



CROMPTON HOUSE SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM



**ACHIEVING
EXCELLENCE**
IS OUR SPECIALISM



Head Teacher: **Mr Karl Newell**

Head Teacher's Welcome

Our Sixth Formers have privileges, including being able to leave the school site when they are not in lessons, and are treated as mature young adults, but we also have high expectations of them as role models for younger students in the school.

Naturally, we expect you to set high standards for yourself, both academically and within the school community, as you prepare for the challenges that face you in the future.

As an open-access Sixth Form, we welcome students from all faiths and none, challenging you to achieve your potential through high quality teaching, positive learning experiences, personalised support and guidance, as well as providing a wide variety of enrichment opportunities.

We offer the care, support and guidance students need to excel. We are a community in which every learner is seen as a valued individual, and this is underpinned by the strong Christian ethos of the school.

We are rightly proud of our academic achievements and believe that there is nowhere better for students to continue their studies.

“ The community feel at Sixth Form provides a positive and friendly learning environment, meaning everybody comes together for charity events, drama productions and music concerts. ”

Natalie O

“ Crompton House has not only allowed me to progress academically but also as a person, allowing opportunities that help me make an informed decision on what it is I want to do in the future. ”

Abdullah L



Head of Sixth Form

Head of Sixth Form: **Mr Rich Smith**

I am delighted that you are interested in joining Crompton House's thriving and successful Sixth Form. Our aim is to provide a secure and supportive environment in which students can benefit from expert teaching and individual guidance.

The Sixth Form is at the heart of the school. In our purpose built Sixth Form Centre there are social and study spaces, alongside our Sixth Form café. The pastoral team are also based in the Centre, ready to help students at any time during the day.

Beyond the Sixth Form Centre, lessons for our Year 12s and 13s take place across the school. Whether you go to our new Ridley Block, to the recently refurbished Science labs, the dedicated Sixth Form Art room, or to other spaces across the school, Sixth Form lessons are delivered by highly qualified subject experts.

We also encourage students to participate in many other aspects of school life. This may be through engaging in one of the many extracurricular activities which are on offer or taking on a leadership role looking after younger pupils. We want to give you the opportunity to develop personally as well as academically, as you prepare for life beyond Sixth Form.

Our Sixth Form students are a credit to this school, and we are always pleased to see how quickly students joining our Sixth Form from other schools settle, make friends, and become a full part of the school community.

“Crompton House has a small and very welcoming Sixth Form where all pupils know each other and make great friendships. We are treated as adults and provided with a fantastic environment in the Sixth Form to both socialise and study, with easy access to personal help from teachers.”

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“The staff are all really friendly, they make you feel so welcome and well looked after.”

Stevie C

Academic Tutors



Our Academic Tutor system pairs our Sixth Formers carefully with someone who will support them during their A Levels and for their chosen future. Regular mentoring allows our Academic Tutors to get to know their students and challenge them to achieve their potential and help prepare them to move on from Sixth Form to Higher Education or into the world of work.

The Academic Tutor team have a diverse range of expertise, including supporting students in applications for competitive university courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Midwifery, Physiotherapy and Law. We have tutors that specialise in applications to Oxford, Cambridge and other elite universities, as well as tutors that have experience in helping students secure highly competitive Apprenticeship

and Degree Apprenticeship positions. In addition, our Academic Tutor team includes specialists in Performing Arts, who have help students prepare for auditions at Conservatoires and Drama Schools.

However, the pursuit of academic excellence is not our only priority; we are committed to ensuring our students develop as successful citizens ready to face the challenges of the world.

A large part of the Academic Tutor's role is to look at the whole person and discuss overall achievement in an individual's context. They also help our students with career plans, give advice about work experience and suggest extra opportunities that students can take advantage of during their time in Sixth Form.

“Mentoring with my Academic Tutor helped me keep track of my progress and focus on what I needed to do to make the jump from GCSE to A Level.”

Abbie H



After CHS

Our Sixth Form students leave CHS equipped for the next stage in their career.

