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.

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. This area will be extended and improved over the course of this academic year and you will be given the opportunity to help shape this new facility.

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 6th Form Guide 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 (more information can be found on our website) 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,

Mrs. C. Aitcheson
Principal
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...

• 4 CLCC students received unconditional offers from their Universities - months before results day!
• 84% of CLCC students were accepted by their first choice University
• Our top three achievers secured 7 A* grades between them

Successful Sixth Form

Close to Home
Welcome to Countesthorpe Leysland Community College’s Sixth Form

Inclusive. Supportive. Innovative. These are just a few ways that our fellow Sixth Formers would describe the Post 16 community here at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College.

Our Sixth Form prides itself in bettering our students experience and employability. We do this through the enrichment programme with prospects such as the EPQ and the community placement where our students volunteer in local organisations to help give back to our local area. As well as this, the school offers roles such as student ambassador and student councillor to give students the opportunity to shape the future of their school.

Here we have an outstanding support network to suit everyone’s needs at the Sixth Form with a regular tutorial session to offer you support on UCAS and day-to-day issues in order to guide you in achieving your greatest aspirations whether that be at University, in an apprenticeship or in a full time job.

Over the next two years that you spend with us, you will have many talks from Universities such as the University of Nottingham and the University of Leicester to provide you with the skills to write an outstanding personal statement and prepare you for life after completing your A levels. As well as this, we know that this is an important time for parents and guardians, which is why we offer Power to Perform evenings for students and their families to learn about the University process and meet a range of representatives from universities across the country.

Sixth Form classes are unlike any other. We have small class sizes with focused discussion to enhance your learning with conscientious and passionate teachers who are there to enable you to reach your academic potential. Therefore, you can be sure that you will have a remarkable time as a student at Countesthorpe Leysland Community College.

Looking forward to the future, as Head Boy and Head Girl, we hope to create a Space to Breathe for Sixth Formers this year, to promote a positive well-being and mental health, so this is another aspect of the Sixth Form that you can look forward to seeing.

We look forward to seeing you join our Sixth Form family next year!

Kilian Freeborn (Head Boy) and Penelope Milner (Head Girl)
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 9 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.

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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/](https://www.clcc.college/)

Due to high demand from Brockington we have provided a transport service this year 2019/20. This would continue next year with the cost payable to CLCC.

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 Coordinator 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 undergraduates 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 classroom 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.

In addition, all Year 12 students will participate in a week long work experience placement at the end of Year 12.
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.

Choosing what to study at A Level is a big decision

What we offer

From September 2020, 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. Students may also opt to study the EPQ.

Entry Requirements

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

• have five GCSEs (or more) at Grade 4 / 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 PS16
Qualifications and Courses on offer

A Level Courses
Art and Design - Fine Art  
Art and Design: Textile Design / 3D 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  
BTEC Level 3 Science

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 PS16.co.uk. Deadline for PS16.co.uk applications is 10th January 2020. 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 23rd and 24th June 2020.

Important Dates:

Open Evening: 24th October 2019, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
All Year 11 students together with parents and carers are invited to attend the Open Evening on Thursday 24th October 2019 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): November 2019
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 2019
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.

PS16 deadline: 10th January 2020
Deadline for completion of applications on PS16.co.uk website.

Sixth Form Interviews: End of January 2020 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: 23rd and 24th June 2020
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 20th August 2020
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?

“At CLCC, I am studying A-levels in History, Geography and Sociology. I chose these three subjects as I found that the courses hold particular modules that excited me and the teachers within these subjects seemed passionate to teach.

I particularly chose to study at CLCC because of the adequate work environment for me; at this college the sixth form is quite small which enables class sizes to be of the size that you can gain a lot from each lesson and staff are more than happy to answer questions and help when needed which I don’t think you will find at other colleges as teachers teach many pupils. The staff and fellow pupils at CLCC are very supportive and the college offers loads of enrichment activities to get involved in and adapt your personality and skills.

Within sixth form I enjoy the independence you gain and also the way you can schedule your time to work for you best. At College I spend my free time completing independent and homework I have so that I can enjoy my hobbies outside of school however, I have friends who spend their time helping others or socialising – the choice is yours! Through sixth form I have also made a new group of friends which I am very grateful for, within a bigger college environment I don’t think I would have made the same bonds.

At CLCC, the staff spend a lot of time preparing the tutorial programme for students, thus I have found useful over the past year. It has really helped with the university application process but also extended my knowledge on skills for the future like finance.

Throughout the past year, I have been involved in several activities within the college. I have attended several trips including a tour around the Houses of Parliament and I was also invited to attend the Youth Crime Commission Conference, both of these were great opportunities for me as I am applying to university to study politics and sociology.”

Lucy, Year 13 Student

“By A-level options are Biology, French and Maths. I enjoy this particular combination as it provides a balance of both methodical and lateral thinking. They also strangely compliment each other, allowing me to interchange my knowledge between the three.

I chose to study at CLCC as I appreciated the quiet and studious working environment. I also wanted to be pushed and be motivated to do the best of my ability. I knew that I would have continual support from both my teachers and peers. The small class sizes also enable me to concentrate and engage more within the lessons.

I enjoy the independence that sixth form provides. Although it is challenging at times, the satisfaction I feel when I finally understand something override any doubt I face. I am thankful to my teachers as they always go the extra mile to help us academically and personally. I appreciate the communal spirit we have at CLCC.

Tutorial has helped me to develop mentally by making me question my opinions and beliefs upon specific subject matters. Currently tutorial has helped me greatly as we are preparing our UCAS applications for university.

At the moment am part of the environmental team. The environment team discuss and implement strategies for a cleaner and more eco-friendly school.

I would highly recommend CLCC to all students.”

Jit, Year 13 Student