



THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
COLCHESTER



ACADEMIC ASPIRATIONS

OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS AND ASPIRATIONS

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 in the fields of law, medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy, architecture, mathematics, science, engineering, English, history and languages. A good level of specific individual support is provided.

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, 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-FOCUSSED 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, anthropology, archaeology and creative writing.

- Academic Newsletter.
- Additional Studies including Computer Modelling and Archaeology.

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!



Tom (please see back cover)

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 timetable day that goes from 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.



Hiba is now studying law at The University of Bristol, having achieved a stunning A* in Law, Distinction* in ICT and A in Business.

A very substantial number of this year's leavers successfully attained the grades necessary to progress to degree courses, including large numbers progressing to some of the very most competitive courses in the country – successes in this area include an outstanding year for teachers in areas such as Classical Civilisation, with three students now reading classics at Cambridge:

Holly who joined us from The Colne Community School, will now be reading Classics at Queen's College Cambridge, having achieved a stunning four A* grades in A Level History, Mathematics, Classical Civilisation and in her Extended Project, as well as an additional qualification in Latin.

Tom (see photo) originally from Ipswich School, will be joining Holly in reading Classics at Cambridge, but this time at Pembroke College, having achieved A* grades in History, English Literature and Extended Project, alongside an A in French and a grade 9 in GCSE Italian.

Susannah who joined us from Colchester County High School, completes our trio of Cambridge classicists. She is to read classics at Corpus Christi having achieved stunning A* grades in all four of her subjects.

Esme originally from St Benedict's College, also gained a stunning four A* grades, including an A* in Classical Civilisation. She will be joining her fellow students at Cambridge, but has chosen to pursue her love of English at Clare College.

Andras who also joined us from St Benedict's College, will be proudly taking up a place to study Earth Sciences at Exeter College, Oxford. He achieved A grades in Mathematics, Physics and Geography alongside an A* in his highly impressive EPQ.

Also heading for an Oxbridge place is **James** – he joined us from Tendring Technology College and is now about to take up a place on a highly prestigious course, this time at Oxford, reading Biochemistry at St. Catherine's College, building upon a stunning set of grades, including A* grades in Maths, Biology and German and an A grade in Chemistry and again, an excellent Extended Project.

It is also great to see the continued success of our 'Medics' programme, with, for example, former Philip Morant pupil **Ella** off to study Medicine at the University of East Anglia, having achieved A grades across the board in her A levels at college, and **Ellie** who joined us from Colchester County High School, off to Sheffield with an excellent combination of A* and A grades.