



CHS | Sixth Form

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# Welcome to Congleton High School Sixth Form

We are very proud of our Sixth Form provision and delighted that you want to entrust us with your continuing education and training. As an 11-18 school, our aim of 'Achieving Success Together' continues to be firmly upheld beyond your GCSEs. We have a great record of examination success and you will be supported and challenged to become the very best that you can be.

Our Sixth Form provision is just the right size for us to be able to offer a wide range of courses whilst still enabling us to focus on you as an individual. We know that our students appreciate the good relationships that have been built between them and our staff and the high quality teaching that builds on existing knowledge and skills.

We look forward to working with you when you join us. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you would like to visit us for a tour of our Sixth Form Centre.

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# Does coffee affect dart throwing?



Coffee

Independent variable

Variables

Things that can change

This is changed by the experimenter

Example of an experiment



# Courses to suit everyone

We have a wide range of courses that help students to secure their chosen pathway. As well as A Levels, we offer a range of practical, vocational courses.

Our curriculum provides real flexibility when you choose your options so you might decide to study A Levels, vocational courses or a mixture of both. Most students will opt for three A Level or vocational subjects. You might choose to focus on just one subject by selecting one of our specialised courses, or you may wish to combine your courses with a work experience placement. Some students prefer to take three years to complete their Sixth Form studies with us, improving their literacy, numeracy and employability skills for the first year, before progressing to Level 3 courses for the next two years. With nearly 50 courses there really is something for everyone.



## Teaching and Learning

You will find much more freedom to pursue your interests and ambitions than you experienced at GCSE. You will work in smaller teaching groups, supported by a team of well qualified, specialist teachers who are

passionate about their subjects and keen to pass on their enthusiasm to you. They will encourage you and aid you in making the jump in your learning from GCSE to advanced studies. They will work hard to develop close, positive relationships and they are determined to ensure you achieve your maximum potential.





# Achieving Success Together

We consistently ensure that our students achieve the best possible examination success and go on to secure places at the highest ranking universities, on Apprenticeships or in employment.



## What do our students do next?

Many of our Sixth Form students go on to university, some of them taking a Gap Year before progressing to Higher Education. They study a vast range of subjects, from Medicine and Veterinary Science, through Criminology and Primary Education, to Sports Science and Fashion Design.

For those who don't wish to go to university, Apprenticeships are becoming an increasingly popular alternative, with our students pursuing their studies in areas such as Accountancy, Design Technology and Catering.

## The Honours Programme

Students who achieve at least five GCSEs at levels 7/8/9 are invited to join our Honours Programme, a scheme to ensure that our students are selected by the most prestigious universities and employers for the most oversubscribed courses and careers.

Our Honours Programme students benefit from a programme of master-classes, university visits, subject-specific conferences and other extension activities.



# Support and Guidance

You will have a tutor who will provide help and guidance to you whilst you study with us. They will monitor your progress and support and challenge you to fulfil your potential. Your tutor will also be there to help and advise you as you get ready to move on to your next step, whether that is university, apprenticeship or employment.

## Preparing for the future

- Every Sixth Form student has the opportunity to complete a work experience placement.
- We have close partnerships with local employers who provide invaluable support to our students.
- We have a wide range of vocational courses available.
- We support students in their planning, decision making and applications by providing information, advice and guidance on a one-to-one basis.

## Activities to support your decision-making:

- Trips to Oxford and Cambridge universities
- Medical careers day at Keele University
- Employer talks about Apprenticeships
- Work experience linked to vocational courses
- Extended work placements
- Pathways at 18+ evening.
- Dedicated tutor to support Oxbridge/Medical Veterinary Science applicants.

## Financial support

**The 16-19 Bursary Fund:** If you need some financial support to help stay in education, you can apply to school for the 16-19 Bursary Fund.

**Transport Bursary Fund:** We do not want the costs of transport to be a barrier to any student wishing to continue their studies with us. We have therefore introduced a Congleton High School Transport Bursary Fund. You will be able to make an application for support/assistance with your transport costs when you join us in September.



# Taking opportunities



All students take part in our PHSE and enrichment programmes which provide various opportunities to develop life skills, including running clubs, coaching sports, working with younger children at our school or at local primary schools, raising funds for charity or taking part in other voluntary activities. There are also lots of social events to take part in – you may even be organising them yourself!

## Extracurricular and enrichment activities

- Drama/musical/dance productions
- Debating Club
- Musical instrument tuition and concerts
- Sporting clubs
- Student Leadership Team
- Theatre trips
- EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
- Community volunteering
- Re-sit GCSE Maths and English
- Sports Volunteers Award
- Work experience placements
- Study trips abroad
- Charity Ambassadors
- Newsletters
- LGBTQI+ Ambassadors
- Reading Influencers
- SEN Educators
- Safeguarding Ambassadors
- Personal Finance Course
- Sports Leader





# Facilities

Our Sixth Form Centre provides the perfect balance between having your own environment for study and recreation and being part of the whole school community.

Facilities include:

- Café
- Common room
- Study room
- Dedicated Sixth Form classrooms
- Excellent wi-fi facilities
- Fitness suite
- Media suite





# What do our students think?

**Our students enjoy telling us what they think of our Sixth Form provision:**

"The thing I love most about this school is the level of support we receive from teachers. They really care about everyone and they try really hard to ensure that all students have the best chances in life. I'm really grateful to my teachers as they have always offered a lot of guidance and support."

"My teachers create interest in their subject by teaching in different ways and they are organised in the way they present the information so revision is always easy."

"I like how the Sixth Form teachers have found that balance between freedom and allowing us to be young adults and the work ethic."

"The school environment is always friendly and welcoming. Lessons are always interesting. Teachers are enthusiastic about their subjects."

"What I like most is how the teachers help whenever you need it and give up their time to help with things you are struggling on."

"I like the amount of support that you get from teachers, because it motivates me to achieve as much as possible."

## Their parents also like to speak out:

"Thank you so much for caring so much about students. Your school is a credit to you all - amazing teachers that just want the best for pupils. I can't thank you enough."

"We as parents could not have asked for anything more from the school. We are very proud of the achievements of all three of our children. This is the final chapter now as our youngest son moves onto university and his journey is a testament to you, the school and him, on his commitment to succeed."

"Our son thoroughly enjoyed his Sixth Form studies at Congleton High School, both academically and socially. As parents, we believe that he received a high standard of teaching and preparation for the final exams, reflected in his A-Level results. We are also extremely grateful to his Sixth Form tutor in particular, as well as the Sixth Form management team, who gave him invaluable guidance, direction and personal support during the two years."



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