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“ Leadership in the Sixth Form
is highly effective. ”

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WELCOME

Cannock Chase High School Sixth Form is a vibrant and ambitious learning community with a relentless focus on the highest standards of academic achievement, personal development and equality of opportunity. In everything we do, we are dedicated to reaching our school goal: 'Achievement for All'.

Our school and Sixth Form have a positive ethos, with strong pastoral and academic guidance and a real emphasis on learning. As a school we have a real focus on improving our collective best, 'Team Cannock Chase High School', and our individual best. All students are aware of their potential and that achievement is without limit if they combine effort, hard work and dedication to being the best in everything they do. We are a traditional school where old-fashioned values of discipline, courtesy and good manners support our drive for academic success for every student. We aim to achieve the very best results from every single student academically and prepare them for the world of work.

As a community, our principle values are Integrity, Teamwork, Responsibility, Excellence and Resilience. It is important that, together, we share the same high expectations and ambitious aspirations whilst at the same time recognise and celebrate our differences as individuals.

We believe that our Sixth Form will offer you a truly excellent environment in which to achieve your individual potential in this next exciting stage of your journey. We look forward to discussing your plans for the future with you.

Iain Turnbull
HEADTEACHER



“ Achievement in the Sixth Form continues to be good. This is because there is an effective system of monitoring so that students make good progress. They value the support they are given. ”

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EXCELLENCE

VISION & VALUES

Cannock Chase High School Sixth Form is dedicated to providing the highest standard of education and experience for 16-19 year olds, preparing all students to be 'future-ready'.

The vision of our Sixth Form is a place where every student, regardless of background, thrives and achieves personal excellence. Having achieved higher than national average levels of progress on both academic and vocational courses, our Sixth Form ensures all students have the opportunity to excel on their chosen pathway.

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, of both academic and vocational subjects, supporting every student to achieve the qualifications they need for

their future. We also provide high quality information, advice and guidance to all students regarding careers and progression, with long-established links to universities, Higher Level Apprenticeship providers and employers.

We have the highest expectations for our students. Over 70% of our 2019 leavers progressed to university, including the University of Birmingham and the University of Liverpool.

STANDARDS & SUCCESS

Over the past six years, our Sixth Form students' results have achieved record highs for the school year on year. When compared with other students who achieved similar GCSE results at the end of Year 11, our 2019 leavers beat national average expectation on Applied General (vocational) and Technical study programmes.

In 2019, we achieved a 100% A Level pass rate, with students achieving results that have enabled them to study at some of the most prestigious universities in the world, including the University of Birmingham.

In 2019 on academic programmes, students attained grades in line with national expectations and above the Staffordshire average. On vocational programmes, students attained grades higher than the Staffordshire and national averages, achieving an average grade of a Distinction-.

We are extremely proud of the success of our students and regard our Sixth Form as a benchmark for standards of excellence in 16-19 education in our area. We pride ourselves on offering an education that is unrivalled in Cannock and Rugeley and that ensures all students achieve the qualifications they need to go on to the next steps in their future.

“ The quality of teaching is good. Students have mature conversations with their teachers and engage thoroughly with their learning, which accelerates progress. ”

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CURRICULUM

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, of both academic and vocational subjects, supporting every student to achieve the profile of qualifications they need for their future.

Our partnership with Cardinal Griffin Catholic College enables us to offer qualifications in a broad range of subjects.

Students typically enrol onto a programme of four qualifications when they enter Sixth Form, choosing from five option blocks.

In addition to their core studies, students also have the opportunity to take part in enrichment, which includes opportunities to study the Extended Project Qualification and Core Maths in public examinations, as well as the opportunity to take part in mentoring, sport and work experience.

Students' study programmes are personalised and meaningfully developed to ensure they are provided with the opportunities in order to equip them with the skills and experience to be 'future ready'.

Specific details regarding courses being offered in the coming academic year can be found on our website, www.cannockchasehigh.com/sixth-form.

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A broad range of academic and vocational options are offered in the Sixth Form with Cardinal Griffin Catholic College. The success of this is evidence in the good and improving standards...and the very good retention rates.”

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TEAMWORK

PARTNERSHIP WITH CARDINAL GRIFFIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Our partnership with Cardinal Griffin Catholic College enables us to offer qualifications in a broad range of subjects, drawing on the specialism of teaching staff across both institutions and allowing our students to access a broader course offer than is offered at most other sixth forms in the local area.

The decision regarding course delivery is determined by which provider can offer the highest quality experience for students at that time. On a year-by-year basis we review the specialism of teaching staff and decide upon our offer with our prospective students at the heart of our decision-making.

Students remain members of their home school but are able to access the resources, facilities and support of both providers where necessary.

We are very proud of the history of our partnership, which has seen students from each Sixth Form achieve the very highest grades in subjects studied at either school.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Our entry requirements are specific to each course and are updated on a year-by-year basis.

We believe that all students should have access to courses where they have demonstrated their capacity to achieve at Key Stage 4.

