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## Sixth form

Judged 'Outstanding' – Ofsted, November 2011

Our last full Ofsted Report

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## Interim Co-headteachers



**Jo Davey**



**Zoe Judge**

## Transforming Lives Through Education

‘With a strong focus on **progress**, our vision champions high aspirations whilst ensuring that we all contribute to raising achievement of students, **regardless of background or starting point**. We believe that there should be **no barriers** that exclude any child from accessing the best opportunities. Our students will receive a world class education, based on high expectations that **enhance their life chances and transforms lives.**’

‘Our vision for the future of our school rests on the rigorous pursuit of **transformative learning** which will not only enhance the educational experience of all its students, embracing diversity and different needs, but also unites our school and its wider community behind our aims. ’

## Our students - The Vision

We have the highest expectations of behaviour, commitment to learning, character and values for our students. Fortismere students have a reputation for **resilience, ambition and confidence** complemented by a **concern for others**. They are encouraged to foster an open minded, positive approach in order to access the very best opportunities both in and outside of school. The student experience at Fortismere aims to support parents and carers in developing young people with the potential to **lead happy, fulfilled lives**. Through the curriculum we also foster empathy and moral responsibility, actively encouraging students to support each other and become **increasingly engaged in the world around them.**'

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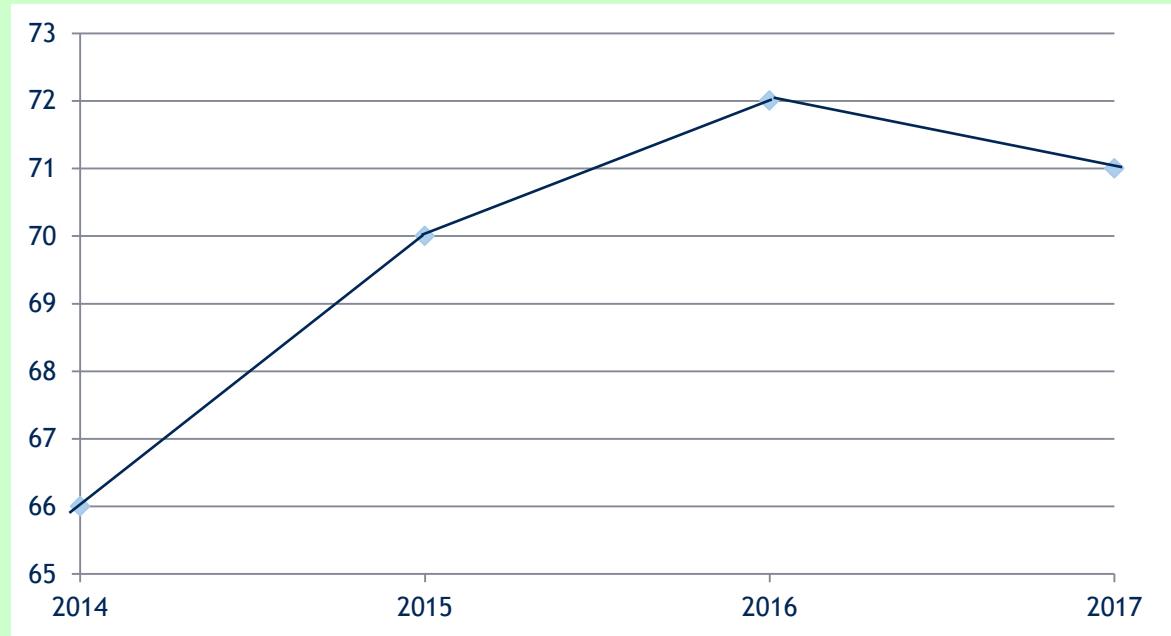
## A level outcomes

### Attainment

A Level APS 40.3 (B)

A\*-B = 71%

A\*-C = 90%



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- ❖ Large Sixth Form
- ❖ Excellent outcomes
- ❖ Outstanding Teaching & Learning
- ❖ Wide range of opportunities
- ❖ Confident, independent learners



