



Countesthorpe Leysland
Community College

SIXTH FORM GUIDE



A grown-up approach to young people



Thank you for your interest in joining the Sixth Form at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College.

We have a strong Sixth Form where results and performance are consistently excellent, this summer seeing the best ever results! The Sixth Form is a special and distinctive part of the College community and we are extremely proud of its success. The majority of students who join our Sixth Form go on to study at university and we have a very good track record of supporting students to gain entry into some of the leading universities in the country. 84% of students this summer were accepted by their first choice university.

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Being a Sixth Form student is very different from life in Years 10 and 11 studying for GCSEs. Advanced Level study is much harder, challenging and demands a much greater sense of responsibility for the workload, a greater intellectual and academic awareness and above all, it requires consistent and considerable hard work. The next two years are an important stage in education when students need to develop the skills of self-management, self-discipline, independence and responsibility in order to progress successfully into the world of work or Higher Education and as such, we have structures in place to help you with this.

Alongside academic study, there will be opportunities to develop skills, confidence and independence through meeting new people, engaging in new opportunities and leading by example. We have a dedicated Sixth Form Centre for your exclusive use and for individual private study.

We have an inclusive Sixth Form and will provide support to all students to enable you to achieve your very best, whether a student currently attending the College or a student joining us for the very first time, we look forward to working with you.

We hope that this subject handbook will help you make informed decisions about your future studies. A Levels have undergone some significant reform in the last few years and we have adapted our offer in line with this. The Admissions Criteria and Procedure are outlined, along with information on each subject available to Sixth Form students. It is important that you examine these subject pages carefully, particularly concentrating on the subjects you are interested in studying at Sixth Form

I hope you find the information both useful and informative and please feel free to contact our Head of Sixth Form Studies (6thform@clcc.college) should you require any additional information.

With very best wishes for the future,

Yours faithfully,

C.E. Aitchison

Mrs C. Aitchison
Principal

A Successful Sixth Form Close to Home



Why choose to study at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College

Joining Countesthorpe Leysland Community College will open the way for the next stage of your education and open your mind to the opportunities ahead of you.

Our sixth form helps create academically successful and independent young adults who are ready for further study or work.

Our experience and guidance will support you throughout your time with us. We do that by working with you to develop your abilities and helping you discover new ones.

Did you know...

- Our top 5 students secured a total of 14 A* grades between them
- 19 CLCC students received unconditional offers from their Universities - months before results day
- 84% of CLCC students were accepted by their first choice University
- The number of A* grades achieved by CLCC students is up by 5%

A Message from our Head Girl



Welcome to Countesthorpe Leysland Community College's Sixth Form

We are looking forward to showing you how fantastic our Sixth Form is and hope that this prospectus begins to show you some of the things that make our college unique.

Sixth Form life is completely different to any experience at Key Stage 4. As well as having the opportunity to specialise further academically, students at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College receive increased independence, which is balanced with excellent support networks across the college. This makes Countesthorpe Leysland Community College's Sixth Form an ideal transition to university studies and the world of work.

Learning, at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College, is a personal experience with specialist teachers and small class sizes to maximise individual support. Careers specialists offer guidance concerning student futures and UCAS applications to all members of the Sixth Form, and are particularly experienced in this field.

We take student wellbeing extremely seriously and have tutors to support students with any concerns that they have.

The Sixth Form is an incredibly close community, where students encourage one another to be the best that they can be.

Charlotte Brown (Year 13)
Head Girl

Learning for the Future



The College Day

We are proud of the fact that our Sixth Form students are taught by exceptional staff whose passion for their subject is second to none. Subject options are taught for 10 hours per fortnight with additional sessions for tutorial activities with your form group.

Each day is broken down into five, one hour lessons, and your subject lessons are taught over a two week timetable. Each hourly lesson has been carefully planned, and is immensely focused.

Registration	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5
8:30 - 8:45	8:50 - 9:50	9:55 - 10:55	10:55 - 11:15	11:15 - 12:15	12:20 - 13:20	13:20 - 14:00	14:00 - 15:00

Transport

Positioned on the edge of Countesthorpe in South Leicestershire, you will find many transport options.

We are in walking distance of Countesthorpe, Blaby and Whetstone, and have a number of cycle shelters, including a Sixth Form only one.

