



Campion School
Royal Leamington Spa

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Sixth Form Information Booklet

Welcome from Assistant Headteacher

May I extend a very warm welcome from Campion Sixth Form. We are very much committed to ensuring you have the best post-16 education by promising an outstanding learning experience that will prepare you for life after further education. The following core values are at the heart of all that we do:

Academic excellence - we develop, in you, the ability to learn in a self-disciplined, independent and flexible manner in line with the demands of the modern world. The high expectations and excellent teaching provided by our well-qualified specialist staff will enable you to develop lively, enquiring and creative minds.

Reaching full potential - our rich and varied extra-curricular programme complements your formal curriculum so that you are able to develop a breadth of interests. We work with a wide range of agencies to provide stimulating and challenging opportunities for each of you depending upon your aspirations.

A happy, safe and caring environment - staff and students are all members of our school community and we promote a caring and supportive ethos to which all are expected to contribute.

Broad, balanced and relevant - our curriculum underlines our commitment to provide you with the resilience, skills and aptitude required in today's workplace.

An effective and purposeful partnership - our sense of community is our strength. All members of our community – students, parents, staff and governors - have a combined role to play in supporting achievement.

I look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that you achieve great things whilst you are with us.



Mr Robert Strain
Assistant Headteacher – Head of Sixth Form

Post-16 Facilities

At Campion Sixth Form, students have the chance to make full use of the facilities created to support them with their learning. The new two-storey, purpose-built sixth form block offers a range of teaching classrooms, working areas and communal space. Many subject lessons are taught in this block, and this is where students will attend form time.

In addition, the block also houses two study rooms which are fully utilised through timetabled study periods, providing students with a place dedicated to quiet working conditions. The study rooms have all the resources students will need for effective studying including computers, stationery and reference text books. They are also supervised full time by our Study Room Supervisors who will endeavour to support students with all their academic and wider needs. Support is offered to students through a range of mediums from academic support with coursework, homework and level 3 subjects, through to applying for jobs and university places, as well as supporting students with the transition to becoming independent learners.

Like the main school, the sixth form block is a secure site. Upon joining in Year 12, students will be provided with a student pass which will give them access between both areas of the school.

Pastoral Support

At Campion Sixth Form, we place the upmost importance on our student's wellbeing, therefore each member of the sixth form team is available to offer support and advice to all. During the first half term of the academic year, all students will receive a mentoring meeting with a member of sixth form team to check how students have settled in. These meetings will continue termly throughout student's sixth form life. In addition, Head of Year 12 and House Learning Leaders are available to support students with their emotional wellbeing, offering advice to student's concerns both in and outside of school. Where required, external support is offered to students, through our sixth form counsellor.

Additional Support

Enrichment

Enrichment is a key component of the sixth form curriculum, and is delivered on a fortnightly basis; these sessions are incorporated onto the student's timetable. Students participate in an enrichment programme to give them opportunities to extend their learning beyond the curriculum and to enhance their academic studies. Students are exposed to valuable life skills that will help to set them up for the future, taking on tasks that involve critical thinking and team working across areas such as sport, food technology and business.

Life Skill Days

Campion Sixth Form students benefit from opportunities to extend and enhance their understanding and experiences beyond the core curriculum. Life Skill Days offer a varied and interesting programme including teacher led sessions centred on relationships and sex education, health and well-being, future destinations and study skills. Additionally, students may receive talks from external providers such as health services, universities providers or local independent organisations.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Students have the opportunity to partake in a variety of extra-curricular activities aimed at developing interpersonal skills and confidence, including:

- Sport
- Yoga
- Debate
- Volunteering
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Chess
- Work Experience
- Instrumental lessons
- Eco Club

Leadership Opportunities

Sixth form students will have the opportunity to apply to the school council. Here students will have the opportunity to Each committee meet every fortnight and aims to organise charity and social events within the sixth form at least once every half term. Such opportunities allow students to develop an increased sense of responsibility, improve their problem solving and develop their communication.

Careers Enrichment

We aim to encourage all sixth form students to reach their full potential and become successful in their chosen career pathways. As a sixth form, we work in partnership with a host of local employers with the aim of best supporting students to make an informed decision on their options post-18.

As part of the sixth form experience students will have the opportunity to partake in various careers events aimed at supporting them to make an informed choice when considering options upon leaving the sixth form. In the past, students have benefitted from careers fairs and talks, employability sessions and visits to local industries. In addition, students will have access to an independent careers adviser throughout their time at sixth form aiming to answer any questions they may have for their future.

Students also have the chance to explore university and apprenticeship options with support being offered through the UCAS and Find an Apprenticeship process. We recognise the rapid changes in the options available to students once they finish their level 3 qualifications and aim to support both students and parents/carers through this process. Our Parents' Evening therefore offer both the students themselves and parents/carers an opportunity to discuss these changes and ask any questions they may have.

Finally, sixth form students benefit from the option to complete work experience which is guided by their future career goals. Students are entitled to experience a 'trial run' of their chosen career path for a sustained time period. Work experience is a great way for students to discover what kind of industries excite them, as well as finding out what is expected of them in different working environments and developing vital workplace skills. It also forms the basis of personal statements when applying to university or for an apprenticeship. Support will be offered to students throughout this process.

Choosing Post-16 Options

When it comes to choosing options there are multiple factors students should take into consideration.

A-levels, BTECS or both?

Campion Sixth Form offer both A-Level and BTEC courses therefore it is important for students to know the difference between the two qualifications and how they work.

- A-levels are more academic and classroom-based, while BTECs are more vocational and practical.
- A-levels give you a broader academic base if you're not totally sure what you want to do later, while BTECs are more focused on a particular career path.
- A-levels are assessed by exams at the end of two years, while BTECs have a more continuous workload throughout the course.

Future Goals - University

If students are considering university, they may be required to opt for specific A Level subjects. Informed choices (<https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk>) offer students information to help them choose the right subjects to study at Post-16. The below table also offers some guidance on what subjects may benefit students in meeting the course requirements for degrees.

Degree Course	A-Level(s)
Biology	Biology and another science or maths
Chemistry	Chemistry and sometimes maths and/or another science
Dentistry	Chemistry and one or two other sciences
Engineering	Maths and physics (or maths and chemistry for chemical engineering)
Maths	Maths
Medicine	Chemistry and usually one or two other sciences; some require biology

Modern Languages	Usually the language to be studied – but this may vary for less common languages
Veterinary Science	Chemistry and one or two other sciences

Please note that many universities and courses will consider students regardless of what A-Levels they choose; furthermore, most universities in the UK accept BTEC students, including competitive universities from the Russell Group – the most important thing is meeting the course criteria.

Subject Strengths

Students may use their current GCSE subjects as a guide to selecting A-Level and BTEC options at Post-16, particularly if they have an aptitude for a given subject. We encourage students to speak to their teachers for an honest assessment of their ability to help guide their subject choice.

Enjoyment

Students typically have twice as many lessons for Level 3 subjects compared to GCSE, therefore when it comes to endurance, enjoyment may be an important consideration when selecting option subjects.

How to Apply

If any external student is interested in applying to Champion Sixth Form, please do so by completing the application form (link and QR code on welcome letter) or by using one of the email addresses listed below to register your interest.

Please note that all Year 11 students at Champion will have the opportunity to apply within school – this will take place over the coming weeks.

Please do feel free to contact me for further information. I will be happy to respond to any queries you may have.

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