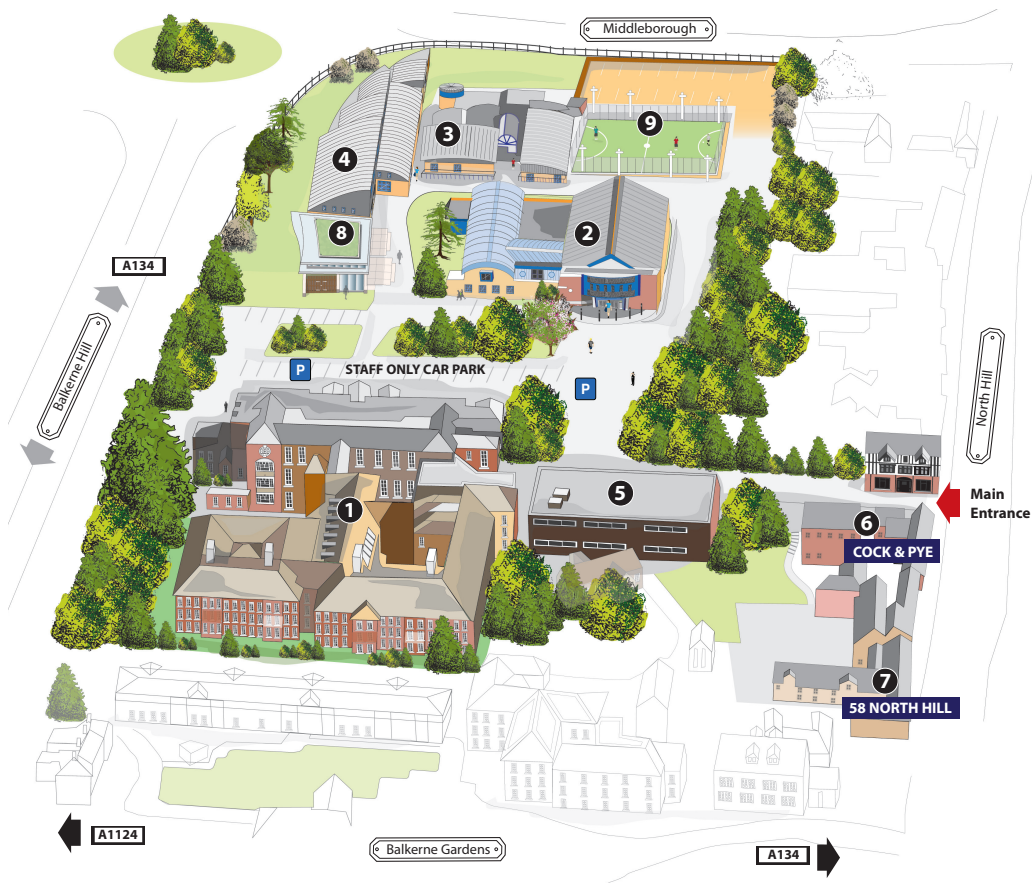



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THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE COLCHESTER



Finding your way around The Sixth Form College, Colchester

Key:

1 South Site Building

Ground Floor - Rooms 002 - 018
Music, Psychology - (Drama Studio), Refectory

Floor 1 - Rooms 100 - 132
Accounting, Electronics, Film Studies, Graphic Design, Library, Media Studies, Physics, Product Design

Floor 2 - Rooms 200 - 232
Applied Business, Chemistry, Criminology, Economics, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Languages, Textiles

Floor 3 - Rooms 300 - 336
Art, Art History, Biology, Core Maths, Mathematics, Photography, Statistics

