

## Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your interest in Callington Community College Sixth Form.

We pride ourselves on our strong relationships with students and the strong sense of community that exists across the College. Our students have many wonderful opportunities to get involved in local community events and have a strong say in what their provision looks like. They have an active student voice and their Sixth Form is very much modelled on a typical university campus, with their own bespoke facilities, to include study areas, dedicated post 16 staffing, a study centre and a very active student union. We also recognise that a 16 year old is not extraordinarily different between June and September of one summer and that the transition to Sixth Form studies can be quite challenging. We believe in the importance of an effective transition programme and supporting students in developing their independent study habits, so that they can be highly successful and make the necessary adjustments to Sixth Form life. A comprehensive enrichment programme ensures our students have access to support and advice across all their subjects and are fully prepared for whatever their next stage of education/work is.

Our most recent Ofsted recognised the valuable contribution our Sixth Form affords our students identifying "The Sixth Form provides students with a good quality of education. Students study a wide range of courses and achieve well. Students told inspectors how much they value the support and high-quality teaching they receive." We are very proud of our Sixth Form provision and the achievements our young people make as a result. Please do come and see us, you are always welcome!

Wendy Ainsworth Principal Educating the mind

without educating the heart

is no education at all.

Aristotle

## **Director of Sixth Form**

#### Dear Parent and Carer

I would like to formally welcome you to Callington Community College's Sixth Form. As your child now approaches the end of their Key Stage 4 educational journey, we understand that making the right choice at Post-16 is often a difficult one. Hopefully the information in this booklet goes some way to supporting you and your child in making an informed decision, so that they can continue pursuing their personal aspirations and career goals.

Callington Community College Sixth Form is a vibrant and exciting environment in which to study. We are passionate about education with the aspirations of each individual student central to our work with them. Our commitment is to ensuring that each of our students has the support to allow them to achieve their full potential and to lay down the firm foundations needed in order to succeed in their future employment, apprenticeship or higher education course.

Our Sixth Form offers a fusion between independence and nurture – the responsibility and ownership of a college experience, alongside the high quality pastoral care and guidance that has been embedded throughout students' secondary education. There is an active and lively programme of study support activities from "visits to art galleries and theatres and listening to visiting speakers" to university and apprenticeship fairs. A key feature of our Sixth Form is the careers guidance programme in which students "...receive high-quality careers guidance enabling them to make informed decisions about future employment or education" (Ofsted Report September 2019).

Our aim is for Callington Community College to be the most **exciting** and **dynamic** school in **Cornwall**, where both students and staff thrive. **Callington Community College Sixth Form aims to build on individuals' strengths and broaden their horizons.** 

The Sixth Form is committed to creating an environment where students are given every opportunity to continue to develop their talents and achieve their full **potential**. We place the student at the heart of everything we do to help them **prepare effectively for their future** – both academically and in their personal and social development.

We aim to provide a **personalised programme** which meets the needs of every individual. On their journey, students are fully supported to take **responsibility** and **ownership** in developing themselves in order to achieve their personal **ambitions** and career **aspirations**. Most importantly, we provide a **safe**, **supportive** and **happy** Sixth Form environment, right at the heart of the community, where our students, staff and parents are valued equally.

Once more, I welcome you to the Sixth Form here at Callington Community College; please feel free to contact me to ask any questions or discuss any aspect of our Sixth Form or Post-16 education.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lydia Atkins Director of Sixth Form latkins@callingtoncc.net



## Sixth Form Transition



meet their new tutor, attend subject classes and engage in a number of workshops promoting strategies and opportunities to

It is often a challenge for young people to make the transition from KS4 to KS5. There are a number of academic, personal and social changes that can occur, which Callington Community College Sixth Form recognises, ensuring that appropriate support and guidance is put in place to support all our learners.

Students who apply to our Sixth Form will be interviewed as part of the application process and invited to participate in an induction programme. This provides the students with the opportunity to

help students succeed in Post-16 education.

Students will also attend a number of workshops within the Autumn term. These carefully planned workshops aim to help students develop a greater understanding of the expectations of Sixth Form life, but also to develop the skills, mindset and attributes needed to fulfil their potential.