Some recent destinations include:

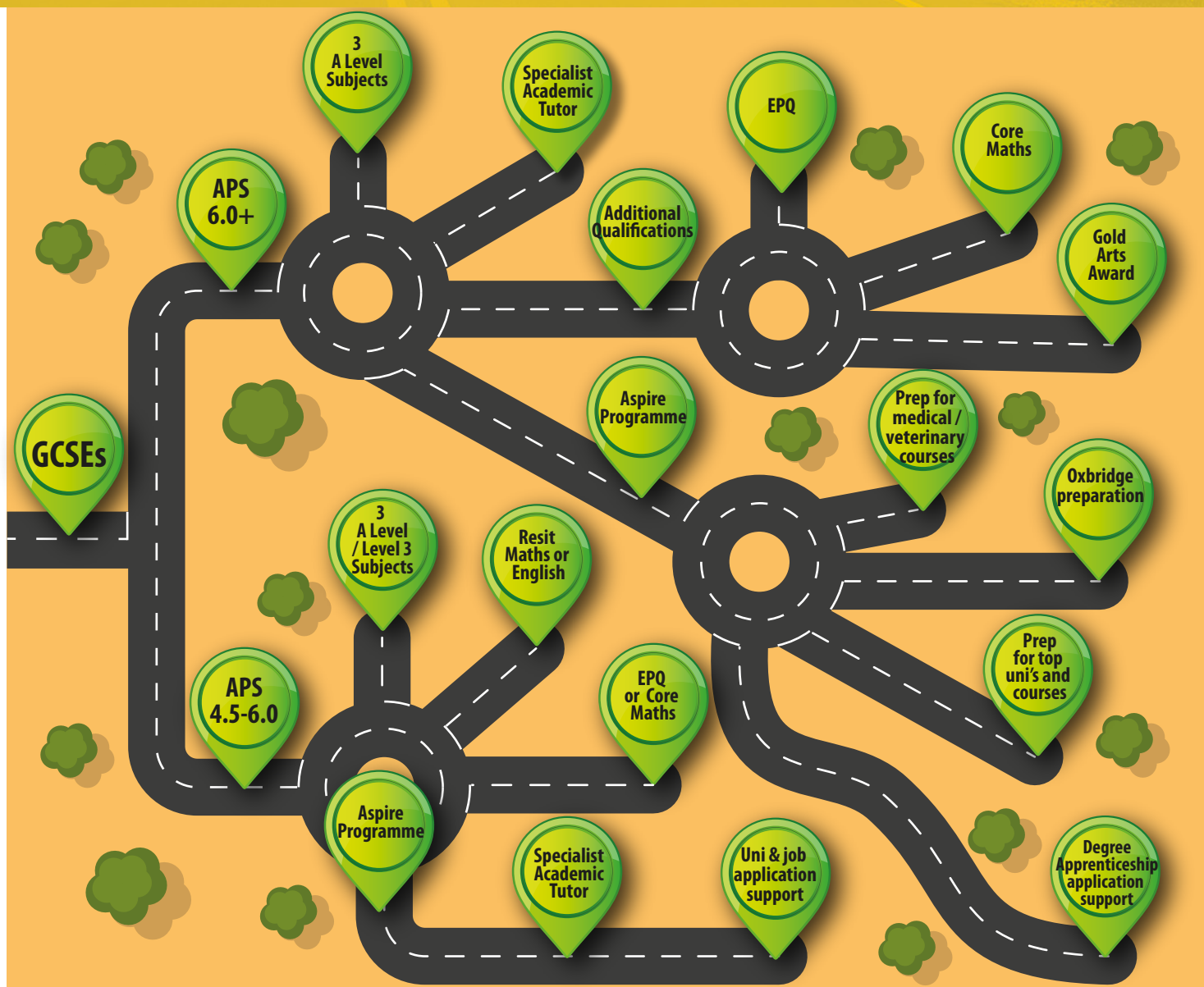
Biomedicine, University of Warwick – Dylan
 Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham – Maya
 Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Edgehill University – Erin
 Civil Engineering Degree Apprenticeship, Capita – Mathew
 Computer Science, University of Newcastle – Freya
 Earth Sciences, University of Oxford – Molly
 Economics, University of Manchester – Jen
 English Literature, University of York – Elizabeth
 Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford – Josh
 Financial Apprenticeship, KPMG – Sonny
 Fine Art, Falmouth University – Kirstie
 History, University of Durham – Lewis
 Interior Design, De Montfort University – Ciara
 International Relations and Politics, Keele University – Alexander
 Law, University of Bristol – Philippa
 Management Apprenticeship, Aldi – Mollie

Project Management Apprenticeship, Rochdale Town Hall – Natalie
 Medicine, Imperial College London – Niall
 Modern Languages, University of Birmingham – Nathaniel
 Physics and Astrophysics, University of Manchester – Vicky
 Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh – Holly, Isobel