2 Mid Site Building

Level 1 - Room 604
Roman Bath Restaurant

Level 2 - Rooms 610 - 623
Classical Civilisation, History, Politics, Sport & PE

Level 3 - Rooms 630 - 647
Health & Social Care, Sociology

Level 4 - Rooms 650 - 658
English

Mid Site Building - Multi Purpose Hall

3 North Site Building (IT Centre)

Rooms 700 - 708
Business, Computer Science, Information Technology

4 North Site

Rooms 901 - 906
Philosophy, Religious Studies, Law

5 Performance Studio

Rooms 510 - 523
Dance, Drama, Music Technology, Performing Arts

6 Cock & Pye Building

Rooms 501 - 505

7 Learning Support - 58 North Hill

Rooms 801 - 822

8 The Pavilion

Rooms 910 - 911
Advanced Foundation Programme

9 Astro Turf All Weather Pitch

Main Entrance Car Park

THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE COLCHESTER

INDUCTION 2026

SCHEME A – DIVISIONS 1, 3, 7 and 8

9.00 AM – 10.00 AM	Tutorial 1 HOUR	Tutor Room
10.05 AM – 10.50 AM	Subject Period 45 min	Subject
		Room
10.50 AM – 11.15 AM	Break 25min	
11.15 AM – 12.00 PM	Subject Period 45 min	Subject
		Room
12.00 PM – 12.25 PM	Additional Studies 25 MINS	Multi-purpose Hall
12.25 PM – 1.00 PM	Lunch 35 MINS	
1.05 PM – 1.50 PM	Subject Period 45 min	Subject
		Room
1.55 PM – 2.40 PM	Subject Period 45 min	Subject
		Room
2.45 PM – 3.10 PM	Tutorial 25 MINS	Tutor Room
3.10 PM	Any further enquiries regarding subjects/transport	General Office – In Reception

STUDENT INFORMATION FOR INDUCTION 2026

1. Aims of the day

Through involvement in the Induction programme, we hope that you will be more informed and better prepared for enrolment and the start of your new chosen courses in September. Please make sure, before you leave today, that you understand what will happen during the enrolment process and in the days before classes begin in September.

During your induction day you have the opportunity to meet a number of subject staff and, of course, other students. The subject sessions give you a chance to find out more about each of the subjects that you have chosen and help you to plan a balanced programme of study. At the end of today you will discuss your provisional course choices with your personal tutor. You may choose to alter them, but, a number of subjects are currently closed. We do keep waiting lists as the subjects may re-open at enrolment. Please tell your personal tutor if you wish your name to be added to a waiting list for a particular subject.

You also have the opportunity to find out about a range of additional studies options, transport arrangements and financial support. We hope that you will be able to get answers to your questions regarding all the important aspects of your transfer to College. If you have any unanswered questions make sure that you ask your tutor before you leave today.

2. Choosing 4 A Levels or Certificate Subject Briefing Sessions (This is relevant for A Levels or Certificates only - if you are an AFP student your tutor will explain the programme dimensions/options to you in the relevant introductory briefing)

A Level students have an individual programme of four subject briefing sessions that you select at the start of the day. **Please note that at Enrolment in September all students will be expected to opt for at least three academic courses plus a "fourth choice" course. These fourth course choices are shown in the prospectus and online [The Sixth Form College Colchester - Additional Studies](#).**

You will see that there are a number of qualification-based courses as well as a larger range of other additional studies options. Please note that you will be expected to complete all the courses that you enrol upon in September, so think very carefully about your choices. Some changes may be possible over the first couple of weeks of your course, subject to places still being available and to you meeting the entry criteria for your new subject choices. Your final choices at enrolment will also be determined by your GCSE results profile as well as your career intentions, skills and interests.

Attending subject sessions on our induction programme is one way to make sure you have chosen subjects that you will enjoy and on which you will have a very good chance of success. You might also think of courses you may need for future progression. It is sensible for you to attend a fourth A Level subject briefing option in case you need to consider potential alternatives in September. It's important that you attend sessions in the subjects you plan to study as they will contain important activities and information.

3. Closed courses

Students with an 'offer letter' that indicates that they have a place on any of the courses on the closed course list are still guaranteed a place on those courses, provided that they meet the entry criteria. Other students can indicate at induction that they now wish to opt for closed courses, but on the understanding that we may not be able to meet this request. If you want to have the chance of a place on one of these oversubscribed courses you should put your name onto a waiting list and your personal tutor will discuss this with you.

