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Sixth form

Judged 'Outstanding' – Ofsted, November 2011

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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 four As at AS and the university offer I wanted.’**

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A level exam results



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...learning on the hill

2016-OUR BEST A level results

Fortismere students produced our best set of A level results in 2016

- A* - B 71% at Fortismere (53% nationally)
- A* - A 41% at Fortismere (25% nationally)
- A* 15% at Fortismere (8% nationally)

Average grade for A Level students B+

We also gained excellent results in many subjects at A level

- English: A*-B grades at Fortismere 81% (48% nationally)
- Maths : A*-B Grades at Fortismere 88% (64% nationally)
- History: A*-B Grades at Fortismere 80% (55% nationally)
- French: A*-B Grades at Fortismere 86% (65% nationally)
- Economics: A*-B Grades at Fortismere 83% (60% nationally)
- EPQ: A*-B Grades at Fortismere 77% (22% nationally)

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Courses



Wide range of Level 3 courses

25
A Levels

2 BTEC Extended
Diploma courses

1 Cambridge
Technical Extended
Certificate

1 Cambridge
Pre-U course

Extended Project

Level 3 Courses

A Level Courses

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

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

BTEC Extended Diploma

Sports Studies

Creative Digital Media
Production

Cambridge Pre-U

Mandarin

Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate

IT

Extended Project

Available from Spring in
Year 12

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

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

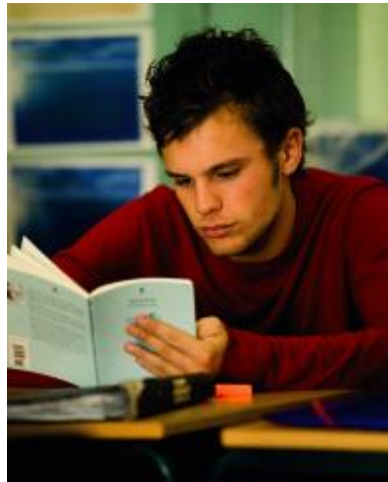
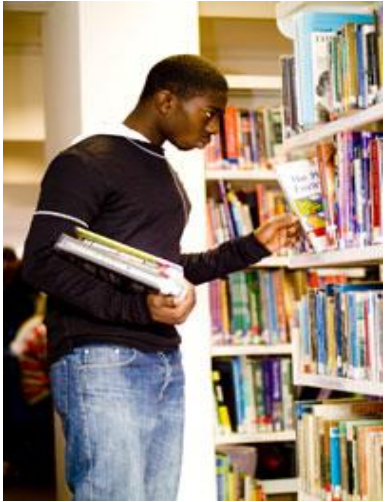


Rigorous systems to optimise student performance:

- 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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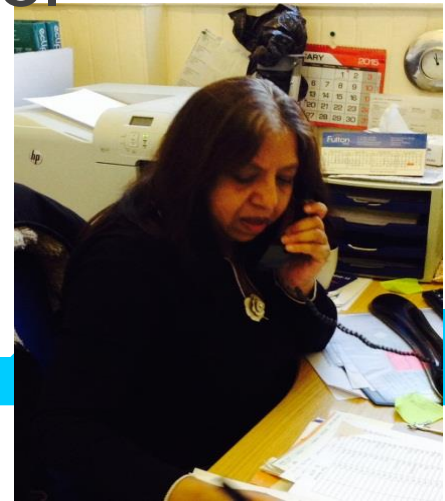
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Guidance and support



Sixth Form staff

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



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Supervised study facilities- T19

- Ms Cassel's base
- Timetabled supervised study in non-contact time
- Departmental study workshops /guest speakers and training e.g. POW, mindfulness



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

M.Render@blenheimcp.org.uk

Available every Wednesday - appointment only

Jenny & Doreen

SafeTalk Sexual Health Nurses

Jenny 07989852976 - Doreen 07878572789

whh-tr.SafeTalkNurses@nhs.net

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
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 taken your handbooks for all of your subjects which have lots of helpful information in them. These documents are your course for all of these in 12g. You will find information about course reading and online resources, as well as a personalised learning checklist. This is incredibly useful and you should spend some going through these to evaluate your progress and help you identify any areas that need 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 shouldn't do this on a weekly basis to keep things in order. Remember you will be going back to these notes next year so they must be good. This will allow you to go over notes, which you need to do as much as possible. It is a good idea to keep folders 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

Try creating something to summarise topics/units/books of learning, when you reach the end of the teaching a topic 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, revision, key figure fact sheet, mind maps, flash cards, posters etc...

4. Read and watch around topics

This could be a documentary on BBC iPlayer, a podcast or an article/news item or journal. Teachers will normally be giving you recommendations on what to read and one of the handbooks have ideas on for you could still 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 don't understand something or need some guidance - talk to the people around you. It can be really helpful to hear each other things and to consider your own understanding. You are allowed to talk to the class about it a good without using the rest of the class's time.

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

Supervised study facilities

- The library – Sixth Form resource and study area
1st Floor
- Silent study room



Guidance and support

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

Opportunities for school leadership

Student Leadership Team

- Head/Deputy Boy and Girl
- 12 College Leaders
- Year group leaders e.g. assisting with settling in new students in Yr7

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Student Leadership Team



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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
- **14** of our students commenced courses at either **Oxbridge or Medical/Vet/Dentistry School**
September 2016

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 27th January

Application forms are online from 11th November



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What next?

When?	
November 11 th 2016	Online application form available on website
January 2017	Deadline for Applications 27 th January
February - April 2017	Guidance meetings take place
April 2017	Conditional Offers made to students
May 2017	Students accept offers by the end of this month
July 2017	Transition day 5 th July 2017 (students new to Fortismere) 7 th July 2017 (current Fortismere students only)
August 2017	GCSE results and enrolment day

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Further information

- Any questions? Please email sixthform@fortismere.org.uk