

THE SIXTH FORM

AT CHURCHMEAD SCHOOL



Life in all its fullness

JOHN 10:10



“Having a Churchmead Sixth Form gives us a safe and supportive stepping stone into our further education”

Student Prefect

WELCOME

to The Sixth Form
at Churchmead School

A life changing next step

Choosing your Sixth Form courses, is just the start of a very exciting and life-changing journey. The Sixth Form experience literally shapes the person you will become. At Churchmead, we are delighted to offer an inspirational Sixth Form education, that will provide both the skills and qualifications to access higher education or the world of work.

It is very important to ask yourself; where will I succeed?, before making a decision about Sixth Form. Churchmead has an excellent reputation for its academic programmes, alongside the very best pastoral support. We are a school that prides itself on knowing our students individually. We will provide you with the opportunity to grow and develop into the person you wish to become, so that you can truly live 'Life in all its Fullness'.

As a Sixth Form student, you will be a highly valued member of our school community and will be expected to develop a deeper understanding of our values of Courage, Compassion and Commitment.

Alongside our academic pathways, you will also benefit from a wide range of fully supported opportunities including: work experience, community service and leadership development. These opportunities will help shape your character and make a genuine difference to the world around you.

Our Sixth Form team will provide in-depth help with university, apprenticeship and employment applications, from experienced and knowledgeable staff. You will get to know our Sixth Form staff very well so that your applications will reflect all that you have achieved, and help you to secure those vital next steps.

We look forward to working closely with all of our Sixth Form students, to ensure Churchmead supports you in your journey to academic and personal success.

Mr Chris Tomes
Headteacher

OUR VALUES OF COURAGE, COMPASSION, COMMITMENT IS BASED ON THE TRINITY OF GOD AND CELEBRATE “LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS” JOHN 10:10.

Churchmead School continues to be committed to providing a safe and caring learning environment, founded on Christian principles of respect for each other and the environment, as pupils move onto or join our Sixth Form.

The school is committed to providing an excellent standard of education for all students, allowing each individual to achieve their full potential. Our Christian vision has been developed from our bible verse, 'Life in all its Fullness' John 10:10. The continued development of our vision, is to fit the needs of the local community and wider world.

Life in all its Fullness is the principle that underpins our work with our students, to support them to grow and develop into young adults and encourage them to take up new opportunities.

Churchmead Sixth Form, is also committed to ensuring that the school sits at the heart of the local community, providing support both for young people and their families, so that they have the best start in post 16 education and access to the help and services that they need to thrive.

The work of the school involves consultation and collaboration with students and their parents/carers . This is in partnership with staff, governors and other providers. To ensure that we remain true to our Christian ethos, we continue to be committed to meeting the needs of our community, by placing our students at the centre of our work.



Students choosing to take
3 A Levels

SIXTH FORM PATHWAY

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY



UCAS: Your dedicated tutor will support you through your entire application process to ensure you find the undergraduate course best suited for you.

WORKSHOPS: Students will take part in sessions teaching them about life skills, money management as well as advice about getting prepared for undergraduate life.

CAREERS: Careers education is an integral part of Sixth Form and we will help to assist in writing personal statements and supporting your future goals.

UNIVERSITY VISITS: Our close links with universities such as Reading, allows you to experience undergraduate lectures and campus life.

EXTERNAL SPEAKERS: We actively seek expert speakers from universities to ensure you are equipped with the latest undergraduate advice.

WORK EXPERIENCE: In order to support your future career choice, students are encouraged to experience work in the field they are hoping to venture into at university.

Students choosing to take
Level 3 BTEC

SIXTH FORM PATHWAY

CAREERS PATHWAY



FULLY EQUIPPED: The expertise of our Careers Department means that students leave the Sixth Form armed with the information and skills they need to succeed in their chosen career.

EVENTS: We host and create a range of events such as our Annual Careers Day with the aim of raising students' aspirations and encouraging them to open their minds to the endless possibilities and various roles available within different organisations.