4. Entry requirements for our programmes of study

Please make sure that you understand the entry requirements for both your overall preferred programme of study and for each of your intended individual subjects. If you are in any doubt, please ask at the subject sessions for clarification. The "courses" section on our website [The Sixth Form College Colchester - A-Level](#) will also give you the entry criteria for each subject. Please let your tutor know if you want to add your name to any waiting list so they can also add this to your coursing sheet.

5. Transport information

Staff will be available between 12pm and 1pm and again at 3.10pm in the General Office to answer any questions you may have regarding transport arrangements. Transport information can also be found on the college website. [The Sixth Form College Colchester - Transport \(colchsfc.ac.uk\)](#)

6. Food

Both our restaurants (Southsite 'Refectory' and Midsite 'Roman Bath Restaurant') will be open during break and lunchtime. They serve good and inexpensive food and are a great place to meet with friends. Please note that our onsite catering facilities are unable to take cash.

7. Enrolment and the start of term

At the end of July, we will email you an individual enrolment appointment. **Our enrolment days are on 1st, 2nd & 3rd September.** Please let your personal tutor know if you are unable to attend on these days and they will add details to the register.

Please email the College Admissions Office at admissions@colchsfc.ac.uk as soon as possible if you decide you do not wish to take up your place, as there are other students currently on our reserve list who are hoping for a place.

STRUCTURE OF THE TWO-YEAR A LEVEL PROGRAMME AT THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

THREE A LEVELS (or * Extended Certificate course)
Over two years
Accounting Art & Design (Fine Art) Art History Biology Business Chemistry Classical Civilisation Computing Criminology* Dance Drama & Theatre Economics Electronics English Language & Literature English Language English Literature Environmental Science Film Studies French Geography Geology (Earth Science) German Graphic Design (Graphic Communication) Health and Social Care* History (4 alternative time periods) Information Technology* Law Mathematics Mathematics – Further Media Studies Music Music Technology Performing Arts * Philosophy Philosophy, Religion and Ethics (PRE) Photography Physics Politics Product Design (Resistant Materials) Psychology Sociology Spanish Sport and Physical Education Sport – Applied* Statistics Textiles



DAILY MEETINGS WITH PERSONAL TUTOR
Throughout your course, including a longer weekly tutorial to cover the programme of tutorial activities:
General guidance, advice and support Progress monitoring and reports University and careers advice Contact with parents

WE'LL ALSO ASK YOU TO GET INVOLVED IN:

AN ADDITIONAL TIMETABLED 'FOURTH' COURSE
This <u>could</u> include:
AN EXTRA ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION
An extra A Level (if qualified) Core Mathematics Certificate Coaching Sport GCSE Spanish (for strong linguists) GCSE 're-sit' - English Language or Mathematics Extended Project
AND/OR
A CAREER PROGRESSION PROGRAMME
Aspirations and Vision Lawyers Group Doctors, Dentists and Vets Group Preparation for Teaching Career Group Work Experience
AND/OR
THE CHANCE TO PURSUE AN EXTRA INTEREST
Including: Sports Performing Arts Foreign Languages Digital Skills Academy Debating Creative Writing

ALSO, YOU MIGHT CHOOSE TO GET INVOLVED IN:

"FIFTH COURSES" AND EXTRA EVENTS
"Off timetable" groups and activities throughout the year
Performances Festivals Careers Fairs Charity Events

WE HAVE APPROX 100 FOURTH AND FIFTH COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM – see website for further details



IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO US ON RESULTS DAY **20/21 August**

There is very little time between receiving your GCSE results and your enrolment appointment. If you are worried about your results, it is important that you email the Admissions team either via the website [The Sixth Form College Colchester - GCSE Results Day Guidance](#) or admissions@colchsfc.ac.uk as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES OF A LEVEL COURSES CAN BE DEALT WITH AT YOUR NORMAL ENROLMENT APPOINTMENT, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

You therefore only need to contact the College before enrolment if:

There are major problems with your chosen programme of A Level or Certificate courses, perhaps because you have not achieved the required grades in more than one key subject and you wish to discuss the range of options that might still be available.

