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ST EDMUND'S SIXTH FORM

St Edmund's Sixth Form is an exciting and stimulating two years for students, bringing with it greater independence and personal responsibility, an array of fresh choices, and serious thought about their next move into the adult world.

Sixth Form provides an opportunity for those in our lively community to develop both academically and as individuals, and our approach is designed to ensure both. We offer an exciting, varied curriculum and get great results, and we support pupils in moving on to exciting destinations in higher education and the world of work. However, we also believe that academic achievement

goes hand-in-hand with the development of those in our lively community to develop character and life skills, and we place great both academically and as individuals, and emphasis on leadership opportunities.

'The staff at St Edmund's have supported me in ways I couldn't have imagined over the past three years of my life here and I am so glad I came. I will miss everyone there.' STUDENT

'I will always be grateful for the time I've had at St Edmund's. It has helped me grow massively as a person and I will never forget the time I've had there. Between the teachers and the friends I have made, it has been a life-changing experience.' STUDENT

ACADEMIC

In the Sixth Form, we encourage students to develop intellectual autonomy and creativity through discussion and problem solving, without ever losing our focus on examination success.

We offer a wide choice of A-level subjects, with each pupil designing their own timetable and so flourishing in their own way – curious; independent; and ready for university, drama school, conservatoire, or for the world of work.

Each pupil has a personal tutor, and small class sizes mean that lessons are more like university tutorials. Pupils dissect complex concepts and initiate debates informed by their own independent research, and the relationship with the teacher shifts as this becomes central to their learning.

Some of the subjects available to students in Sixth Form include: Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classic Civilisation, Computer Science, Drama, Economics, English Literature, Film Studies, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Music, Music Technology, Philosophy Ethics and Religion, Photography, Physics, Politics, Product Design, Spanish, Sport and Coaching, 3-D Design .

ENRICHMENT

As well as studying for A-levels, we encourage pupils to explore and expand their interests through our Enrichment programme, which begins with entry to the Lower Sixth.

Enrichment offers the opportunity to conduct an independent research project – supervised by experienced, and highly qualified academic staff. Inspiration for independent research comes not only from each other, but also from our many visiting academics, writers, scientists, artists and our legendary Curiosity Shop. PhD ambassadors at the University of Kent mentor our Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) students, providing guidance and insight into the world of academic research, as well as access to the University's Templeman Library. We believe that projects stimulate great creativity, and we find that our students find this immensely satisfying and love showcasing their successes.

Pupils embrace the opportunity to undertake research projects on hugely diverse topics which interest them. A related, and popular, Enrichment strand is the Durrell Essay – a gently competitive but fiercely celebrated research prize named after alumnus Lawrence Durrell, that is open to all students.

Looking beyond the academic, pupils can follow our unique Leadership programme – designed to develop character and essential skills for learning life, both at school and beyond. They might help to lead the school as prefects and through positions on the School Council, develop their abilities within the Combined Cadet Force and the Duke of Edinburgh schemes, or share their passions with younger pupils via sports coaching and reading support programmes.

UNIVERSITY AND BEYOND...

Many of our Sixth Formers view themselves as lifelong learners. Having mastered the skills, attitudes and practices required to easily assimilate and harness knowledge, they aspire to be the best in their fields.

For UCAS university applications we provide experienced staff to support all pupils as they make decisions about their future career choices. Our Head of Progression works with the Head of Sixth Form and Head of Careers to gain a full picture of each pupil's needs and skills, with tailored one-to-one support available to all pupils completing university applications.

The Early Applicants programme, available to medical and Oxbridge applicants, provides vital preparation and support for interviews and admissions tests. We take pride in knowing our pupils and supporting them to make the right applications for their future goals – in whatever field that may be. The vast majority of our pupils gain excellent offers from their preferred university choices on the strength of their UCAS applications.

Our students' intellectual appetites, capacity to think creatively and strong A-level grades means that they are attractive to top universities in the UK and internationally. Whilst some of our pupils prefer to study in and around the South East, many travel to far the corners of the UK and beyond: St Edmund's pupils apply for courses in universities from Aberystwyth to York, and abroad in Canada, Japan and the USA. If it is the right course, we will do all we can to help make it happen.