1:1 CAREERS GUIDANCE: Careers education is an integral part of Sixth Form and we will help to assist in CV writing, exploring industries and routes to employment.

WORKSHOPS: Students will take part in sessions teaching them about life skills, money management as well as advice about getting prepared for the working world and undergraduate life.

EXTERNAL SPEAKERS: We actively seek expert speakers from a wide range of industries, to offer you advice and prepare you for your chosen field.

WORK EXPERIENCE: We encourage all our students to secure and participate in meaningful work experience. It enables them to understand the work environment, gain new skills and network, to expand their future contacts. Sixth Form tutors and our Careers adviser will support them with this.

SIXTH FORM PATHWAY

SCHOLARS PATHWAY

Students choosing to take
A Levels and EPQ

EPQ: Alongside A Levels, students will undertake an extended research project which will award them UCAS points and an extra qualification. This qualification helps students develop and demonstrate their project management skills and provides opportunities for extended writing, both of which are highly valued for progression to higher education and employment.

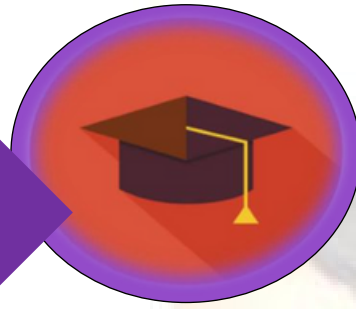
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PREVIOUS A - LEVEL SUCCESS

- English Literature – 100% in grades A* - C
- Art – 100% in grades A* - C
- Creative Writing – 100% in grades A* - C
- BTEC Business – 100% in grades Distinction - Pass
- Media – 83% in grades A* - C
- Photography – 80% in grades A* - C

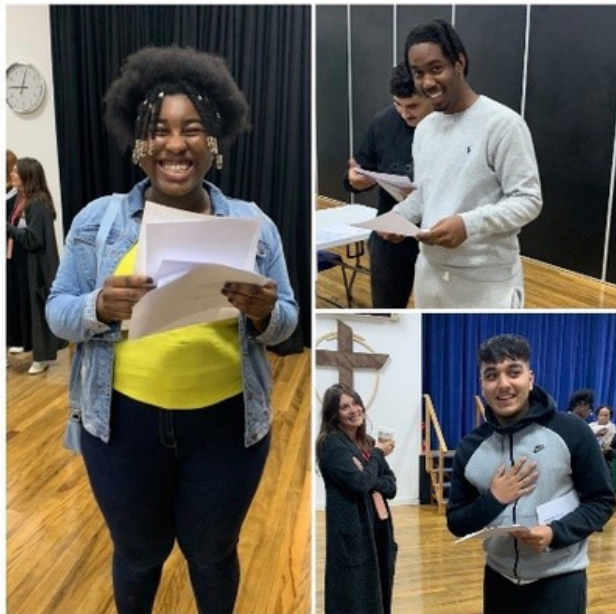


"I graduated from university with a 2:1 and I am now studying for my Masters in Science. I can't thank Churchmead enough for all the support and guidance I was given when I was doing my A Levels there; the teachers are amazing."

Roma Malik

GCSE RESULTS 2022

Churchmead School celebrated a fantastic set of GCSE results. The school maintained outstanding results in English with 88% of students achieving strong passes, and good outcomes in Maths with 75% achieving a good pass. Humanities subjects continue to flourish with 100% of students achieving a grade 9-4 in MFL and Geography. Churchmead School takes exceptional pride in the artistic talents of their students, which shone through in the Photography and Art results, where students achieved 100% 9-4 and 87% 9-4 respectively.



A member of the Student Leadership Team, Dorhissa Bentil, said on receiving her results, "I am delighted with my results and I would like to thank Churchmead School for being such a fantastic school in supporting me in my studies."

Following on from their recent 'Excellence' grade in their SIAMS report, the school celebrated outstanding RE results, with the highest number of students achieving record breaking top grades of 7+ in their GCSE exams.

