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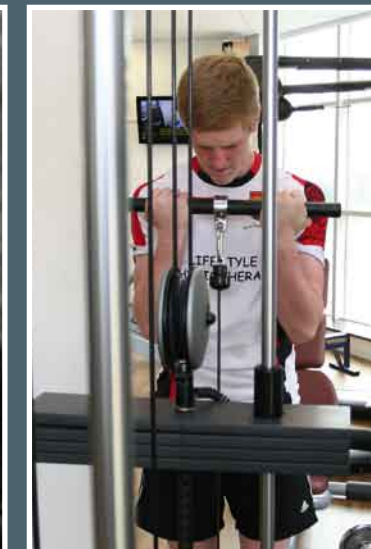
Sleaford Joint
Sixth Form

Choice - Opportunity - Success



*'SJSF has a welcoming
and friendly environment.'*

STUDENT



Sleaford Joint Sixth Form

'Being a new student at SJSF, I felt welcome and settled in straight away.' STUDENT

The Sleaford Joint Sixth Form is a collaboration of the co-educational sixth forms of Carre's Grammar School and St George's Academy.

Schools working together for their Post 16 students increase student choice, enlarge opportunities and enhance the academic and personal success of their students. Sleaford Joint Sixth Form is the collaboration of two of the schools in Sleaford which aims to achieve all those things for their Post 16 students.

The Joint Sixth Form is a longstanding institution in Sleaford. Carre's and St George's have worked together for over 25 years retaining their individuality and unique character whilst enabling students to enjoy

everything that is on offer at each site. High standards of teaching and learning and academic success are well known features of each of the schools and students in the Joint Sixth Form benefit from working with highly qualified staff in excellent facilities.

Students already at either Carre's or St George's remain based at their original school. Students joining the Joint Sixth Form have a choice of being based at either school and will be counselled and advised during the application and induction process. Each year over 100 students have joined the Joint Sixth Form from schools other than St George's or Carre's and settled in very successfully.

Setting the Standard

'A-levels are a big step up but Sleaford Joint Sixth Form gives you the tools to achieve.' STUDENT

The majority of students taking Level 3 (AS / A2 / BTEC and Diploma) courses will take 4 subjects or their equivalent in year 12 and focus on three at A2. Staff are very approachable and keen to assist students outside the lesson times and the system of target setting and regular tracking not only motivates students but also helps the Sixth Form team of staff to monitor progress and identify potential problems as well as particular talents. Academic work is enhanced by a wide range of co-curricular activities which broaden the educational experience; including outside speakers to General Studies programme, visits to subject presentations at Nottingham and Lincoln Universities and field trips.

Academic standards are high throughout the schools with a particular emphasis on the Sixth Form. Students move on to a wide range of Higher Education institutions and employment opportunities. The minimum entry requirements for a programme of Level 3 courses is 5 GCSE subjects at A* - C including English and Maths with a B usually required for a subject already studied at GCSE. Academic vocational programmes such as the BTEC in Sport require evidence of success in the same subject area and of the ability to manage coursework. The transition from Level 2 to Level 3 is supported by induction activities at the beginning of year 12 and the tutorial and mentoring programmes.



'The learning environment in the Joint Sixth Form is excellent with a very strong focus on high achievement and you are really stretched. I feel confident that I will be able to achieve the high grades I need for my place at one of the best universities.'
STUDENT





Choice

'I came from a different school but was made to feel immediately welcome and was easy and quick to make friends: the range of course is also fantastic.' STUDENT

After GCSE, the choice of courses is huge. The Post 16 world is quite complicated 'qualification wise' but in Sleaford JSF we offer a wide range of traditional academic (AS and A2) subjects and also some carefully selected BTEC courses and Diplomas. There are also some vocational courses for students who wish to follow that route.

