Welcome to Sixth Form

Year 12 & 13

Your next chapter starts here.

Nobel Algarve
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A warm welcome

Welcome to Nobel Algarve Sixth Form. These two years are an exciting step towards greater independence, deeper learning and the choices that will shape what comes next. Our role is to challenge you academically while making sure you have the guidance, encouragement and opportunities you need to thrive.

Make the most of your lessons, your study time and the wider life of the school. Ask questions, get involved and take responsibility for your progress. We look forward to supporting you throughout the journey.

David Green
Head of Sixth Form & University Admissions



Sixth Form is a distinctive stage of school life: a time when you become role models, develop your own voice and begin to look beyond school towards university, work and the wider world.

At Nobel Algarve, we want you to be ambitious for yourself and generous in the contribution you make to our community. I hope you will embrace the opportunities ahead, build strong relationships and leave Sixth Form with the confidence, independence and character to take your next step.

Russell Johnston
Head of International / Head of Secondary





Welcome to Sixth Form life

Sixth Form is a time to embrace greater independence and take more responsibility for your learning, organisation and personal growth. You will be supported by your teachers and Form Tutor, but increasingly you will be expected to manage your time, meet deadlines and make thoughtful choices about how you learn.

Sixth Form success = Attendance + Organisation + Independence + Effort



Your Sixth Form Tutor Team

Head of Sixth Form & University Admissions: David Green

Sixth Form is guided by a group of highly experienced Form Tutors, who are always there to answer questions nad help you settle in to this new stage of your education and personal development. They are always your first point of contact throughout this journey.

A day in Sixth Form

Form Time	09:15 - 09:25	**Period 1**	09:25 - 10:10
Period 2	10:10 - 10:55	**Break**	10:55 - 11:15
Period 3	11:15 - 12:00	**Period 4**	12:00 - 12:45
Lunch	12:45 - 14:00	**Period 5**	14:00 - 14:45
Period 6	14:45 - 15:30	**Break**	15:30 - 15:45
Period 7	15:45 - 16:30		

Make every lesson count. Morning registration is an important daily check-in with your Form Tutor. Regular attendance matters: missing lessons means missing teaching, discussion, practical work and opportunities to ask questions.

The Sixth Form Study Area is a quiet, respectful and productive space. Work considerately, keep conversations low, leave workspaces tidy and respect the students around you. Phones can be used for work purposes only in this room but nowhere else in the school. Laptops and Tablets are preferred to phones, however.



Learning independently

Study periods are not simply free time. They are an important part of the Sixth Form timetable and give you the space to take ownership of your progress.

- Complete independent study and assignments
- Review and consolidate classwork
- Prepare for assessments and deadlines
- Revise regularly
- Ask teachers for help when you need it
- Work on university, careers and enrichment activities

Your time is your responsibility. Use it wisely



Stay connected

Microsoft Teams is the main communication hub for Sixth Form. Check it regularly for class resources, assignments, important dates, announcements and opportunities in university guidance, careers, enrichment, internships and student leadership.

Leadership & citizenship

Sixth Form is an opportunity to take on greater responsibility, develop your leadership skills and make a meaningful contribution to the wider school community. At Nobel, we encourage our students to be active role models who use their ideas, interests and strengths to create positive change.

Sixth Form Leadership

Our Head Students are elected by the student body and play an important role in representing the voice of Sixth Form students. Working alongside students from the National Section, they contribute to initiatives and events throughout the academic year, helping to shape the student experience across the school.

Leadership extends beyond our campus. Head Students have the opportunity to meet student leaders from across the Globeducate network at the annual Globeducate Leadership Summit. They gain new ideas, perspectives and leadership skills which they can bring back to Nobel and share with the wider student community.

Our Deputy Head Students can take on leadership roles linked to their own interests and passions, including positions such as Wellbeing, Sports and Environment Ambassadors. These roles allow students to turn their interests into meaningful action and lead initiatives that have a positive impact on school life.

Sixth Form students also play a central role in our Student Council, working with younger students on fundraising, sporting events, seasonal activities and wider school initiatives. The Student Council is student-led, giving students a genuine opportunity to share their views, propose ideas and have their voices heard.