All students are required to have achieved GCSE English and maths at grade 4 or above by the end of their time in the Sixth Form, if they have not achieved this in Year 11. Students who have not achieved this at Key Stage 4 will be required to attend an intensive re-sit programme where we provide specialist teaching, intensive intervention, peer tutoring and mentoring.

In 2019, 100% of our Year 13 leavers who were re-entered for GCSE English and/or Maths improved their GCSE result by at least one grade.

Specific details regarding course entry requirements for the coming academic year can be found on our website, www.cannockchasehigh.com/sixth-form.

“ I have loved the opportunity to work with students in the main school. ”

Year 13 Sixth Form Mentor

RESILIENCE

“ I was supported to resit GCSE English and got the grade I never thought I was capable of. ”

CCHS Sixth Form alumni student

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In addition to core studies, Sixth Form students also have the opportunity to access a number of enrichment activities that will enhance their studies, employability skills or broaden their experiences of being part of Sixth Form.

In recent years, all students have undertaken work experience placements, either in the form of a one-off intensive week or on a more regular basis.

Many students access the volunteering opportunities offered by the National Citizenship Service, supporting local charities and not-for-profit organisations in a range of services.

A significant number of students undertake curriculum-related challenges, such as the UK Senior Maths Challenge, representing our Sixth Form whilst competing against other students across the country.

All Sixth Form students have the opportunity to attend visits organised by staff,

which in recent years have included: ski trips to Austria, visits to the UK Skills Show, UK University Search Fair, subject-specific visits, along with other social and academic trips.

Many of our students are peer mentors and/or tutors to students in our main school, providing weekly support to younger students.

Our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team is formed from students who are successfully offered positions following a rigorous interview and application process, involving the Headteacher, Governors and members of the staff Leadership Team. Successfully appointed students take on the roles of Head Boy, Head Girl, respective Deputies and other roles specific to the agenda for that year. Members of the Student Leadership Team represent the school at public events, meet with invited guests, take an active role in terms of community engagement, work with our local primary schools and lead positive change in our Sixth Form and main school.



“ Being part of the Student Leadership Team has given me so much to support my university application. ”

Current Year 13 student

GUIDANCE

All students are supported through the Sixth Form Guidance Programme, which seeks to develop the life skills, employability and careers guidance necessary for them to be 'future ready'.

Our extensive programme and long-established relationships with specialist agencies, employers, universities and apprenticeship providers ensures that all students have access to the information, advice and guidance they need for their future.

All Sixth Form students are also supported by a personal tutor, who is often a specialist in one of the subject areas being studied by the student. The tutor meets with their tutor group each day and becomes a point of contact for information, support and guidance. Tutors work with students to support university, apprenticeship and employment applications, contribute to references and guide students through the transition from high school to Sixth Form and

from Sixth Form to post 18.

The Sixth Form is also led by the Sixth Form Manager, who works alongside the Assistant Headteacher for Post 16, supporting students in all aspects of both their studies and well-being. All students study PSHE each week, ensuring that students are 'future ready' and able to deal with controversial issues. We encourage all of our students to have informed opinions on a range of vital topics.

The Sixth Form also has access to the main school's full-time careers adviser, who dedicates time weekly to meet with Sixth Form students to support their applications and transition to future study programmes and/or employment.

Students who are eligible are also supported to access the 16-19 Bursary Fund, providing financial support to cover education-related costs.

FUTURE READY

To ensure all students have the opportunity to develop the necessary employability, personal, social and life skills to succeed in the working world, we schedule an extensive programme of events throughout the academic year with visiting specialists.

In recent academic years, this has included a package of visits, lectures, seminars and practical workshops with colleagues from local and national organisations including:

- Visits from many post 18 education providers, offering guidance regarding routes into Higher Education and onto Higher Level Apprenticeships, including: the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, Cardiff University, the University of Birmingham, Walsall College, Jaguar Land Rover, the Armed Forces, and many more;
- Seminars and practical workshops with Road Safety officers and the Fire Service, educating young drivers;
- Drugs, alcohol and relationship education programmes. including the NHS, Police, and others;
- Seminars with volunteers from the Samaritans and Relate.
- Student Finance England, who offer support and guidance regarding the application process to financial assistance whilst studying in Higher Education.

“ Students benefit from frequent PSHE and tutoring... A closely tailored careers programme helps students prepare for further and higher education. ”
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INTEGRITY

65% of our 2020 leavers went on to study at university.

2019 Destinations Data

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DESTINATIONS

We firmly believe in the vision that a successful Sixth Form is one where students are equipped with the necessary qualifications, skills and information to access their own ambitions and to move on to the next steps in their future. It is for this reason we consider the destinations of our students such an accurate measure of the success of our Sixth Form.

Of our 2020 leavers, 65% went on to study at university, with 100% of students progressing to a positive destination either in education, employment or training.

Students went on to study at Further Education colleges and apprenticeships, in most cases accessing higher-level courses supported by their qualifications achieved in Sixth Form.