Full details of the courses to be offered this year will be in the wallet at the back of the folder. Course subjects are always under review, but in 2011 students were able to choose from:

- ART AS/A LEVEL
- ART & DESIGN BTEC
- BIOLOGY AS/A LEVEL
- BTEC UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES LEVEL 2
- BTEC VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY LEVEL 2
- BTEC SPORT & FITNESS
- BUSINESS APPLIED AS/A LEVEL
- CHEMISTRY AS/A LEVEL
- CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLES WORK FORCE LEVEL 2 & 3
- COMMUNICATION STUDIES AS/A LEVEL
- COMMUNITY SPORTS LEADERS' AWARD
- CONSTRUCTION ADVANCED DIPLOMA
- CONSTRUCTION DIPLOMA IN TROWEL TRADES
- CRITICAL THINKING AS/A LEVEL
- DESIGN TECHNOLOGY FOOD AS/A LEVEL
- DESIGN TECHNOLOGY GRAPHICS AS/A LEVEL
- DESIGN TECHNOLOGY RESISTANT MATERIALS AS/A LEVEL
- DESIGN TECHNOLOGY TEXTILES AS/A LEVEL

- DRAMA THEATRE STUDIES AS/A LEVEL
- ECONOMICS & BUSINESS STUDIES AS/A LEVEL
- ELECTRONICS AS/A LEVEL
- ENGINEERING ADVANCED DIPLOMA
- ENGLISH GCSE
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS/A LEVEL
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AS/A LEVEL
- ENGLISH LITERATURE AS/A LEVEL
- EXTENDED PROJECT
- FILM STUDIES AS/A LEVEL
- FRENCH AS/A LEVEL
- FURTHER MATHS AS/A LEVEL
- GENERAL STUDIES AS/A LEVEL
- GEOGRAPHY AS/A LEVEL
- GERMAN AS/A LEVEL
- GOVERNMENT & POLITICS AS/A LEVEL
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE AS/A LEVEL
- HISTORY AS/A LEVEL
- HUMAN BIOLOGY AS/A LEVEL
- ICT (OCR) NATIONAL
- LAW AS/A LEVEL
- MATHS AS/A LEVEL
- MATHS GCSE
- MEDIA STUDIES AS/A LEVEL
- MUSIC AS/A LEVEL
- PE (SPORTS STUDIES) AS/A LEVEL
- PERFORMING ARTS AS/A LEVEL
- PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS AS/A LEVEL
- PHYSICS AS/A LEVEL
- PSYCHOLOGY AS/A LEVEL

- PSYCHOLOGY GCSE
- PUBLIC SERVICES BTEC LEVEL 3
- SCIENCE FOR SOCIETY AS/A LEVEL
- SCIENCE GCSE
- SOCIETY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT ADVANCED DIPLOMA
- SOCIOLOGY AS/A LEVEL
- SPANISH AS/A LEVEL
- SPORT AND ACTIVE LEISURE DIPLOMA
- TRAVEL & TOURISM
- YASS OPEN UNIVERSITY UNITS

In addition to all this course choice, with two schools working together the number of courses in each subject increases. So, instead of just one Chemistry group there are 5 and the position is similar for other popular subjects. These are offered in different option groups which increases the choices even further. All subjects are spread out across the opting blocks to give the maximum possibility for students. Every year, as the applications come in, students are able to say if they have particular clash and attempts are made to respond to these before the Joint Sixth Form timetable is written.

During the application process, students will have the opportunity to discuss their choices with appropriate staff at the schools. Plenty of advice will be available to ensure students choose sensible combinations of subjects to give them the best opportunity of competing for places in Higher Education and employment.

THE SCHOOL DAY, TIMETABLE and TRAVEL BETWEEN SCHOOLS

There is only a 7 minute walk between Carre's and St George's and timetables are designed to minimise movement but also to allow students to move between sites as required.

No matter which school a student is based at, they can select courses at either site to meet their needs.

The Sixth Form day begins at 8.45 and ends at 3.45 (3.30 for lessons taught at St George's), with approximately a one-hour break for lunch. Each advanced course is allocated 4 hours of teaching and one hour of directed study. Students who have shown a responsible attitude to study may be granted home study leave with parental permission. In addition, 4 hours are available for curriculum enrichment such as General Studies or Critical Thinking Extended Project and Tutorial sessions. There are also opportunities for sport and recreational activities and work experience. Level 2 courses are allocated 12 - 18 hours teaching plus 4 hours guided study time.