We will try to resolve your problem over the telephone, but it may be necessary for you to come in for an appointment. Your parents are welcome to attend.

Please use the website [The Sixth Form College Colchester - GCSE Results Day Guidance](#) It is the quickest way for us to help you.

Please note that there can be a high level of queries received over this period, but you will get an initial email response to confirm receipt of your enquiry. Admissions will then ask an advisor to telephone you or, if necessary, will make an appointment for you to come into College to speak to an enrolment advisor but please be advised that this might not be until later in the day or even the following day.

The Admissions Office will be open at the following times:

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 9.30 AM – 5.00 PM FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 9.30 AM – 3.00PM

**Study skills, essay writing, revision,
managing your time effectively,
organisation – just a few of the things
we can help you with!**



No. 58 North Hill

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- We are a friendly, experienced team.
- We run workshops throughout the year – keep an eye on the student bulletin.
- 1-1 sessions available for all college students, just drop me an email – daya@colchsfc.ac.uk

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FINANCIAL/TRAVEL INFORMATION 2026/27 YEAR

CHILDCARE SUPPORT

Students who have dependent children may be eligible for financial support towards the costs of childcare and travel.

Application forms and guidance notes can be found on – www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The College receives Government funding to support both a Bursary Award Scheme (including a contribution toward food costs) for students from families on low incomes receiving a means tested state benefit and a Discretionary Award Scheme for students in extreme financial hardship. Evidence of family financial circumstances will be required to access these funds. See finance website page [The Sixth Form College Colchester - Finance\(colchsfc.ac.uk\)](http://The Sixth Form College Colchester - Finance(colchsfc.ac.uk))

Students may also be eligible for some support towards travel costs to attend HE and employment interviews.

Students should discuss their needs with their Personal or Senior Tutor or the finance team.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

At enrolment, the College makes a single request to cover a number of payments, which help support effective learning and student activities within the College. Full details are issued at enrolment and current levels of charge are:

Learning Resource Contribution/Information Learning Technology	£50
College Fund	£10 (if attending a 1-year course)
or	£15 (if attending a 2-year course)

Payment can be made online via Wisepay; more details will be given at enrolment.

LOCKERS

Lockers are allocated on a first come first served basis at the time of enrolment. Please note that we try to accommodate all students that require a locker. A charge of £10 is made for the locker, this covers the whole time the student is enrolled at college. Payment can be made online; more details will be given at enrolment.

TRANSPORT GUIDANCE [The Sixth Form College Colchester - Transport\(colchsfc.ac.uk\)](http://The Sixth Form College Colchester - Transport(colchsfc.ac.uk))

In terms of financial support, the College is not able to directly subsidise transport, however, there are bursaries available to those on a low income. Some families have made the decision to use such bursaries to assist with transport costs (further details of the Bursary Award Scheme can be found on the College website under Finance – Finance assistance [The Sixth Form College Colchester - Finance\(colchsfc.ac.uk\)](http://The Sixth Form College Colchester - Finance(colchsfc.ac.uk))).

In addition, the College does regularly negotiate preferential rates for travel passes with a number of transport companies. Arrangements can be made in some exceptional cases to pay for termly passes by instalment. In all cases, it is well worth further discussion with staff here at the College by emailing enquiries@colchsfc.ac.uk.

PERFORMING ARTS ADDITIONAL STUDIES PROGRAMME

Band - An opportunity to develop ensemble playing for students who play band instruments such as saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, flute, percussion and others at grade 5 standard. We rehearse music from a wide range of styles, from jazz and big band to classical and film music, preparing for concerts.

Orchestra - An opportunity to develop ensemble playing for students who play orchestral instruments at grade 5 standard, preparing for concerts. A wider variety of music is performed, including classical and film music.

Choir - An opportunity to sing a variety of music, including popular and classical songs, preparing for concerts.