## Student comments...

- **‘The support I have received from my teachers has been very rewarding with regards to my intellectual progress.’**
- **‘I really like the diversity of both the students and the subjects available.’**
- **‘There are clear formalities regarding how to achieve academically at Fortismere with a good degree of liberalism with respect to how you work which is beneficial to life beyond sixth form.’**
- **‘Teachers are passionate about their subjects.’**
- **‘It has really helped me develop my independence and time management skills, I was able to achieve top grades and the university offer I wanted.’**

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## A level exam results



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## Results 2017

A* - B	71% at Fortismere	(53% nationally)
A* - A	36% at Fortismere	(24% nationally)

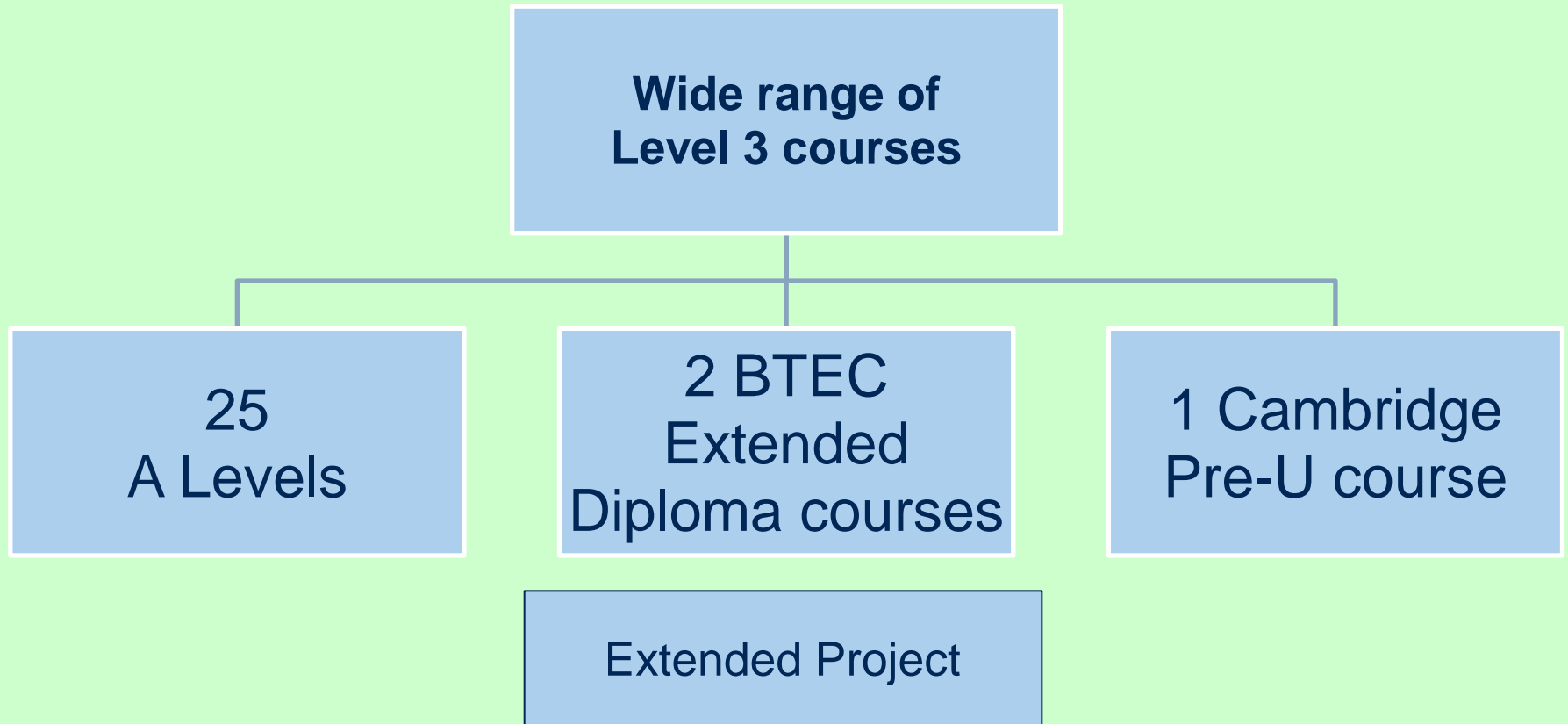
### Average grade for A Level students B

