

Information Evening

A BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE SCHOOL
AND LEADERSHIP SPECIALIST



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Year 12



TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP, ENGAGING LEARNING, CHANGING LIVES





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Welcome

*Growing confident, resilient, independent
and creative learners*

Respect to all, from all

Sixth Form Team



Miss McManus
Deputy Head



Mrs Carter
Head of Sixth Form



Miss Thomas
Deputy Head
of Sixth Form



Mr Knight
One year Sixth
Form Leader

Support for students

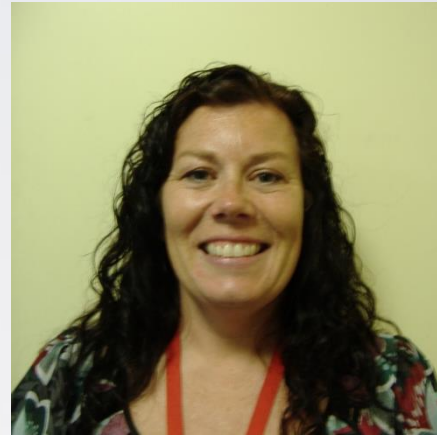
A comprehensive student support system for both academic and pastoral needs:

- Sixth form led by senior members of staff.
- Dedicated sixth form tutors.
- Two members of support staff.
- Open office policy offering support at all times.

Support for students



Sharon Veasey
UCAS/timetables



Tracey Hamill
Attendance/work
experience/consortia

Sixth Form Tutors

Mrs Robertson – Chemistry and
Applied Science

Dr Lynch -Biology

Mr Srikanthapalan- Maths

Mrs Petty – Art

Miss McDougall – Photography

Mr Ison – Physics

Devonish

Miss Sutheran – Sociology

Mr Chester-Brown – Health and
Social Care/Psychology

Miss Linton –History

Miss Beasley – History

Mrs Ashby – Technology

Maddison

Miss Gallagher – Drama

Mr Knight – Philosophy/Travel and
Tourism/One year 6th

Mrs Warner – Business

Mrs Detheridge – Business

Mrs Richmond – ICT

Smith

Why Caludon?

- Not just about results! We are about the whole student.
- In 2022, 55% of students achieved A*-B and 79% of achieved A*-C.
- 20% of students went to Russell Group universities and 34% to high ranking universities.
- Students not going to university have all gone on to apprenticeships, college, jobs with training or taken a gap year.

Destinations

- 2022 universities included Warwick, Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, King's College London, Leeds, Liverpool, Loughborough and Nottingham.
- Apprenticeships include the National Grid, Deloitte and Warwickshire Police Force.

AS and A levels

- A level is taken after 2 years of study in year 13 and pass grades are A*-E.
- AS level is taken (in many subjects) after one year and pass grades are A-E.
- It covers 40% of the content of the A level, but this material will be tested again at A level.
- If a course does not offer an AS students will have an end of year assessment instead.

Vocational Qualifications

- More coursework based, though NOT 100% coursework as in the past.
- **50% externally marked component, 50% internal assessment.**
- The internally assessed coursework has strict deadlines which students and the school **MUST** meet.
- Many of our students do a mixture of A levels and BTEC level 3 qualifications.
- Grades with their equivalence to A level grades:
Distinction * (A*) Distinction (A) Merit (C) Pass (E)

Courses on offer

A levels

Art and Design	Further Mathematics
Biology	Geography
Chemistry	History
Design Technology (<i>jointly at Foxford</i>)	Mathematics
Drama	Philosophy and Ethics
Economics	Physics
English Language	Photography/Moving Image
English Language and Literature	Psychology
English Literature	Sociology
French	Spanish

Vocational

Business
Health and Social Care
Digital Media
Applied Science
Sport
Travel and Tourism

Tutorials, mentoring and assemblies

- Weekly whole group tutorial sessions and assemblies. These, alongside Skills lessons, are compulsory.
- Students will have a one-to-one mentoring sessions with their tutors every 3-4 weeks.
- Weekly student bulletin with notices and virtual and real-life opportunities.

Independent Study

- Recommendation - one hour of independent study per taught hour, equivalent to 15 hours per week (5 hours per subject).
- Paid work: research indicates that more than 12 hours per week affects A level grades negatively.
- Students can also use our study facilities and borrow iPads.

Reading and Oracy

- There is a proven link between reading and academic success, as well as personal wellbeing.
- Wider reading increases cultural capital which can increase access to higher grades.
- Year 12 students will also be participating in debating sessions.

Parental contact

- 3 data collections: **November, February and April**
- Subject evening: **Wednesday 15th February**
- Sixth Form team availability by phone, e-mail or meetings as necessary.
- We will discuss issues with the student before we talk to you to develop their independence in preparation for the future.

Skills lessons

- One hour per week.
- Bridges the gap between GCSEs and A level.
- Develops employability skills and develops cultural and political awareness as well as some life skills.
- New integrated programme of employability, study and life skills.
- Level 3 Extended Project Qualification.