DJ Club - Learn how to use professional DJing equipment and software to blend a multitude of genres in a live performance setting. Students will collaborate on a weekly basis, leading to DJing opportunities on the college radio.

Grade 5 Theory - An opportunity to develop notation and harmony skills leading to the ABRSM Grade 5 Theory exam.

Dance Club - Contemporary based, teacher led session exploring movement phrases and choreography. Performance opportunities and input from students always welcome!

CHOREOIab - Student led session. Open class, students decide style of dance, type of work and what they do. If you don't want to do "mainstream" dance and would like to do "your" thing - then come work with us! EPQ Dance students look for dancers for their choreography here too.

LAMDA Course (Additional Studies) - A great opportunity for some one-to-one teaching to prepare students for the LAMDA Acting, Musical Theatre or Speaking Verse and Poetry course/exam (student to select a course).

Students can either be assessed as a solo performer or as part of a duologue (eg pair). Exam entry is not obligatory, it can be done purely for performance experience and fun. For those students wishing to pursue one of the three courses at exam level, there would be a financial cost involved for the actual exam (and possible support in certain circumstances). The LAMDA course can be followed at grade 4 or 5 level (GCSE equivalent) or Bronze, Silver or Gold level (A Level equivalent) and there is a vast range of materials from different periods and genres that can be selected for the course. The LAMDA qualification (Distinction, Merit, Pass or Fail) is internationally recognised and can contribute to UCAS points for University applications.

Drama club - In this very practical course we will explore different performance styles, through various plays and styles throughout theatre history. We will also focus on devising work and the range of techniques that can be used to create interesting and original pieces of theatre. You will increase your knowledge and confidence of drama skills, as well as develop communication and collaboration skills by working in small groups as well as the whole group, on occasion. There will be opportunities to perform work in a range of contexts, e.g. lunchtime performances or as part of other student projects. All students welcome.

Gold Arts Award - Encourages in-depth research of any art form or arts practice, and how this can be influenced by exploring a new art form, genre or practice. You will develop your skills within an art form and reflect on this through practical experience (workshops or work experience) in the creative industries. You will also plan and deliver a project to demonstrate your leadership skills. The Gold Arts Award is designed for ages 16 and above and carries 16 UCAS points.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL LESSONS

All students wishing to take instrumental or vocal lessons should sign up for these as an additional studies element of their programme, regardless of whether they are studying A Level Music.

Students who are not taking A Level Music will need to pay for lessons by **Monday 14th September** via the following link:
<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1695#/courselist/25>

Timetables for lessons will be finalised once academic subject timetables have been issued. Students should check the student bulletin for notices confirming when to attend the Music Department to arrange lesson times.

Lessons cost approximately **£250 for 12 half-hour sessions** (unless the student is taking A Level Music). The exact cost will be confirmed by **Essex Music Service** in the second week of May. Students facing financial difficulties may apply to their Senior Tutor for financial support.

For any queries, please contact **Daniel Plewinski** at:
plewinski@colchsfc.ac.uk

MUSIC A LEVEL

Students wishing to take A Level Music must demonstrate performance ability and music notation reading skills.

Students who have already achieved **Grade 5 in both performance and music theory** are not required to attend a workshop day.

Students who have not achieved Grade 5 in performance and/or music theory will have the opportunity to attend a **workshop day on Tuesday 7th July 10am – 2pm**. During this day:

- Students can perform to a teacher for assessment of performance ability
- Students can attend a morning session to develop the required music theory knowledge

Successful completion of these elements will allow entry onto the course.

If a student is away for the workshop day, then contact **Daniel Plewinski** at:
plewinski@colchsfc.ac.uk

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY A LEVEL

To study A Level Music Technology, students must meet the standard college entry requirements.

In addition, students should:

- Have achieved at least a **Grade 4 in Music GCSE**, *or*
- Have experience with music technology as a hobby (e.g. using a DAW), *or*
- Demonstrate a genuine interest in the subject, where they can describe their interests to a teacher

Students must also have achieved **Grade 5 in either GCSE English Language or English Literature**.





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