Subject Pathways

Extensive extracurricular opportunities: Drama, Music, Performing Arts Gold Award, Sports teams, Duke of Edinburgh Gold, Mentoring, Student Management Team



Our Courses

For full course details, including entry requirements and introductions from our Heads of Department, please see www.chs-sixthform.org

Art & Design

- > Art & Design: Fine Art

Business & Economics

- > Business
- > Economics

Design & Technology

- > Product Design

English & Media

- > English Language
- > English Literature
- > Media

Humanities

- > Geography
- > History
- > Politics
- > Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

Modern Foreign Languages

- > French
- > Spanish

Maths & Computer Science

- > Computer Science
- > Mathematics
- > Further Mathematics

Performing Arts

- > Theatre Studies
- > Music

Physical Education

- > Physical Education

Social Sciences

- > Health & Social Care
- > Sociology
- > Psychology

The Sciences

- > Biology
- > Chemistry
- > Medical Science
- > Physics

Additional Qualifications

- > Extended Project Qualification
- > Core Maths



French and Spanish Modern Foreign Languages

French

... is one of the world's major international languages: it is spoken by over 200 million people in 43 countries, on five continents. So wherever your future career takes you, studying French will give you an advantage.

Spanish

... is a truly international language, offering a range of opportunities in a whole host of different professions. Spanish is currently the third most spoken language in the world and therefore an excellent choice for anyone wanting to continue their study of languages at A Level.

“ Studying the works of Guillermo del Toro and Federico García Lorca was another highlight as it tied in my love of theatre with learning Spanish. ”

Zara

“ Sociology has really helped me develop a wider understanding of the world that we live in and different issues such as media representation, institutional racism and underachievement in schools. ”

Jess

Social Sciences

Health & Social Care



This BTEC Level 3 course is valued highly by employers; knowledge of caring skills and recent healthcare legislation means that employers in this field would be happy that course graduates could enter Health and Social Care service roles.

Psychology

... is an extremely popular subject at A Level. It is a subject with cutting edge research that has real world applications to issues in everyday life, ranging from artificial intelligence to social change.



Sociology



... is the study of people and society. It looks at human groups and social life in society to try and understand how they affect us. By its nature Sociology is about opening your eyes and looking at the world around us from different perspectives, therefore it provides various opportunities that help you to become a more informed and aware learner.



The Sciences

Chemistry

... at A Level is both wide ranging and in-depth. There is a considerable amount of practical work but this is very different from practical work done in Key Stages 3 and 4. There is a lot of quantitative work and organic synthesis; this may include, for example, making dyes, synthesising aspirin, and isolating naturally occurring flavourings.



Biology

... is a highly enjoyable but academically intensive subject which is delivered by very enthusiastic and approachable staff.

Experimental work is embedded in the course and A Level Biologists go on a field trip to carry out practical ecology.

Physics

A Level Physics is a great opportunity to find out in more detail how the world around you functions. You will learn about the strange and intriguing world of quantum physics. Niels Bohr said of quantum physics "Anyone not shocked by quantum mechanics has not yet understood it."

Medical Science

Medical Science is the science of dealing with the maintenance of health and the prevention and treatment of diseases. The qualification covers the key topic areas of health, physiology and disease, as well as providing the opportunity to study the areas of pharmacology, physiological measurement, clinical testing and medical research.

“ A Level RPE offers a crucial and special contribution to understanding culture, diversity, values and plurality. It provides an excellent opportunity to engage in contentious, contemporary issues.”

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The Humanities

Geography

A Level Geography examines the interaction of people and their environments and is equally split into Human and Physical Geography. The end result is that you'll have a better understanding of how mankind and the Earth work together.



History

Studying History is rewarding, informative and interesting. It helps you develop useful skills and is taught in a variety of ways, through topics in British history during the 19th and 20th Centuries, the role of King Louis XIV of France in 17th Century Europe and African American civil rights.



Politics

Politics at Crompton House is the one of the most relevant and current subjects you can study. We are living through unprecedented times in our society and in the political sphere in particular. If you like discussing current events and debating then this subject is for you!



Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

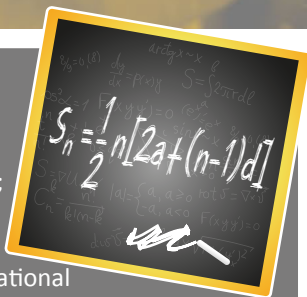
Students who excel in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics do not need to be of a faith background. They are students who are inquisitive, articulate, able to connect with higher order thinking and can create persuasive arguments.