Commenting on the results, Chris Tomes, Headteacher at Churchmead School, said "We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students in this unprecedented time. They have shown determination and perseverance and always remained 100% committed to achieving their best in their GCSE's. I wish them well as they move onto their Sixth Form studies. I would also like to thank their teachers and parents for the commitment they have shown in achieving these impressive results."



MANY REASONS TO CHOOSE CHURCHMEAD

Strong teaching: Excellent support in and outside lessons

Supportive tutors: Excellent support for UCAS & Employment/Apprenticeship applications

Small class sizes, generally, not bigger than 15

Wide range of courses on offer

A timetable that fits your choices and needs

Excellent Personal Development and Enrichment opportunities

Senior members of the school teaching A-Level classes

Excellent relationships with teachers, who know all their students

Designated Sixth Form Hub - a learning and social space for Sixth Form students



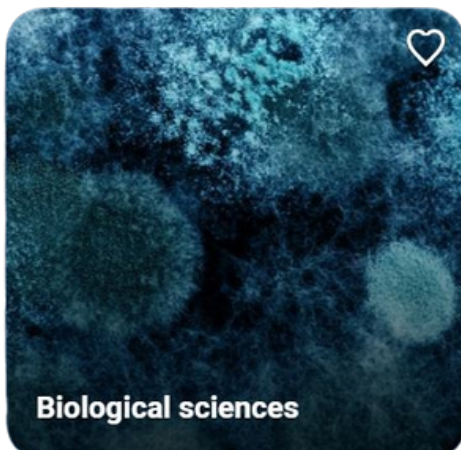
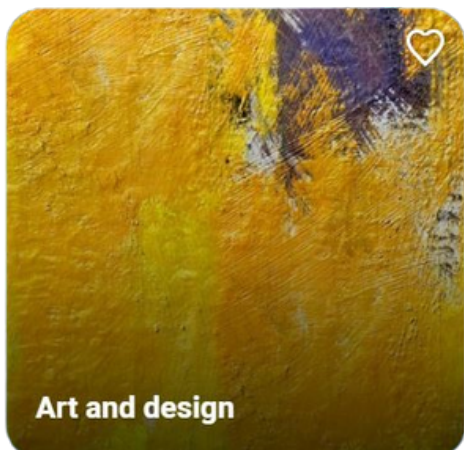
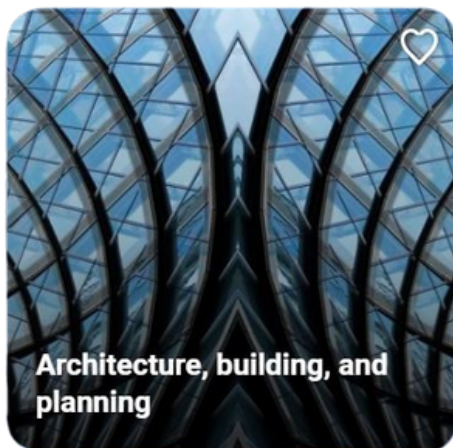
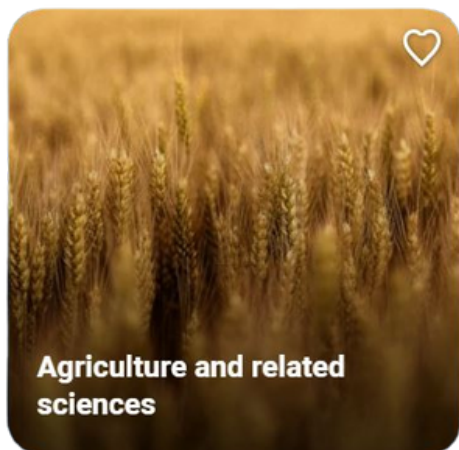
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- Senior Prefect**

RESEARCH FUTURE OPTIONS

UCAS

EXPLORE

Not sure what to do? Explore subjects, locations, universities, and colleges.



Look at **www.ucas.com** (University website) and Unifrog.

This will help you to make decisions about the subjects to take.

