“Bringing aspirations to life... in a happy, hardworking and caring community”
“Christleton Sixth Form is a very special environment. I feel incredibly privileged to work with such dedicated staff and young people.”

Michael Cosstick, Head of Sixth Form
Welcome to our Sixth Form prospectus.

Whether you are currently a GCSE student at Christleton High School or you are thinking about joining us from another school, we are convinced that Christleton Sixth Form is the right choice for this important next stage in your education.

With an exciting choice of subjects, excellent facilities and dedicated, highly supportive teachers, together with impressive exam results, our vibrant Sixth Form provides the opportunity for outstanding achievement.

Through first-class careers guidance, links with key employers, an annual two-day careers conference in Year 13, and a whole range of specially designed activities to assist with career planning and university choices, we have put everything in place to help you succeed.

Of course, Sixth Form isn’t just about gaining the qualifications and attributes that universities and employers look for. It’s a time for challenging activities, making new friends, developing life skills and taking on greater responsibility.

With the opportunity to undertake, through our innovative 360 Futures programme, an Extended Project to supplement your grades, extra-curricular activities, subject-based trips, opportunities for peer mentoring – as well as the chance to build your leadership skills through the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award and our Combined Cadet Force – Sixth Form is anything but dull.

Add outstanding sports and leisure facilities, a lively Sixth Form environment consisting of around 300 students and our wonderful community spirit, and life at Christleton is exceptionally rewarding.

In addition, as we ensure that the Sixth Form plays a key role in providing strong role models across the main school through widespread integration, peer mentoring and paid duties, we fully expect that a Christleton Sixth Form education will help provide you with the right stepping stones to be the very best you can be!

Damian Stenhouse, Headteacher
Your Sixth Form Choices

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Business BTEC
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- Government and Politics
- Health and Social Care BTEC
- History
- ICT BTEC
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Music Technology BTEC
- Performing Arts BTEC
- Physics
- Photography
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sports Studies BTEC

To help you make the right choices, we have included a brief introduction to each subject at the back of this Prospectus.

*All courses/subjects are subject to change or may not run depending upon actual student numbers expressing interest.
Inspiring and Encouraging

Whatever your plans for the future, we're confident you'll find our range of subjects to be both extensive and inspiring.

With a wide number of subjects that complement each other, our programme has been carefully designed to help you achieve your aims – whether that's progression to university or college, an apprenticeship, or even the start of a promising working career.

To help prepare you for higher education and the world of work, lessons in Sixth Form are that much more challenging and thought-provoking. They encourage independent thinking, guided learning and self-motivation.

That said, throughout your time in Sixth Form, you'll benefit from exceptionally high levels of support from teachers who genuinely care about you and your goals.

Passionate about their subjects and committed to helping equip you to achieve the best possible grades in your external examinations, your teachers will also provide regular feedback on your progress and achievements.

“Teachers create a highly positive climate for learning. They expertly harness students’ unquenchable thirst for knowledge…”

Ofsted, November 2014
There’s every chance that you will already know which career path you’d like to follow in adult life. Then again, it’s equally possible that you’re currently undecided or that you simply love a particular subject area.

Whatever the case, as one of our Sixth Form students, you’ll receive individual careers guidance, as well as advice and support throughout the UCAS application process – all to help you make the right choices for success in today’s global economy.

You’ll have access to tools such as the ‘Centigrade’ interest-based questionnaire, ‘Higher Ideas’ and ‘Unifrog’ to help you discover the best university and apprenticeship opportunities. At the same time, our highly experienced careers advisor will help focus your thinking.

You’ll hear from guest speakers and visit universities and higher education fairs. Our annual two-day careers conference in Year 13 will provide you with the opportunity to meet a wide range of professionals from employment and higher education.

For the 2018 careers conference, more than 35 individuals from the professions, the creative industries, commerce, industry and higher education gave up their time for our students.

Employers spanned all sectors and included Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Kellogg’s, INEOS and Merseyside Police.

Students attribute much of their success to the care and guidance they receive throughout their time in the Sixth Form. They receive excellent advice on how to move onto their next steps in education, whether this is to University, College or Apprenticeship schemes. They are highly aspirational and many progress to the country’s best universities.”

Ofsted, November 2014
No one could ever say that life at Christleton Sixth Form is all work and no play. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth.

As well as working hard to make your lessons stimulating, fascinating, challenging and engaging, we’ll also provide a wide choice of extra-curricular activities.

Through sporting, cultural, social and charity events to help develop your attributes and skills – as well as talent shows, rock concerts, game shows, residential trips and our spectacular Leavers’ Ball – our aim is to make Sixth Form one of the most rewarding times of your life.