Maths, Computer Science, Business & Economics

Maths

Learning mathematics is invaluable; it forms the basis of so many useful systems and processes essential to business and industry. Many occupational fields also require advanced study of mathematics, making the A Level course both versatile and popular.

We also offer A Level Further Maths, please see our website for more information.



Computer Science

We are living in a Digital Age and computer programmes have infiltrated every aspect of our lives. Computer Scientists theorise, design, develop, and apply the software and hardware for the programmes we use day in, day out.



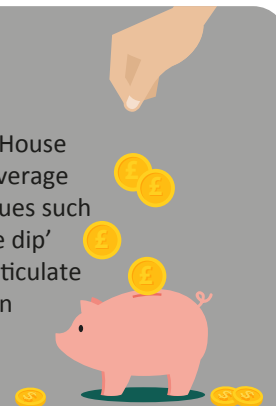
Business

Success in almost every profession today requires an understanding of how a commercial or business organisation operates. Choosing Business gives the student a great foundation from which to embark on a wide variety of careers within the business sector and beyond.



Economics

If you study Economics at Crompton House you'll be better informed, than the average person in the street about the big issues such as the 'credit crunch' and the 'double dip' recession. You'll be encouraged to articulate your ideas and to distinguish between facts, bias and opinion.



English Language, English Literature & Media

English Language

English Language will suit you if you enjoy analysing a wide variety of texts from advertisements to magazine articles. You will discover how to look at everyday texts in great detail, including transcripts of spoken language. You will learn all about the key language frameworks and be able to discuss how texts are written and received.

English Literature

In English Literature you will read texts independently and in class and you will find out more about how different social and historical periods impact on how texts are produced and received. The course will suit you if you enjoy reading different types of fiction including novels, plays and poetry.



Media Studies

The media is everywhere and influences us continually. In this course, you will learn about and critique different media industries, including music, TV, Film, video game and print media, as well as exploring the rise of new media.



Art, Design & Performing Arts

Fine Art

Art is a means of expression and an outlet for creativity. At Crompton House, we provide a stimulating specialist environment and encourage the rigour and focus which enables students to engage with the challenges of the subject and achieve their potential.



Music

Music A Level is both an academic course with deep study of a range of music and a practical course with opportunities to perform, compose and use Music Technology to support these activities. It is an ideal course for you if you love to take part in create or listen to Music.

Product Design (Design & Technology)

Product Design (3D Design) is a challenging design based course intended to reflect the wide range of activities of a professional designer. It develops a capacity to design and manufacture products based on a variety of design styles, materials and concepts.

Theatre Studies

Through A Level Theatre Studies you will explore and understand how theatre has developed over time, learn about influential theatre practitioners and apply their



techniques, consider the purpose of drama and theatre, develop the role of a director, designer and actor, as well as developing a range of performance skills, techniques and styles.



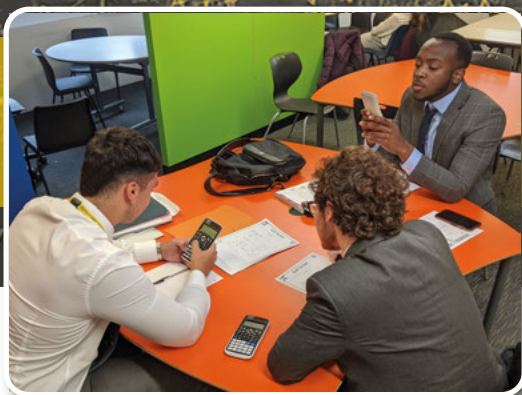
Physical Education

Physical Education

A Level PE provides a range of learning opportunities, through exploring anatomy and physiology, socio-cultural studies, sports psychology, exercise physiology and historical studies. It's important to realise it's not just about going out and playing sport!

“As someone who plays a lot of sport, the best thing about A Level PE is being able to use the things you’ve learned in your own sporting life. It’s really useful to be able to immediately put the theory in to practice and improve my technique and routines”

Harry



Core Maths

The AQA Mathematical Studies course is an additional one-year qualification.

It is well regarded by universities, apprenticeship courses and other Post-18 providers.

The course develops your skills at problem solving and data analysis.

You will study useful, real life maths such as taxation, mortgages, borrowing, interest rates and budgeting.