Look at apprenticeship websites, **www.gov.uk** and **www.ucas.com** and research the subjects you will need for your chosen career.

WIDE RANGE OF COURSES ON OFFER

Personalised Pathways

Excellent Careers Information and Guidance

Average class size of 15 students

University applications support

University Pathway

- English
- Maths
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Art
- Drama and Theatre
- Photography
- Sociology
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Scholars Pathway

- Extended Project Qualification
- Further Maths

Careers Pathway

- Science
- Engineering
- Business
- Music
- Sports Science/PE
- Health & Social Care
- Uniformed/Public Services
- Film Studies
- Food and Nutrition

DEGREE CAREERS AFTER SIXTH FORM

Degree/Career	A Levels to choose
Doctor (Medicine)	Biology, Chemistry or Geography
Dentistry	Biology, Chemistry or Geography
Solicitor	Essay based subjects - History, English Literature, BPE, Economics (A Level Law not necessary)
Engineering	Maths and Physics essential (A Level Engineering not necessary)
Veterinary Science	Chemistry, Biology or Geography and either Maths or Physics
Nursing and Midwifery	No essential subjects but good choices are Biology, Psychology, Health and Social Care
Physiotherapy	Biology is essential. Some universities will ask for a second Science
Economics	Maths essential
Sport Science	PE A Level or BTEC Sport essential

HOW SHOULD I PICK MY COURSE?

- Talk to subject teachers and current Sixth Form students
- Find out about courses that interest you
- Be honest about your strengths
- Be clear about the entry requirements for each course
- Work backwards – University or Apprenticeship?
- What courses are required for your Post 18 Options

WE OFFER YOU:

- Broad choice
- Great opportunities
- High standards
- Real care
- Fantastic support
- An understanding of every individual



The continuity provided by moving to Sixth Form studies at Churchmead helps to smooth this transition. Knowing the students and their needs drives everything that we do to ensure that they can do their very best. You won't just benefit from leaving with academic qualifications; you will also be supported in developing a good work ethic, organisational skills and the ability to work and think for yourself.

We have a dedicated Sixth Form leadership team who are committed to ensuring that each of you reaches your potential, and a team of dedicated Sixth Form Personal Tutors to support them in this.



LIFE IN OUR SIXTH FORM

Life in the Sixth Form marks a change for all students. They have to learn to work more independently and to make good use of independent study time. Teaching groups are smaller. It is essential to have a good working relationship with staff, and to seek help and guidance from them.

“Our Sixth Form gives us the tools to express our individuality and excel academically, in a safe and nurturing environment”

Student Prefect



KEY INFORMATION

Live application - 6th October

Details available:

school website and school email/letters

Help available:

Ms Harrington and your teachers

Application deadline:

15 December 2022

Application Process - Internal applicants

The Application Process – External applicants

Please download the application form from the website. The application process is now open and will continue to be open to external students until 15 December 2022. After this time students can still apply but we cannot guarantee subject choices.

As long as you meet the requirements for a course you will be accepted*

Check the minimal course requirements for your subject

Securing your place

- A minimum of five GCSEs at Grades 9 to 5 (or L2D* to L2P) including English and Maths
- Individual subjects may have specific grade requirements

'Life in all its Fullness' Award

CREATING OUR LEADERS OF TOMORROW

What is the 'Life in all its Fullness' Award?

This is a special award, which Sixth Form students can apply for, at the end of Year 12. In order to be successful in your application, you must demonstrate the six qualities that go beyond the normal commitments of being a student. Students must also be able to demonstrate the highest standards of commitment to their courses, through excellent levels of attendance and punctuality.



Achieving the Award demonstrates your dedication in going the extra mile and making you stand out from the crowd. It will also support your applications to universities, training providers and employers. Working towards your successful application will help you develop as a person in terms of self-confidence, personal drive and initiative. This award will be taken into account when we are appointing our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team. If you achieve the Life in all its Fullness Award, you will be invited to the Prize Giving Evening in Year 13, when you will receive a special award.

“We are challenged and encouraged to excel to be our best”

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