We also gained excellent results in many subjects at A level

- English: **79%** A\*-B at Fortismere (47% nationally)
- Maths : **76%** A\*-B at Fortismere (64% nationally)
- History: **81%** A\*-B at Fortismere (56% nationally)
- French: **100%** A\*-B at Fortismere (66% nationally)
- Chemistry: **76%** A\*-B at Fortismere (56% nationally)
- Classics **86%** A\*-B at Fortismere (65% nationally)
- Psychology **69%** A\*-B at Fortismere (45% nationally)
- Mandarin **71%** Merit or above

## Courses





## Level 3 Courses

### A Level Courses

Biology  
Classics  
Chemistry  
Computing  
Drama  
Economics  
English Literature  
English Literature & Language  
Film Studies  
Fine Art  
French  
Geography  
Further Maths (Incl. Maths)  
History  
Maths

Music  
Music Technology  
Philosophy  
Photography  
Physics  
Politics  
Product Design  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Spanish

### BTEC Extended Diploma

Sports Studies  
  
Creative Digital Media  
Production

### Cambridge Pre-U

Mandarin

### Extended Project

Available from Spring in  
Year 12

See course  
information on the  
sixth form area of  
our website.

## Students select 3 courses + EPQ (optional)

Further Maths can be taken as a 4<sup>th</sup> A level option, if entry requirements reached

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English Literature & Language  
Film Studies  
Fine Art  
French  
Geography  
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History  
Maths

Music  
Music Technology  
Philosophy  
Photography  
Physics  
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## The OCR Extended Project

**Students will decide if they would like to take this course in the Spring Term of Year 12**

- Individual research based project
- Examined internally
- Accredited by universities



## Learning & teaching

- Highly effective specialist teaching
- Range of teaching styles: from one to one support to faculty lectures
- Specialist teaching areas



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# Monitoring, assessment and intervention



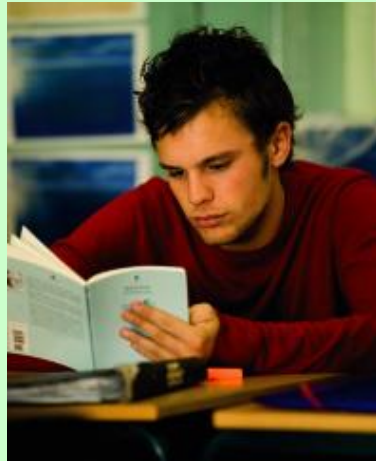
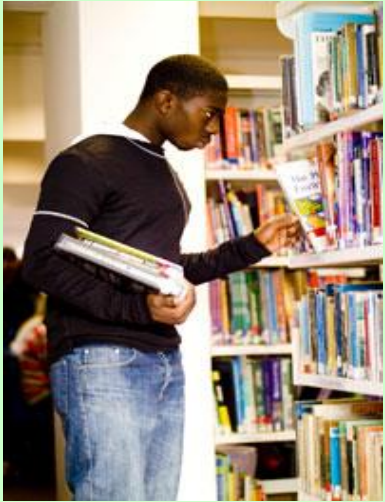
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## Rigorous systems to optimise student performance:

- Six key data collection points during Year 12
- Parents Evenings:  
Year 12- February, Year 13 – November
- Folder checks and progress check weeks
- Daily attendance alert emails
- Attendance Panels if below 90%
- Partnership with home- Learning Agreement

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# Guidance and support



## Sixth Form staff

- 10 Sixth Form tutors in each Year
- Director and 2 Deputy Directors of Sixth Form
- Academic Coach- Ms Tehan
- On site careers advisor- Ms Phillips
- Sixth Form Admin Officer- Mrs Patel

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## Supervised study facilities- T19

- Ms Tehan's base
- Timetabled supervised study in non-contact time
- Departmental study workshops /guest speakers and training



### IAPT

Mental Health Services

Self refer online: <http://www.lets-talk-iapt.nhs.uk/>

### Ulrike Hensel

Sixth Form Counselling Service

Available every Tuesday – appointment only

### Mark Render

Insight Drug & Substance Abuse Counsellor

Available every Wednesday – appointment only

### Jenny & Doreen

SafeTalk Sexual Health Nurses

Can be seen in or out of school – contact via email or phone

If you would like more information or would like us to help you set up a meeting please contact your Form Tutor, Head of Year or Ms Cassell

## Private study guide

You can of course use your private study to complete any set homework but it is also about more than that. A levels are hard work and we want to enable you to be as successful as possible, but we know this means students need to work steadily throughout the year on more than just the set work.