You will attend weekly lessons and take external exams during Year 12. This means you will achieve your Core Maths qualification at the end of your first year at Crompton House Sixth Form.

The course is enjoyable, relevant and very useful for developing your mathematical skills to assist in the workplace and in further study.

It is designed to support other A Level courses with some mathematics content:

- > **Social Sciences**
- > **Geography**
- > **Science**
- > **Business**
- > **Economics**
- > **Design Technology**
- > **Computer Science**
- > **and more**



Aspire

The **Aspire Program** helps our high achieving students gain entrance to prestigious universities and onto competitive courses.

Benefiting from the opportunities available in our Sixth Form, we have over 100 Crompton House students currently at Russell Group Universities including Oxford, Imperial College, London and Durham.

Some of the benefits of the Aspire Program:

- ✓ **Guest talks to stretch and challenge students**
- ✓ **Extended Project Qualification**
- ✓ **Oxbridge student conferences**
- ✓ **Recommended wider reading**
- ✓ **External opportunities**

Some students will be automatically enrolled onto the Aspire Program based on their grades, however if you are a motivated and dedicated student you can apply to be considered for the program.

“ I attended the Medlink and MedX in Manchester for prospective medical students and health professionals, in addition to medical lectures at Oxford University hospital. Both opportunities helped to strengthen my successful application. ”

Dominie, Medicine

“ I was encouraged and supported during my time at Crompton House by the Aspire Programme to achieve my academic potential, all the extra preparation I was provided with put me in a great place for my university applications. ”

Rachel, Mathematics



Extended Project Qualification

The AQA Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an additional qualification and is worth the equivalent UCAS points as half an A Level. An EPQ is much more than UCAS points though: it allows students to develop skills in project planning, research and analysis, all of which are vital for success in life after Sixth Form.

During their EPQ, students attend workshops and seminars that teach skills including:

- ✓ **How to plan your project**
- ✓ **How to collect valid primary data**
- ✓ **How to analyse the bias in sources**
- ✓ **How to present your work in written form**

The project is supervised by an academic mentor, however the topic, direction of research and final title are developed independently by the student. Students' research areas are often interdisciplinary and most cover areas not typically studied during the Sixth Form.

Although many students choose to submit their project in the form of a 5000 word essay that tackles a specific question, students also could develop an artefact or plan and carry out a production or event.

The EPQ is highly valued by universities and employers as it demonstrates skills in independent research and self-management. Students who successfully complete an EPQ often receive reduced offers from the top universities.

“ Although the EPQ can feel like a long project, with the support from my teachers I enjoyed carrying out the work independently and learned many new skills throughout the process. ”

Isabelle A

Student Leadership



The Student Management Team (SMT) represent Crompton House at events on behalf of the Sixth Form. They also represent the views, opinions and requests of the Sixth Form student body themselves. The SMT is made up of an elected team of Head Students & Senior Prefects who regularly meet together, and with Mr Smith, to discuss and implement their ideas.

Initiatives which the SMT have led on in previous years include: choosing and raising money for charities, leading assemblies both for the Sixth Form and main school, environmental awareness including climate change, and raising the profile of movements such as Black Lives Matter and Pride.

As well as Sixth Form Senior Prefects, each department has Subject Leaders who, amongst other things:

Speak to parents and students at Open Evenings, Careers Fairs and Year 9 Options Evening

Run clubs for main school students

Help with mentoring, including Yr13s helping Yr12s

Run or support GCSE revision classes

“Being Head Girl was a fantastic opportunity to represent the Sixth Form, coordinating charity events was good fun, as was working as a team to organise our Year 13 Prom.”

Natalie O

Extracurricular Performing Arts

Sixth Form students are participants and leaders in the wide variety of bands, choirs and smaller ensembles at Crompton House, as well as in the array of plays and musicals that are coordinated by the Drama Department.

Whether or not you are studying Music or Drama at A Level, whatever your level of musical ability, whether you want to be on stage or behind the scenes, we have an opportunity for you!

Our musicians are regular performers both inside and outside school, including in the Music for Youth Festivals and our Chapel Choir singing Evensong at Manchester Cathedral. The Drama Department host an annual Shakespeare production at a local theatre, usually the Playhouse in Shaw. There are regular trips to watch professional concerts, plays and musicals in Manchester and beyond.

Our Music Department takes students on regular overseas tours. In 2018, the Brass Ensemble and Chapel Choir toured Rome, playing at St Pauls outside the Walls and elsewhere around the city.