Countesthorpe Leysland Community College has bus stops outside our campus that are on the Arriva 85 bus route, and we also have a number of school bus providers that offer many different direct routes. To learn more about these bus routes please visit our website <https://www.clcc.college/>

For those of you learning to drive, we have a limited number of parking spaces available to Sixth Form students.

Careers Support

The College has a dedicated careers function that provides information, advice and guidance for a number of pathways, such as university applications and applying to college places or to be considered for apprenticeships schemes including Degree Apprenticeships. They also co-ordinate careers days, university taster days and are always available to book an interview with for one-to-one advice.

Tutorial sessions are developed to meet your personal, social, professional and financial needs. The programme is developed to provide support for your next steps applications, whether this is onwards towards University or on to an Apprenticeship. All of your career needs can be met through this programme.

Additional support for your ongoing success after CLCC can be sought from our careers and guidance teacher. Our wealth of knowledge and contacts throughout various industries means that whatever your ambitions are we can support you.



Pushing you further

The College has a dedicated Gifted & Talented Co-ordinator who focuses on our most able students in order to access programmes of study and events to further develop both their academic and social skills. This includes a visit to Cambridge University to meet with lecturers and under-graduates about their courses of study and university life, attending Oxbridge conferences, being nominated to attend Easter and Summer schools at Russell Group institutions and putting them through their paces at mock interviews!

Enrichment Opportunities

At Countesthorpe Leysland Community College we believe that providing our students with opportunities to extend their skills and qualities beyond the class room is paramount and enhances their wider appreciation, understanding and improvement of life skills.

Throughout Sixth Form we support students to secure a community and enrichment placement that either incorporates elements of their study programme or further develops their social and interpersonal skills.

They may also consider a placement that will support their UCAS application such as helping at a local primary school to support a teaching application or volunteering at a nursing home in order to gain valuable experience in a 'caring' profession. Students are currently participating in Mentoring Schemes, Makaton, First Aid, the school production, charities committees and helping to organise their Year 13 prom and Year Book. There are also many additional Student Ambassador and Leadership roles available.



Choosing what to study at A Level is a big decision

An Introduction to Level 3 Qualifications

A (Advanced) Level qualifications are courses that are assessed mainly through examinations, though may include some elements of controlled assessment for subjects such as Media and Fine Art. There is also assessment of practical skills in subjects like the Sciences, Design Technology and ICT.

A Levels are highly valued by colleges, universities, employers and professional bodies, both across the United Kingdom and worldwide and offer routes into higher education institutions, careers and further training providers.

Sixth Form students will choose 3 A Level subjects which will be studied over the two years. External examinations will take place at the end of the two years though of course there will be internal tests, assessments and mock examinations throughout both years.

Each A Level is made up from several units. The assessment criteria differ between subjects, but normally they require students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the content along with testing skills of analysis and evaluation. A Level qualifications are graded from A to E, all of which are considered as pass grades. It is also possible to achieve an A* grade.

Applied courses (BTEC's) of study offer a greater degree of coursework which is carried out throughout the course of study and submitted at the end of their programme for certification. These qualifications are graded as either Distinction*, Distinction, Merit or Pass.

What we offer

From September 2019, Year 12 students will opt for 3 A Level subjects which will be studied over two years.

In addition to this, ALL students will undertake a core programme of study which includes participation in the tutorial programme and enrichment options.

Entry Requirements

In order to study A Levels at the Sixth Form students must:

- have five GCSEs (or more) at Grade 5 (Pass in BTEC subjects) or above, including at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths
- we would also ask that students would ideally have at least a level 5 in the subject area they wanted to study
- submit applications by 20th December 2019 via UCAS Progress



We have a
Range of courses
to take you further

Qualifications and Courses on offer

A Level Courses

Art and Design - Fine Art
Art and Design: Textile Design / Three dimensional Design
Design & Technology - Product Design
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Drama and Theatre
English Literature
French
Geography
History
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Media Studies
Music
Music Technology
Philosophy and Ethics
Physical Education
Physics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

Applied Courses

Cambridge Technicals Information Technology Level 3 (Introductory Diploma)
BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance)
WJEC Level 3 Qualification in Food Science and Nutrition
BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

An important extension qualification, the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) offers students the opportunity to study a subject area of their choice. The EPQ is a research-based qualification that supports the skills that are so important in Higher Education. Visits to University Libraries are organised and students will receive advice from Supervisors who provide guidance and support.

