

Chigwell School

AGE 16+



"The School and Headmaster treat pupils as individuals, and not an academic factory.

No higher praise can be said."

YEAR 13 PARENT

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form at Chigwell is a special place

Laround the corner from our historic Chapel
Quad, we are at the centre of the School's traditions,
but prepare our students for the future.

Equipping our students with more than qualifications, we encourage and enable our Sixth Formers to develop independence, maturity and character to be happy and successful in their chosen careers and in their lives. We value high academic standards and emphasise that, at A Level, these come not from regurgitation of facts, but from the deeper understanding developed over time through application, self-discipline and working closely with teachers and each other.

Our students are a unique combination of young people. Those who have been at Chigwell for many years are joined by new local day students and our international boarders, whom we welcome from around the world. We greatly value the diversity this gives us.

Regular assessment and feedback is an important part of the learning process throughout the two years, but far more useful is the responsibility that you will learn to foster for your own academic success.

You can pursue three or four A Levels, and an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) if you wish. All students are fully supported with their choices following on from Sixth Form, whether that be university (UK or overseas), degree apprenticeship, employment or other pathway. Oxford or Cambridge applicants, or those students considering medicine, veterinary science or dentistry, are offered a programme of support sessions.

Our dedicated Head of Careers offers advice and guidance for your future. Whether you choose to go to university or take an alternative path, such as the popular national degree apprenticeships, we are there to support you every step of the way. We begin asking you to make your 18+ plans from Christmas in Year 12, supported by your tutors. That guidance continues throughout your time with us up to and including results day.

Once you have left Chigwell, many friendships and connections last a life-time. You will stay part of the Chigwell family by becoming an 'Old Chigwellian' and we are pleased that many of our students return to share their early career advice and experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you to Chigwell Sixth Form.



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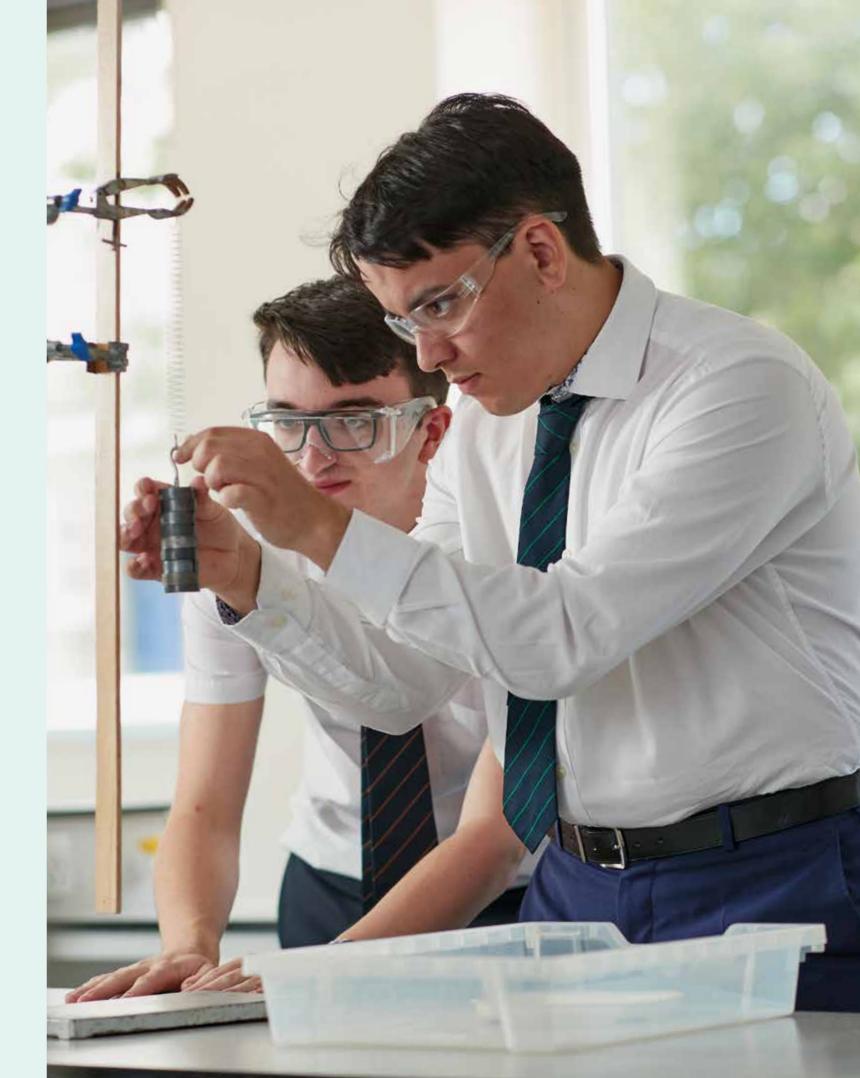
Our range of subjects is broad and academic, covering all those studied at Chigwell to GCSE/IGCSE but also including economics, government and politics, psychology and classical civilisation. Further mathematics is offered: students choosing this also take mathematics A Level, and it counts as one subject choice.

There are usually three sets of progress examinations in each year of the Sixth Form, to give students a clear sense of their level of attainment in an exam context.

A-Level study should be challenging: it represents a step-change from what has gone before and we believe that it is important that students and their families understand how things are going throughout. Where students find particular concepts difficult within a given subject, they can attend a weekly clinic where they can ask the questions they need to in order to keep making progress. Tutors and the Head of Sixth Form, Assistant Head of Sixth Form and Sixth Form Coordinator are also, of course, on hand to support.