We are committed to ensuring all students, regardless of background, can thrive and achieve personal excellence and go on to fulfil their own ambitions and succeed as part of a highly skilled workforce of the future.

“The exemplary behaviour seen in the main school is mirrored in the Sixth Form. Students’ enjoyment and commitment to their studies is evident in their learning.”

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RESPONSIBILITY

DRESS CODE

In all areas of Sixth Form life we expect the very highest standards of our students.

In order to prepare our students to be ‘future ready’, we believe an important part of our role is not only to provide the highest standard of teaching but also to equip every student with the skills and knowledge to succeed in the professional world. It is this commitment that underpins our standards of expectation in terms of dress code.

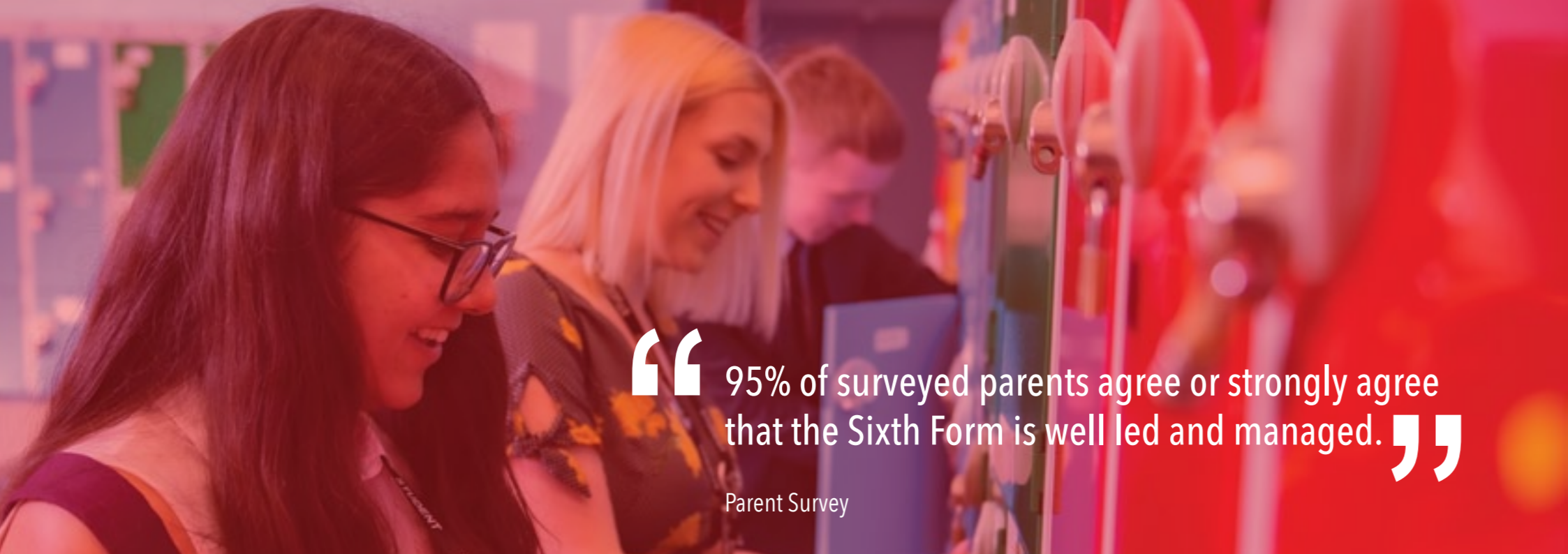
We believe that our students should be fully prepared for the interviews, work experience and volunteering placements that are a necessary part of preparing for applications, whatever a student’s chosen destination post Sixth Form.

All Sixth Form students are expected to wear professional dress five days a week.

We have been specific with the language of ‘professional’ as we do feel that expecting all students to wear suits/business dress would be an inappropriate policy, given that many of our students may progress to alternative industries, such as those in the sports, creative or care sectors.

Our dress code hopes to adopt a consistent standard of professional dress, whilst allowing students an appropriate level of individual expression.

Specific details regarding the dress code for the coming academic year can be found on our website, www.cannockchasehigh.com/sixth-form, and will be available at enrolment.



“ 95% of surveyed parents agree or strongly agree that the Sixth Form is well led and managed. ”

Parent Survey

ADMISSIONS

Applications to Sixth Form can be made online by visiting www.cannockchasehigh.com/sixth-form-online-application.

Applications are welcomed from students currently studying at other providers and from current Year 11 students.

Following completion of the online application, students will be contacted by the Assistant Headteacher for Post 16 to arrange an interview where they will be required to provide evidence of their predicted grades on the courses they are currently studying at Key Stage 4.

A conditional offer will then be made. All applicants are invited to attend the Sixth Form Taster Week in the Summer Term, providing all prospective students with the chance to 'Attend the Sixth Form Taster days'.

On results day, having secured GCSE outcomes at the end of Year 11, students are invited to attend enrolment, where conditional offers are compared to actual outcomes and final offers are made.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you believe that Cannock Chase High School is the right choice for you or if you require any further information or assistance please feel free to contact us.

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