. Remember dates by making a rhyme or linking it to a date you know like a friend's birthday
3. Make a timeline in your bedroom with all the dates you need to know on it
4. Learn case studies one at a time otherwise you will confuse the information



## WHY LHS IS BEST NEW JOINERS SPEAK OUT



It's behind you, Sonia...

Saara Adam joined LHS in the Sixth Form and has never looked back. She, along with new girls Winnie, Sonia and Sharon, talk about what it is really like being a new girl at LHS.

**Why did you move to LHS?** "Its reputation, and I was eager for a positive learning change. I knew it was a great school and I liked the idea of getting the best education possible, and also that it was a girls' school. The facilities were appealing: the labs and the netball courts in particular."

**How different is the school?** "The classes are smaller, so there is more direct student-teacher learning and this leads to a positive ethos. Everything is different: there are more A Levels to choose from; it is more courtyard where you can relax at break and the fact you

comfy and the computers are better. I love the can practise in the music rooms anytime."

**How did the girls help you to settle in?** "The bonding trip helped, but everyone was very welcoming. It was easy to settle in as everyone was so nice. I was scared to come, but then taken aback by how friendly everyone was. I was assigned someone to show me round, which helped a lot in the beginning."

**What do you like about the school?** "There is an all-round hunger for success and the teaching is of the highest calibre. The attitude is work hard and play hard, as there are so many different activities to get involved in. The atmosphere is great; it is relaxed and there is lots of freedom. The teachers are amazing, and often give up their own time to help. The advice with UCAS and careers is great."

**So, did LHS live up to your expectations?** " Definitely. I am glad I am here, and I would recommend any student to consider LHS as a school choice. Yes, the people are wonderful, and there are lots of sporting activities, active learning and great class sessions. Absolutely - the preparation for university is great."