



## Frequently Asked Questions about College

### ✓ **What can/do I have to wear?**

You can wear whatever you want so long as it is not offensive in any way. Students wear a wide variety of different fashions and that is expected to be respected by all staff and students.

### ✓ **What do I call staff?**

We are generally referred to by our first name.

### ✓ **How many lessons will I have?**

On our current timetable students have three one and a half hour lessons per block of study (e.g. An A Level or single Applied General). Those doing a triple Applied General would do three times that.

### ✓ **Can I leave the site when I don't have lessons?**

Yes, but we do encourage students to use our study and other facilities in their study periods and expect all students on a three block study programme to do a certain amount of "boost" study on the college site.

### ✓ **Where can I go to study?**

Students can study both downstairs and upstairs in the Learning Resource Centre, in the Study Centre, in The Hub and

Café or in a variety of break out study areas around the site, including the Maths Cave, Biology Corridor, Art rooms, Health & Social Care study space etc.

✓ **What enrichment activities are there?**

Our Enrichment Programme includes sport such as football, rugby, netball, cricket, badminton, trampolining, table tennis, but we also support students who want to represent the college at things such as cross country and gymnastics and we have fantastic Sports Leaders and Dance Leaders qualifications.

Other enrichment activities range from rock band, debating, sign language, first aid, Student Union, Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, Enterprise, College Magazine, Book Club, the Extended Project Qualification, Researching your Family Tree and Gardening Club to mention a few. We also have student-led societies such as the Medical, Programming, LGBTQ and Board Games Societies, but if what you want isn't already offered, just speak with us and we'll help you set up a new society!

✓ **What do students progress onto after College?**

The majority of students progress to university whilst others prefer to apply for apprenticeships, full-time employment or take a gap year to travel, volunteer or earn money.

✓ **What support is there for careers, apprenticeships, university and gap years?**

We have a qualified Careers team, who received the prestigious National Quality in Careers Award this year, and they put on a

wide range of events and talks. They also hold one to one personal guidance interviews, organise mock interviews and arrange work experience placements.

In addition, we have a special programme called Aspire which is aimed at supporting students aspiring to apply to an elite, competitive university, including Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group or high ranking universities. This involves half hourly weekly sessions, talks, advice from older students and university trips.

✓ **Will I get exam arrangements?**

If you have exam arrangements at school such as extra time or a reader, this is likely to apply at S6F but you will need to speak with Julie Walkington, our Learning Support Manager, who will liaise with your school.

✓ **What financial help is available?**

If you think you may be eligible for some financial assistance, based on your household income, you can apply for the Student Support Fund. Contact Student Services on 01723 380700 for more information. Application forms for the Fund will be available by Preview in July.

✓ **What travel help and information is there?**

Some students travel for free or receive a subsidy based upon their household income. No student pays more than £12 a week for travel if they live more than 2.5 miles away from College. We also have a Travel to Learn Scholarship of £440 a year for students who live more than 15 miles away who

achieve a grade 7 or above in both GCSE English Language and Mathematics. A travel guidance booklet will be in your pack of information sent to you before Preview in the summer term.

✓ **What support is there for students who are very anxious about the move to College?**

We are a very friendly and welcoming College but realise that the change can be daunting for some. Some students want to come in for a tour and we also put on a special Transition Event before our Preview Day for those who want to first experience the College with a smaller group of students. Once you have started College, we have peer mentoring which many students benefit from, even when they are not struggling. All students will have a dedicated Guidance Support Tutor too.

If you wish to discuss any concerns you have about starting college please contact either Julie Walkington, Learning Support Manager ([j.walkington@s6f.org.uk](mailto:j.walkington@s6f.org.uk)) or Rowan Johnson, Vice Principal ([r.johnson@s6f.org.uk](mailto:r.johnson@s6f.org.uk)).

**We look forward to welcoming you in September!**