Enrichment

Students complete at least 30 hours of enrichment which can be in or outside of the school environment.

Student Leaders.

Subject ambassadors

Basic CPR

Psychology well-being mentoring

Subject support.

Debate Society

Literacy support

KS3 tutor support

Extra-curricular PE support

Beyond the classroom

Trips/visits

Charity and fundraising fun!

Student ambassador roles

Friendly common room

Social events

Friendly competition and awards/rewards

Work Experience

Work experience will take place from **Monday 16th – Friday 20th January.**

Students will need to find their own placement and complete the application form on Unifrog.

Attendance

Attendance should be no less than 95%

There is a strong correlation between absence (and poor punctuality!) and underachievement

Holidays should **not** be booked in **term time**, including after AS exams.

Parents/carers must phone in or email first thing in the morning if not attending. Medical notes and appointments will be requested.

Sixth form office: 02476 444822 Ext 818 or 300

Email: sixthformteam@caludoncastle.co.uk

Reporting absence

If a student is absent for any reason a **phone call** must be made **every day** by the parent/carer.

Medical appointments (non-urgent medical or dental) requires arranging outside of timetabled commitments.

If there is a **predictable term** of absence a **letter** is needed to cover the period of absence. A phone call every day will not be needed.

If there is **persistent unexplained absence** we will **contact the student** first. if it continues we will **contact you** and an attendance contract may be set up.

Bursary

- If your household income is less than £25000 per year, then your son/daughter may be eligible for the sixth form bursary.
- Students will receive this directly into their bank accounts every half term.
- This should help with the cost of books, trips and travel.
- Students may also be able to receive help on top of this for university visits, school trips and travel, revision sessions and other educational resources.

Dress Code

We are one of the only sixth forms in the city that have a relaxed dress code.

Allowed	Not Allowed
Jeans	Excessively ripped jeans
Tops (t-shirts, blouses, shirts)	Tops that are see-through, low cut, off the shoulder, exposing stomach/waist, offensive slogans/images; 'muscle' tops
Dresses (appropriate length)	Very short dresses
Skirts (not very short)	Very short skirts
Trousers	
Knee length shorts	Short shorts (even with tights under), Cycling shorts
Footwear (trainers, sandals, boots, shoes)	Thigh high boots, flip flops
Make up	Leggings with short tops
	Hats/caps

Respectful Behaviours



CORRIDORS

What?

- No coats
- Low volume
- Walking pace
- Direct routes
- Standing to the left
- No physical contact
- Appropriate language
- Be friendly – smile!
- Use manners
- Hold open doors for others
- Sixth form students are respectful of the mobile phone policy.

Why?

- It's important to get to lessons on time.
- Demonstrate social awareness about others around you - wait to one side of the corridor to allow other staff/students to pass.
- Making corridors a friendly, safe place to be.
- Being role models for younger students



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Progression into Year 13

- To progress to a level in year 13 for a particular subject, students need at **least an E grade** at AS Level or end of year assessment.
- If students do not achieve the required grades in all subjects, they may need to change one or even two of their subjects.
- Students have three years of free funding for level 3 courses.
- We have flexibility in our timetable and lots of advice and guidance is available.

Target Setting KS5



Reporting Progress

- Staff will enter progress data three times this year.
- Staff will enter whether your child is either
 1. making exceptional progress
 2. making good progress
 3. making expected progress
 4. making less than expected progress
 5. making well below expected progress
- as well as an attitude to learning (ATL) score
- If your child is making expected or above progress those subjects will be shaded green.



Reporting Progress

- We have used your child's FFT20 target to indicate the A level grade we feel they could achieve. This is not a limit and some students will outperform. even these aspirational grades.
- Staff will enter data three times a year.
- They will enter a projected A level grade, the grade your child will be expected to achieve at the end of year 13 if they maintain their current standard of work.
- Subjects will be coloured green when your child is on or above track to achieve their target.



Important dates for year 12

Date(s)	Event
Friday 21st October	Teacher day
Monday 24th October – 28th October	Half-term holiday
Tuesday 8 th November (am)	Year 12 trip to National Apprenticeships Show
Monday 19 th December – Tuesday 2nd January	Christmas holiday
Monday 9 th January – Friday 13 th January	Mock exams
Monday 16 th January – Friday 20 th January	Work Experience
Wednesday 15 th February	Year 12 and 13 Subject Evening

Key to success in the Sixth Form

- 95%+ Attendance
- Engagement in lessons, tutorials, assembly and mentoring sessions
- Home learning and personal study
- Time management
- Meeting deadlines
- Participating in Skills lessons
- Preparation for examinations and coursework
- Engagement beyond the classroom – build the CV.....and the young adult!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form Team, either by

Phone: 02476444822 Ext 818 or 300

Or

through the email address below:

sixthformteam@caludoncastle.co.uk