Citizenship Programme

All Year 12 and 13 students are encouraged to get involved in our Citizenship Programme and make a positive contribution to our school community.

Students can:

- **Support learning** – assist teachers and younger students with lessons, activities and academic support.
- **Share your strengths** – use a subject, skill or personal interest to support students and classes across the school.
- **Lead a club** – create and run a lunchtime or after-school club based on your interests, talents or experience.
- **Take responsibility** – develop leadership, organisation, teamwork and communication skills through real experiences.
- **Make a difference** – contribute to the learning, wellbeing and wider experience of younger students

Why get involved?

Leadership and citizenship provide experiences that go far beyond the classroom. They enable students to develop confidence, initiative, communication and teamwork, while demonstrating commitment and responsibility.
These experiences can also strengthen university applications and personal references, providing meaningful evidence of leadership, contribution and achievement. Most importantly, they give Sixth Form students the opportunity to leave a positive legacy within the school community and help make Nobel a better place for everyone.

Belong. Contribute. Lead.

Sixth Form students are role models within the school. Years 12 and 13 are encouraged to make a positive contribution to the Nobel Algarve community and to use their strengths in ways that benefit others.

Support others

Assist teachers and younger students with learning and activities.

Share your strengths

Use a subject, interest or skill you enjoy to support others across the school.

Lead something

Create or run a lunchtime or after-school club.

Shape the school

Student leadership gives Sixth Formers greater voice, agency and opportunities to make a difference.

These experiences build confidence, communication and leadership skills, strengthen university applications and CVs, and provide meaningful evidence of contribution and achievement.



Looking ahead

Planning for life after Sixth Form is part of the journey from the start. David Green leads University Admissions support, and students have access to guidance and tools that help them explore pathways, research opportunities and prepare strong applications.

Explore	Prepare	Experience
Research universities and pathways, including international options.	Build applications, personal statements/CVs and keep on top of key deadlines.	Use enrichment, leadership and internship opportunities to develop experience beyond the classroom.

Students applying to UK universities will be connected to the school through UCAS, while international university application processes vary. Students are expected to know and manage the key dates relevant to their chosen destinations.

If you plan to apply for a deferred university place and intend to take a Gap Year in between, it is wise to plan your time during that year carefully to ensure you devote sections of it to developing your skills, character and experience. There are many global Gap Year programmes and opportunities available.

If you plan to apply for a Degree Apprenticeship or an Internship before university, we can also support you with researching these options and with applications. Degree Apprenticeships are a new programme in the UK and are in high demand but offer the opportunity to work and study at the same time – and across a range of disciplines and career pathways.

BEING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

High expectations, growing responsibility

Greater independence comes with greater responsibility. Sixth Form students are expected to set a positive example to younger pupils and to behave in a way that reflects their position in the school.

Be a role model	Be ready to learn
Treat others with respect. Bullying is not tolerated.	Bring the equipment you need; laptops and tablets may be used to support learning.
Use technology responsibly	**Wear the uniform well**
Mobile phones may only be used in the Sixth Form Study Area for permitted purposes; outside designated areas the school phone policy applies.	Full school uniform is expected for Sixth Form students.

Independence is not about doing everything alone – it is about knowing when to take responsibility and when to ask for support.

Staying on track

Sixth Form moves quickly, so good communication and organisation make a real difference. Students should check Teams, attend registration, meet deadlines and speak to staff early if they need help.

Attendance	Progress	Assessment
Being in school consistently protects valuable learning time. Parents should notify the school when a student is absent.	Reports are issued during the year and parent meetings provide opportunities to discuss progress and next steps.	Internal mocks and external examinations are key milestones. Full examination schedules are shared when confirmed.



Useful contacts
Absence: absence@nobelalgarve.com
Examinations: exams.officer@nobelalgarve.com

For term dates, examination schedules and other time-sensitive information, students and families should use the latest school communications and calendar.

Make Sixth Form your own

Work hard. Get involved. Ask questions. Look ahead.

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