A LEVEL SUBJECTS OFFERED AT CHIGWELL:

- English literature
- Economics
- Geography
- · Government and politics
- History
- · Religious studies
- · Classical civilisation: Greek, Latin
- · French, German, Spanish
- Art & design
- · Design & technology
- Drama
- Music
- Mathematics; further mathematics
- Science: biology, chemistry, physics
- · Psychology.



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ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

We encourage students' academic inquisitiveness within and beyond their A-Level subjects

All students in Year 12 take part in an academic enrichment programme for one lesson a week, choosing from a range of topics.

Many Chigwell students take the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification), for which work is usually undertaken between Christmas in Year 12 and the same point in Year 13, supported by a teacher acting as their academic mentor. The EPQ is equivalent to half an A Level. It is valued by many universities as a piece of independent research culminating in a presentation and dissertation-style essay which lays the groundwork for the more autonomous demands of an undergraduate course.

THE WILLIAMS PROJECT

Named after Sir Bernard Williams, one of the foremost British philosophers of the 20th century, and an Old Chigwellian, the Williams Project provides opportunities for students to broaden and deepen their intellectual life. It encourages them to realise that thought is not divided into school subjects, and it urges them to gain such an understanding of their own specialism that they can explain its intricacies to others. This programme of academic lectures is hosted in our Sixth Form Centre and open to all students across the school. Each session sees a different visiting lecturer coming in to deliver a talk and open a dialogue with students. Recent lectures have included:

- Thinking Stoically about Emotions, Dr John Sellars (Lecturer in Philosophy / Director of Admissions, King's College London)
- Focusing on gender in the ancient world and in classical reception, Dr Liz Gloyn (Director of Postgraduate Taught Studies Senior Lecturer in Classics, Royal Holloway)

MEET THE FUTURE

The Sixth Form Centre hosts returning former students for the 'Meet the Future' programme of lunchtime talks and Q&A sessions, which in recent times has reflected a vast range of professional areas from financial services through medicine to journalism and the Civil Service Fast Stream.

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As a Sixth Former, at the top of the School, students will have an important role to play in its day-to-day operation

We encourage all of our Sixth Formers to achieve not only academically, but on a personal level too: we value the soft skills that go beyond grades. We have pioneered peer-mentoring scheme with our Year 13 students and our Year 11s. Towards the end of Year 12 teams of Praefects are created and other House and School roles are awarded, including the Head Boy and Head Girl, one of whom is also Head of School: indeed, the direction beyond our House system is provided by our Sixth Formers.



FACILITIES

Our Head of Careers is based in the Sixth Form Centre and is available for students to talk to at any time. All students are introduced to the 'Unifrog' online package to help them research their 18+ plans from Year 12 onwards.

OXBRIDGE & MEDICINE APPLICANTS

The Assistant Head of Sixth Form runs support groups for potential Oxbridge applicants as well as for those students considering clinical courses (medicine, veterinary science and dentistry) which include practice interview opportunities and appointments with subject specialist teachers.

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FACILITIES

A modern hub for learning



The Risham Sarao Sixth Form Centre, named in memory of a former Chigwell School student, was officially opened on the 12th September 2016.

It has six modern classrooms, study and social spaces and a centre for careers and university advice, as well as a coffee shop and large seating areas.

Our students are extremely proud of the facility available to them, and the Centre is used exclusively by the Sixth Form, who have welcomed their new home within the School. Although some subjects are still taught in their dedicated departments elsewhere in the School, the Risham Sarao Centre is where all Sixth Form students can come together at break, lunch and free periods to study, reflect with other students, and to take a well-earned break.

However, to be a Sixth Former at Chigwell is to be a leading member of the school community, to take responsibility for others, for activities and to help set a purposeful tone. Sixth Form students make use of the library, laboratories, art, design and technology workshops, computing, music and drama facilities and other departments across the School, all of which are equipped with the specialist resources required for successful A Level study. There is a very busy programme of sport, and students have a wide choice, some of which take place in school and others are off-site.

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CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION





Fostering independence

We aim to foster our students' independence in the Sixth Form. We are conscious that when our students leave us they do so to go to university or begin a career.

The Sixth Form Centre is open from 7.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday in term time and many students choose to use the Study Room to quietly get work done, and we encourage this. Students also find it useful to work together and discuss ideas in the more relaxed environment of the coffee shop.



Life beyond Chigwell

The vast majority of Chigwell leavers go on to Russell Group universities, or the equivalent, mainly in the UK but with some gaining places at prestigious universities overseas.

In addition, a small but growing number of students take up degree-level apprenticeships. Our leavers' university destinations can be found on our website: www.chigwell-school.org



- Entrance tests
- Interviews

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• Reference from current school.

Prospective students are expected to achieve Grade 8s or 9s in the subjects being studied at A Level. Grade 7s will be considered on request to the Head of Sixth Form.

ENTRANCE TESTS

Applicants are asked to choose four
A Level subjects. Of these, two subjects
must be taken in the entrance exam.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be taken in each of the entrance exam subjects, along with a general interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

KEY DATES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Key dates including the registration deadline, entrance exams, interviews and acceptance dates are posted on our website.

Please find out more about 16+ entry at: www.chigwell-school.org/admissions

REGISTRATION

To register for a place, please visit

www.chigwell-school.org to complete the online
registration form and pay the registration fee.

"I can't stress how important the networks that I've created at Chigwell have been to me, not only in terms of friendship, but also in terms of my academic progression."

YEAR 13 STUDENT



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