# Pastoral Care and Support



Callington Community College Sixth Form prides itself on the care and support it provides each and every student. A team of highly experienced and knowledgeable Sixth Form tutors provide daily contact with all students through the tutor programme, which includes regular individual students interviews (ISIs), academic and personal mentoring and being the first port of call for both students and parents or carers regarding any concerns.

This is further supported by a programme where Sixth Form students continue to be supported through external organisations, assemblies, careers advice and guidance, workshops and events to continue to support each and every student further.

The Sixth Form has its own dedicated safeguarding officer and full time administrator. In addition, students are able to access the school counsellor and a number of external medical and health and wellbeing agencies, if further support is needed. There is also a 16-19 bursary available to those individuals that are eligible to apply.



# **Academic Outcomes**





To enable our Sixth Form students to reach their full potential, we offer a wide range of A level courses and BTEC Level 3 courses. Teaching at Post-16 is a real strength in the college and subjects are well resourced. Naturally, this leads to excellent results and high aspirations for our students. Subject teachers form excellent working relationships with their students based on mutual respect and trust, which has a significant and positive impact on individual outcomes.

In addition to excellent teaching and learning, students are supported through a tutor programme which focuses on

developing individuals' study skills and personal mindset. This programme is designed to enable students to grow in confidence and successfully navigate the challenges of Level 3 study.

In the last set of validated results (2018/2019), Sixth Form students made more progress, on average, than students across England who got similar results at the end of Key Stage 4. The August A Level results saw 98.4% of students successfully pass their A levels, with 38.3% achieving the highest grades of A\* - B. All vocational students successfully passed their qualifications, with students averaging a Distinction grade.

The only way

to do great work

is to love what you do.

Steve Jobs

# **Enrichment and Experience Opportunities**



The ethos behind the Post-16 experience is not just academic study - it extends to developing the whole person, with a real focus on students seeking opportunities both within and outside of college to enrich themselves. Students personalise their timetables to ensure they balance their academic subjects alongside a wide range of enrichment and experience opportunities, which allows them to develop academically, personally and socially.

## Courses

#### **A Level**

Art and Design

Biology

Chemistry

Drama

**English Language** 

**English Literature** 

**Environmental Science** 

Film Studies

Geography

Government and Politics

History

**Mathematics** 

Photography

Media Studies

Physics

Psychology

Sociology

#### **Level 3 Vocational**

Criminology Diploma Level 3

Digital Games Production Level 3 BTEC

Health and Social Care Level 3 BTEC

Music RSL Level 3

Sport and Physical Activity Level 3

#### **Enrichment**

Core Mathematics

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Higher Sports Leaders Award (HSLA)

**Further Mathematics** 

# Post 18 Destinations



Our advice and guidance, coupled with excellent links and partnerships with employers and universities, ensures that our Sixth Form leavers have the best possible futures ahead of them, regardless of whether their career aspirations are into the work place or into higher education. Callington Community College Sixth Form is extremely proud of its record in supporting students' entries into higher education, including Oxbridge and Russell Group institutions. We have also supported students' aspirations to study abroad, with a number of students gaining places at American, Australian and European universities in the last few years.

For those that choose to go into the world of work, students have recently gained apprenticeships with some world renowned organisations. Alongside this, students continue to benefit from the excellent careers advice and personal support they receive from the Sixth Form team.

#### **Dentistry**

The University of Manchester

#### **Biochemistry**

The University of Manchester

#### **Civil Engineering**

Cardiff University

**Aviation Management with Commercial Pilot Licence** 

University of West London

#### **Commercial Management and Quantity Surveying**

Loughborough University

#### Liberal Arts and Sciences

University of Birmingham

#### Midwifery

Cardiff University

#### **Paramedic Science**

University of the West of England, Bristol

### Physics, Astrophysics and Cosmology

University of Portsmouth

### **English Literature**

Swansea University

#### **English with Publishing**

University of Plymouth

#### Mathematics with a Year in Industry

University of Exeter

#### **English / Politics**

University of York

### **Sport and Exercise Psychology**

Plymouth Marjon University

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