



THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE COLCHESTER



OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH HIGH ACHIEVEMENT AND ASPIRATIONS

We provide high levels of specific, individual support. A range of specialist programmes and activities are provided to suit each individual student; this includes guidance for those students with very high academic potential and aspirations, and those who are likely to be pursuing applications for the most competitive academic courses. This will involve those applying for places for Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities and for the most competitive degree courses including in the fields of law, medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy, architecture, mathematics, science, engineering, English, history and languages.

**Specific details regarding provision may need to be revised in light of the ongoing corona virus situation. Temporary changes to normal arrangements may be required; for example some additional studies courses may be withdrawn or offered in modified form. The college will always aim to deliver a full range of support for students wherever possible.*

SPECIALIST PROGRAMME OF SUPPORT FOR THOSE APPLYING TO OXBRIDGE AND OTHER COMPETITIVE INSTITUTIONS

The College has strong links with a wide range of universities in the UK, including Oxford, Cambridge and a number of medical schools.

Support is available at every stage of the process, from initial A Level choices, through to application and interview preparation.

The programme involves trips, guest speakers, advice for parents and specialist one to one support for students. The College supports the prestigious national 'Year in Industry' scheme for high achievers.

SUPPORT PROGRAMMES FOR THOSE SEEKING TO ENTER SPECIFIC PROFESSIONS

There are specialist support programmes available to guide those seeking careers in areas such as medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, law and teaching.

SUPPORT WITH PREPARATION FOR RELEVANT UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS

Including STEP (for Mathematics), BMAT and UKCAT (for Medicine), LNAT (for Law) and the range of Oxford and Cambridge 'extra tests' linked to many of their courses.

BROAD AND FLEXIBLE PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

Including, for students with strong GCSE grades, the opportunity to study 4, or even 5 A Level options, from a range of approximately 50, including options in 'harder to find' subject areas such as A Levels in Further Mathematics, Classical Civilisations, Geology, Art History and German.

THE CHANCE TO FURTHER DEVELOP LANGUAGE SKILLS

We offer A Levels and GCSEs in a wide range of languages including German, alongside opportunities to explore languages such as Latin, Greek, Mandarin Chinese and Japanese.

EXTREMELY FLEXIBLE AND STUDENT-FOCUSED APPROACH TO EXTENDED PROJECTS

With lots of one-to-one support, we can tailor an individual Extended Project Qualification (similar to a university dissertation) to exactly suit your needs, interests and aspirations: in the past students have completed excellent projects in areas such as law, medicine, physics, engineering, anthropology, archaeology, computing, literature and creative writing.

- Academic Newsletter
- Additional Studies including Anthropology, Computer Modelling, Archaeology, Latin, Mandarin Chinese.

OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Over recent years college students have seen real success in national competitions such as the Biology, Chemistry and Physics Olympiads, The Maths Challenge and The Bar Mock Trial Competition. They even won a competition where knowledge of physics was required to crack a safe!



The College provides prestigious continuing full-time academic education opportunities for 16 – 19 year olds, combined with excellent pastoral care, personal development programmes and a fantastic range of wider activities. The aim is to enhance your future progression opportunities – university, employment and life. At The Sixth Form College, Colchester we pride ourselves upon offering the following, to all students:

A 'TRADITIONAL' SIXTH FORM EXPERIENCE, IN A 'COLLEGE' ENVIRONMENT

Many of the familiar aspects of school life carry on in a similar vein at the College, but in a more 'university style' young adult environment. *You will join academic subject classes with an average of 17 or 18 students. You will meet with your teacher for a regular pattern of 4 double lessons per week in each A Level subject, as part of a timetabled day of 9am to 4pm.



A CLEAR FOCUS UPON CARE FOR YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL

For example, you will have a teacher as a Personal Tutor, who you will see every day and who will be the first point of contact for you and for your parents.

A CLEAR FOCUS UPON A LEVEL AND RELATED SUBJECTS

Our students, on average, consistently achieve a package of sixth form qualifications and results which are much higher than the average level of student achievement in schools and colleges in England including those in the independent school sector.

EXCELLENT SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSITY AND EMPLOYMENT

We send over 1,000 university applications a year, invite hundreds of colleges and employers in to advise our students and have a whole team of dedicated careers staff permanently on site.

A HUGE RANGE OF COURSES

The College offers one of the widest selections of A Level courses in the country – whatever you choose, we can in most cases guarantee that these courses will run and that they will fit together upon your timetable.

A HUGE RANGE OF EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Including, for example, opportunities drawn from over 70 *additional studies options in areas such as sport, modern foreign languages, performing arts and the Duke of Edinburgh Award; including, for example, the Debating Society, the Holocaust Memorial Programme, Model United Nations Conference, external speakers etc.

LESSONS THAT TAKE PLACE UPON ONE PURPOSE BUILT SITE

At the Sixth Form College, we teach all of our courses in specialist sixth form accommodation on one purpose-built site, located in a very accessible central area of Colchester.



Luke (top left), who joined us from St. John Payne School, achieved A* grades in A Level Biology, Geology, Environmental Science and Extended Project Qualification. Luke is now studying for a degree in Environmental Geoscience at the University of Bristol.

Amber (top right), who joined us from St Helena School, also achieved 3 A* grades in A Level Biology, English and Psychology. Amber is now studying Psychology at Kings College, London.

Harry (bottom right), who joined us from Honywood Community Science School, achieved straight A* grades in A Level French, Economics and Spanish. Harry has taken up a place at Worcester College, Oxford, to study French and Spanish.

Deborah (bottom left), joined us from Chelmsford County High School and achieved A* grades in A Level Biology and Religious Studies and an A grade in A Level Chemistry and Extended Project Qualification. Deborah has now taken a place to study Dentistry at the University of Bristol.