So if you ever find yourself without homework to do ...

### 1. Go through your subject handbooks

You should have been given handbooks for all of your subjects which have lots of helpful information in them. These electronic and paper copies of all of these in Tug. You will find information about exam timing and centre resources, as well as personalised learning theories. This is incredibly useful and you should spend some going through this to evaluate your progress and help you identify any areas for next work. Then you can use private study to focus on these things.

### 2. Give your notes some attention

You can start by writing your notes and folders out. You should try to do this on a weekly basis to help things all stick. Remember you will be going back to these notes next year so they must be good. This will also help you to go over notes, which you need to do as much as possible. It is a good idea to bring lessons that happened a few weeks ago to test yourself on what you remember and it will help identify what might need more work or explanation.

### 3. Create revision resources

To creating something to summarise topics/make handbooks of revision, when you reach the end of the learning it helps for instance. Doing this as you go will mean summer revision is a lot more efficient and effective. Think about the information you are working with and choose the right type of format: mind maps, key concept summary sheets, timelines, key figure fact sheets, vocabulary flashcards, topic question flashcards etc...

### 4. Read and watch around topics

This could be a documentary video or TED talk, a podcast or an online lecture/book or journal. Teachers will certainly be giving you recommendations on your work and one of the handbooks that discuss. If you could get search for things yourself. This is a good way to help you contextualise information and develop your understanding of concepts and topics.

### 5. Talk to people ... QUIETLY

If you have any questions or need some guidance. Talk to the people around you. It can be helpful to meet each other through groups to consolidate your own understanding. You are allowed to talk in Tug for the most part but it goes without saying this must be in a respectful way.

Also, remember you can always speak to Ms Cassell about work/studies if you do ever have any questions or would like some advice.



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## Supervised study facilities

- The library – Sixth Form resource and study area  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- Silent study room





## Guidance and support

- Tutor time programme
- Academic mentoring with tutors
- Excellent progression guidance
- Transition Day
- Cooling off period

## Opportunities for school leadership

### Student Leadership Team

- Head & Deputy Students
- 20 Sixth Form Leaders working as reps in:
  - Charity
  - Equality
  - KS3
  - year 12



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## Sixth form learning environment

- Many lessons taught in separate buildings from main school
- Sixth Form cafe
- Common room
- Private study areas



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## Enrichment activities in the Sixth Form

Gardening club

Debating society

Politics society

Pride Soc

Society of Science

Feminist Society

Economics society

Current affairs club

Medecins sans Frontieres (MSF)

Law society

## UCAS and next steps

- Around 200 applications per academic year
- **8** of our students commenced courses at either **Oxbridge or Medical/Vet/Dentistry School** September 2017

## UCAS and the next steps

- Higher Education Evening (Year 12 parents-Summer Term)
- UCAS Day (Year 12 students- Summer Term)
- Subject specialist tutors to write references
- Support for applications to Oxbridge, Medical School, Dentistry, Vet Science, Art Foundation
- Mock Interviews – Links with ‘Chrysalis Project’, offer in-house interview training for other Sixth Forms

## Progression: work and apprenticeships

- Careers guidance from Ms Phillips
- Work experience placements are supported
- NotGoingToUni



## What now?

- Talk to subject teachers
- Look at sixth form area of our website
- Check grades for entry criteria
- Analyse current performance honestly
- Attendance –maintain good standards
- Discuss choices with parents/carers
- Application deadline 26<sup>th</sup> January

**Application forms are online from 18th  
November**



When?	
November 18 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Online application form available on website
January 2018	Deadline for Applications 26 <sup>th</sup> January
February - April 2018	Guidance meetings take place
April 2018	Conditional Offers made to students
May 2018	Students accept offers by the end of this month
July 2018	Separate Transition days for students new to Fortismere and current Fortismere students only)
August 2018	GCSE results and enrolment day

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## Further information

- Any questions? Please email [sixthform@fortismere.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@fortismere.org.uk)