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What subject(s) did you study during Sixth Form?

English, Geography, Physics

What are you studying now and where, and what would like to do next?

I'm currently studying English Language and Literature at Oxford University. I'm considering continuing my studies with a Masters degree after, and then pursuing a career in media or writing.

What was your experience of Sixth Form like?

Adapting to sixth form meant choosing not only subjects I felt I was interested in, but ones I felt I could perform best in and manage the workload of. Bearing in mind the required grades and subjects for further education or apprenticeships etc. is also important, but don't feel like this is a must; I hadn't made any decisions about further education when I was starting sixth form. Being in sixth form also meant I was provided with mock interviews to prepare me for applying to university, and career service meetings were a real help when I was feeling a little lost.

What was your favourite part of Sixth Form?

Having more freedom compared to school is definitely a bonus, as being independent means you can study in the ways you find most productive. There's also a lot more independent study period time, which you can spend on the subjects and topics you feel need the most work. I also found being in sixth form means you're afforded more trust by teachers, and the atmosphere is more relaxed. Being in sixth form also allowed me to pursue my own interests in subjects to a much larger degree than in the lower school.

What advice would you give to someone about to move into Sixth Form?

I would say it's helpful to familiarise yourself with your syllabus early on, so you have a better idea of the work you need to complete. Other than that, it's good to work on your time management skills as you're expected to organise your own studies. Starting revision and consolidating your knowledge early takes a lot of stress away from the exam process.