



Ejaz now has a flourishing career in finance thanks to strong support in the Sixth Form at Kingsmead School laying the foundations for his success

Ejaz, who is 22, lives in Enfield and works in the financial sector. He is a former pupil of Kingsmead School and Sixth Form.

Good preparation

Ejaz enjoyed his time in the Sixth Form at Kingsmead where he benefited academically and had support with applying for university. He says: "I was well prepared to take my A Levels by the teachers and they gave me valuable help with my university applications, suggesting additional elements to think about, such as student finance and accommodation."

Financial sector

After Ejaz left the Kingsmead Sixth Form he went to the University of Warwick to study Economics. He graduated in 2023 and joined the Barclays Bank graduate scheme as an accountant and financial analyst. He now works in various teams to experience the range of jobs in banking, accountancy and business.



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Quality teaching

Ejaz attended Kingsmead from Year 7, up to taking his GCSEs. "I chose to stay on in the Sixth Form at Kingsmead because of the high quality of teaching I knew I would receive in the subjects I had chosen to do for A Level. I was confident I would have good support from the staff and knew I would enjoy the environment and be comfortable in my surroundings. Knowing my way around everywhere smoothed the path to A Levels for me," he says.

Extra opportunities

The staff made Ejaz aware of summer schools he would be eligible for and he got into the Oxford, LSE and Warwick summer schools to do Economics. "This gave me experience of what I would be learning at uni and the chance to talk to students who were already there and helped me decide where I wanted to go after taking my A Levels."

Helpful advice

Ejaz says he did his own research, but was glad to have the staff to talk to about what he was planning. He was grateful they flagged up opportunities, such as careers fairs that students could attend. "In the Sixth Form at Kingsmead, there is always help available for students, even if you do your own research like I did. I found it helpful to have someone to discuss it with afterwards. Any student who needs help with applications will find there is good support from the staff," Ejaz says.

Happy time

"I enjoyed the sixth form because of my friends and fellow students and felt I was able to foster friendships more. We all had good relationships with the staff who encouraged us to do stuff outside school, and helped us organise things such as work experience and prepare for interviews. They encouraged me to think about the end result, such as actually working in an accountancy firm, rather than just focusing on the academic side," he says.

Academic success

Ejaz obtained an A in Further Maths at AS Level and A Stars in Maths, Economics, and Politics at A Level. "I had good teachers in all my subjects and would wholeheartedly recommend Kingsmead to prospective sixth formers. The teachers care about your progress and will help you with much more than the academic side. I enjoyed playing football and basketball while I was in the sixth form and there are opportunities for students to do activities connected with Music and the Arts as well," Ejaz says.

Smooth transition

"Students should consider the sixth form at Kingsmead because it will help smooth their transition to University and a career. Anything you need to know you can ask the teachers, and they will give you advice and point you in the right direction. I am grateful to Kingsmead and keen to help them in the future by giving talks and advising any students interested in a career in finance."



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