- ‘Induction’ event for all Year 12 students
- UK subject-based trips
- Optional overseas personal development trips
- Work experience and internships
- University visits and annual careers conference
- On-site sports and leisure facilities, including swimming pool and gym
- Music, drama, concerts and plays
- Peer mentoring, maths mentoring and reading support opportunities
- Opportunity for paid duties in iResearch Centre and Dining areas
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award and Combined Cadet Force
- Sixth Form leadership teams and opportunities to become a ‘subject champion’
A view from the Sixth Form

Touring the school and talking to our students and teachers, is easily the best way to decide if our Sixth Form is right for you. In the meantime, however, here's a snapshot of what some of our current Sixth Formers say about Christleton Sixth Form...

Wanting the best for you

“Christleton has extremely high expectations. Although the teachers want the best for you, you never feel pushed – more encouraged and supported to be the best you can be.”

Help with personal statements

“The personal statements workshops really helped me understand how best to present my qualities and skills to my chosen universities.”

Excellent careers advice

“Our careers advisor really helps us to think about what we are good at and what we would like to achieve in the future. We also use an excellent computer program called Unifrog. It makes finding the right universities and courses so much easier.”

Helpful and informative

“Everything was so well organised when I came to an Open Evening. The talks were especially helpful and informative, and the sample lessons helped me to realise that this was the school for me.”

Well worth catching two buses for!

“After coming to a Sixth Form Open Evening, I decided that Christleton was right for me – even though changing schools would mean making two bus trips every morning and evening. I’m so pleased that I made that commitment to travel, as Christleton achieves excellent results and really pushes you to succeed.”
Happy and well-supported

“After spending five years at Christleton, I did wonder if Sixth Form would be a good time to change schools and experience something new. I went to several open days, but didn’t feel I would be as happy or well supported as I am at Christleton.”

Always there for me

“Although Sixth Form is more about independent study, our teachers are always there for us. They genuinely want to know that we are OK and are always ready with help and advice.”

Strengthening my university application

“I completed an Extended Project as it enabled me to study, in depth, a subject that I am particularly interested in, and develop my researching, referencing, and analytical skills. As well as demonstrating the key skills that are valued by universities and employers, the Extended Project also gave me the opportunity to earn additional UCAS points.”

Christleton Sixth Form? It’s a no brainer!

“You should definitely apply for a place at Christleton – it really is a no-brainer. The Sixth Form offers a wide variety of subjects and there is a great community atmosphere. Perhaps more importantly, the teachers put in a huge amount of effort, as they genuinely want you to succeed. For example, they helped me to secure a UNIQ summer school place, where I was able to experience studying Law.”

A View from a Parent

“My son joined Christleton in the Sixth Form. He has been fully supported and academically challenged; making the move was a good decision for him.”
Your questions answered

What grades will I need to join the Sixth Form at Christleton?
Due to the changing nature of GCSE examinations this year our entry level requirements have adapted to take this into consideration.
We ask for a minimum of 5 GCSE’s 9 - 4 including; English and Maths.
However, some subjects may prefer a 9 - 5 (or equivalent) if you are taking that subject at A level.

How is A Level different from GCSE?
It is a very different learning experience. Greater emphasis is placed on independent study and individual responsibility for learning. This is to help prepare you for the higher levels of academic study and research that are expected at university.

How many lessons will I have?
Each subject will typically involve ten one-hour lessons a fortnight and an equal amount of private study time. Students will also have 3 timetabled 360 Futures lessons per fortnight.
The 360 Futures programme teaches vital study and exam skills, whilst providing enrichment opportunity such as; the Extended Project Qualification, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, Sports Leadership, Young Enterprise, Work Experience and Community Service.

What is an Extended Project?
Year 12 students complete an Extended Project in a subject they are interested in. Worth half an A Level, this exciting qualification helps develop the skills that are valued by universities and employers.

What careers support is on offer?
We offer extensive careers support, hold an annual two-day careers event each year and have links with several universities as well as employers of all sizes.

Where can I find out more about individual courses?
We have included a helpful guide along with this prospectus, where you’ll find a brief overview of each subject that we offer. To discuss any subject in detail, please contact us.

How do I apply to join the Sixth Form at Christleton?
Application forms are available on our website, following the Open Evening on Thursday, 17 January 2019. Please complete and return the application form to our Sixth Form Administrator by Wednesday, 30th January 2019.
“For the past decade, Christleton has been listed among the country’s top 400 state schools.”

Governor
We hope this brief guide has provided a flavour of the opportunities that Christleton Sixth Form has to offer.

To find out more about us, please contact our Sixth Form Administrator.

As an Academy, the school is its own Admissions Authority and operates an Admissions Policy that is in line with the Admissions Code.

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