Detailed subject information can be found on our website and will also be available at Open Evening



How to apply

Applications can be received through UCAS Progress. Deadline for UCAS progress is 20th December. Following the application, all students who have applied will take part in an interview either at CLCC or if there are sufficient students applying, in your current school. The interview will check that your Level 3 courses are suitable for you and provide information on the next steps. Induction Days will take place on 25th and 26th June 2019.

Important Dates:

Open Evening: 1st November 2018, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

All Year 11 students together with parents and carers are invited to attend the Open Evening on Thursday 1st November 2018 starting at 5:00 pm. There will be two welcome speeches from the Assistant Principal, Head of 6th Form at 5:15pm and repeated again at 6:15pm.

The evening will host the full range of courses available at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College Sixth Form and provide students, parents and carers the opportunity to meet with subject staff and current A Level students. The Sixth Form study area on the Countesthorpe site will also be open to enable prospective students the opportunity to look around the facilities that are on offer.

Taster sessions (CLCC Students only): October 2018

Taster sessions will be on offer in each of the subject areas in order for students to take an inside look at a 6th Form lesson in progress.

Sixth Form Surgery: December 2018

Prior to finalising your Sixth Form choices, Sixth Form Surgeries will be on offer to offer last minute advice before submitting your application. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Countesthorpe Leysland Community College and external applicants will be able to book onto these surgeries by following a link from our website.

UCAS Progress deadline: 20th December 2018

Deadline for completion of applications on UCAS Progress website.

Sixth Form Interviews: End of January 2019 onwards

Applicants will be invited to interview. A conditional offer will be made which states the combination of subjects offered. Please note that courses offered are subject to demand. The pro-forma indicating whether the student intends to accept the offered place should be returned by the date indicated on the letter.

Induction Days: 25th and 26th June 2019

All prospective A Level students are required to attend a one day induction programme intended to introduce them to their course of study, their new teachers and students and to collect their transition work for completion over the summer break.

GCSE results day: Thursday 22nd August 2019

When GCSE results are published, the conditional offer will be confirmed or a revised offer may be made in light of GCSE results. The student should inform us immediately whether they wish to take up their place at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College Sixth Form.

WHAT DO OUR SIXTH FORMERS THINK?

I am currently studying Psychology, Business Studies and Sociology. As part of my enrichment, I have chosen to do an EPQ. My EPQ is on the impact of gangsters in 1920s America. At the moment, I am enjoying all of my subjects and I know I made the right choice choosing them. Even though doing the EPQ will be a challenge, it will be interesting to do and will look good to universities.



I have enjoyed my time so far in Sixth Form. It is much different to GCSEs but I have been able to successfully adjust to it. The facilities have helped me do this effectively. The sixth form area and renting of laptops have helped make studying easier. I enjoy the free periods we get and time to do more independent study.

After college I am planning to go to university. I recently attended to university night at college and found many universities doing courses for my profession. My aim is to one day qualify to become a primary school teacher. Eventually, I would like the chance to become a headmaster after a few years of teaching. I may go for a degree in a certain subject and then do teacher training. This will be decided the closer I get to the end of my A-Levels.

I chose English Literature, Maths and Psychology for my A Level options. So far I am really enjoying the challenge that maths brings alongside taking English which allows me to think as far out of the box as possible with responses. Psychology is also really interesting and eye opening as it is so different to anything I've done previously.



Overall, I am really enjoying the independence of sixth form, and the respect we get from teachers as well as the sense of unity we have as a year group due to the smaller class sizes and the ability this gives us to discuss our ideas together.

I don't have a plan for my future as of yet, I am still working out which subjects I enjoy and which paths I am interested in taking. All I know is that I do want to go to university, with my current course ideas being psychology or criminology, but this will no doubt change!

When starting A-levels I knew it was a big change from GCSE so the transition was going to be hard and kinda scary. When moving to CLCC I felt uncomfortable in the unfamiliar environment however feel I could adapt quickly because of how welcoming and helpful the school and students were.



What I like best is the class sizes are quite small so it was easy to become friendly and close with class mates. Everyone in the 6th form knows one another.

In the first couple of weeks while I was still sorting out which 3 or 4 subjects I wanted to study for two years, the school was very flexible in letting me try out different classes to find which subjects I was most passionate about.

I'm very happy at CLCC at the moment and feel I made the right decision joining the 6th form.



We have a range of facilities to help you **work, rest and play**



Additional Information

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