'I came here for the sports provision and found it was a lot better than my last school'

STUDENT



Opportunity

'You're constantly pushing your limits to face new challenges. The new experiences you gain from the Joint Sixth Form are both enjoyable and beneficial.' STUDENT

Sixth Form should be a different experience from years 7 - 11 and this is certainly true in the Joint Sixth Form. Post 16, students learn best in a co-educational environment and both schools in the Joint Sixth Form are co-educational at sixth form level with teaching classes mixed with students from both sites.

The Joint Sixth Form provides a unique transitional opportunity which creates a bridge between school and university or working life. The opportunity to mix with over 600 students aged 16 -19, to be treated in an adult manner, to be expected to take responsibility for your own learning whilst having the support and guidance of staff, is one to be grasped.

FACILITIES

Students in the Joint Sixth Form have access to all the facilities in each school as their courses demand. Many of the facilities have been built in recent years including, science labs, technology workshops, computer rooms, art and drama studios, outdoor and indoor sports facilities and state of the art fitness suites. Both of the schools are currently undergoing further improvements with refurbished laboratories. Each of the schools currently has Sixth Form study areas, library resources and internet access. However a new 'state of the art' Sixth Form Centre will open in 2012 to enhance the Sixth Form experience for the Joint Sixth Form students. The Sixth Form Centre will include areas for independent study and computer access, library resources, teaching rooms dedicated to the Sixth Form and cafeteria / refectory facilities.

ADDITIONAL STUDIES

Apart from the academic courses offered in the Joint Sixth Form, students pursue a range of other activities and courses as components of their Sixth Form programme. These courses and activities are intended to develop the personal and social character of the students. They also help to improve students study skills and prepare them for life in higher education or employment. Time is allocated on Wednesday afternoons for games and leisure activities. Students who wish to do community service or who wish to fulfil the work experience requirement of a particular course (e.g. Health and Social Care, Engineering) or in preparation for a particular career such as Teaching may use this time or another time in the week for that purpose.

There is a wide range of extra-curricular activities available in the Joint Sixth Form including sports, drama, musical activities and the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Many students also participate in County events either in sports teams or as members of the County bands and orchestras.

Apart from all these opportunities, students also organise their own entertainment and social activities. Each year there is a Leavers' Prom, which is a formal social event. Students also take a full part in the life of their base school for example as a Prefect, Senior Student or Head Boy / Girl.





'I was made to feel welcomed into the school, definitely a good decision to come here. It's a warm and friendly environment.'

STUDENT

Success

'There's a great support network system. If you've got a problem, you'll always have someone to hand to help you and get it sorted quickly.' STUDENT

CAREERS ADVICE

Students receive advice through Form Tutors, Heads of Sixth Form / Progress Managers and Careers staff in the schools. Within the schools, students have access to information in careers libraries and have the use of various career software programmes, which are available on the careers room computers. Students can also access appropriate Internet sites.

Meetings are held at the individual schools concerning advice about opportunities post 18 to which parents are invited. These meetings are designed to enlighten students and parents about the process of application for Higher Education through UCAS and to inform them about practical and financial aspects including student loans and bursaries.

GUIDANCE AND ACADEMIC MONITORING: THE ROUTE TO SUCCESS

Students negotiate targets for their performance and their progress is monitored against the predictive data available through a tracking system. Students who are encountering difficulties or who are giving cause for concern, through poor work, bad attendance or another matter, will receive counselling from tutors, academic staff and the senior staff involved with the Sixth Form. Parents are kept informed of such discussions and of course are welcome to make enquiries as to their son's/daughter's progress at any stage. There is a Parents' Evening for Year 12 students in the Autumn Term to report on how students have settled in. Parents' evenings when all teaching staff are in attendance are held in the autumn for Year 13 and the spring for Year 12. Each student receives an annual written report.

Each year the majority of Year 13 students apply successfully for places in Higher Education, including OXBRIDGE. Of course not all students want to go to university and our students have an excellent track record of achieving places in employment locally and nationally or gaining places on advanced apprenticeship programmes.



'Becoming part of Sleaford Joint Sixth Form is the best educational decision I have made.' STUDENT



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For further information about Sleaford Joint Sixth Form please contact The Sixth Form Administrator at either of the two sites.

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