Find them on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/chsmusicdep> and https://twitter.com/CHSDrama_TS.



“ Auditioning and taking part in the musical *West Side Story* really built my confidence. ”

Niamh C

“ The music department always has a positive atmosphere which made me feel at ease as I joined as an external student and there are many different extra curricular music groups available to join. ”

Delphine A-P

Extracurricular Sports & DofE



Extracurricular sport at Crompton House Sixth Form is a great way to socialise as well as keeping healthy and getting a break from your studies. The Sixth Form also regularly run sports-related fundraising activities, including Staff vs Students games, activities for Sports Relief and main school 5-a-side tournaments.

We have a well-established football team, with other teams arranged depending on student preferences. These often include netball and rugby teams as well as cricket and tennis fixtures available if students would like.

“ Sixth Form sport has a great social aspect, I have met new people, especially in the year above. It offers a break from study, keeps you fit, and is great thing to put on your personal statement. ”

Danny D

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

As one of the largest DofE Centres in the region, at least a quarter of our Sixth Formers work towards their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award each year.

Students complete volunteering, physical, skill and residential sections with advice and support from Sixth Form staff. The highlight for many is the Practice Expedition, usually in Snowdonia, and the Qualifying Expedition in the Lake District.

Through DofE, our students gain essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem solving, team-working, communication and drive – all these are perfect for including in university and job applications.







Sixth Form Trips





Mathew Stefek

Since leaving Sixth Form I got myself an apprenticeship working on the Highways Team at Capita in Manchester, in October I will have been working there 2 years. Through this, I am doing a Civil Engineering Degree at Salford University. So far, I have worked on three major projects: M6 Junction 10 improvement scheme, Beam Parkway and most recently the Carlisle Southern Link Road. I have recently applied for an EngTech with the Institute of Civil Engineers, which will give me a professional qualification as well as my degree.

A Level grades: Chemistry B, Physics B, Mathematics C, EPQ A

Amelia Blackburn

Since leaving Sixth Form I have started studying Drama and Theatre Arts at the University of Birmingham. Despite the challenges, I have really enjoyed the first year of my course. It has been fun meeting lots of new people from all across the country and exploring new areas of drama that I never got to know whilst at school.

I am planning on volunteering for the Commonwealth Games that will take place in Birmingham in 2022, which should be an amazing experience, especially being one of the first major events that will take place after the past year of the pandemic.

A Level grades: Drama A*, Geography A*, English Literature B, EPQ A

Lizzie Wilson

I am training at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts studying Acting. After leaving Crompton House in 2018, I spent a year working as an actor, gaining audition experience and networking with industry professionals. That year of highs and lows tested my perseverance and ultimately provided me with the self assurance to tackle the challenging but rewarding world of Drama School. I'm now spending every day doing what I love, deepening my knowledge and surrounding myself with like minded people who've quickly become my best mates. I'm excited to graduate next year and, thanks to my agent, jump back into the industry and get working!

A Level grades: Theatre Studies A*, Mathematics B, English Literature B



Student Case Studies

Adam Saville

I am at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, doing a performance degree on the Bass Trombone. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year, and have been part of the Unibrass lockdown CD, as well as ensemble recordings for Christmas events and our online full department video piece. Living with other musicians, we have enjoyed many jamming sessions together in the communal kitchen. So far, I have enjoyed following my passion of music onwards into Uni life, and I am looking forward to continuing this with more performance opportunities too.

A Level grades: Music B, Geography B, Mathematics C, EPQ A*

Isobel Catanach

I took a gap year before going to Edinburgh University to study Veterinary Medicine. During my gap year I gained a lot of experience at a whole host of different farms and vet practices, I managed to work at some incredible places - the most fulfilling being an alpaca farm that offers therapy sessions! I'm now going into my second year, have been able to gain experience all over the UK and had opportunities to develop my skills (and hobbies) all the way through.

A Level grades: Biology A, Chemistry A, Mathematics A, EPQ A*

Isabelle Anastasiou

After completing my A levels in 2020, I chose to continue onto Higher Education and I am now studying a BA Hons Film Production course at the University of Salford. I adore my course and over my first year I have directed a short film and worked with a production team to direct, produce and edit another. I have had the opportunity to get trained on industry level kit and co-hosted my first podcast episode based on Romantic Comedies, where my good friends and I discussed the genre. I truly love my degree and am so glad I chose the course I did.

A Level grades: Media Studies A, Politics C, English Language C, EPQ A



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