

Chilwell sixth form

Extra curricular and enrichment
opportunities



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Duke of Edinburgh Award



What?

The programme involves volunteering within the local community, health and fitness, skill development, expeditions and a residential (only Gold level).

Why?

The purpose of completing this award is to encourage personal discovery, self-reliance and responsibility in an environment of social interaction and teamwork. Both universities and employers recognise this as a major achievement and understand that it takes real character to complete.

Cygnus support

What?

Chilwell sixth form wants to encourage students to support teachers with the afterschool Cygnus programme.

Why?

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the school community and support teachers in delivering extra curricular activities. In doing so you will be developing some critical employability skills like leadership, communication, social, reliability and motivation. Also, it will improve your confidence and it demonstrates a willingness to give something back.



KS3 Literacy support



What?

Chilwell sixth form wants to encourage students to support the English department with their reading programme. This will take place during registration.

Why?

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in the school community and support our young learners who struggle with their reading. Research shows that competent readers make better academic progress and display greater social confidence. Participating in this will also improve your own confidence and it demonstrates a real desire to help others who really need it and who will hugely benefit from it.

Extended project qualification



What?

This is a timetabled lesson and an A level qualification designed to extend and develop students' abilities beyond the A level syllabus. It is worth half an A level (28 UCAS points) and you get to choose what you want to research.

Why?

The qualification is recognised by universities and employers. Some universities make lower A level offers to students who study the EPQ. Also, it is a great opportunity to research a subject matter you feel passionate about, as well as it helping you develop important skills such as independent learning and the deepening of analytical and evaluative skills.

Level 3 Core Maths



What?

This is a timetabled lesson and an A level qualification intended for students who have passed GCSE at grade 4 or better, but have chosen not to study A level Maths.

Why?

This course will help students develop their quantitative and problem solving skills. It offers valuable preparation for the skills needed on many degree courses, especially psychology, geography, business management, sports and social science and natural sciences that do not require A level Maths. They are also skills that are helpful for those considering pursuing an apprenticeship where quantitative and problem solving skills play a big part of the job.

Study skills support

What?

This is a timetabled lesson aimed mostly at students who need support with planning, organising, prioritising and consolidation of learning.

Why?

Post 16 study is challenging and some students struggle with knowing how to study effectively to maximise their potential. Therefore, study skills support is learning how to make the best use of your time when in the sixth form, as well as it being a weekly session where you have dedicated time to focus and revise in a supervised environment.



Careers experience week



What?

At the end of Year 12 students are expected to organise a weeks careers experience.

Why?

In today's competitive labour market it is vital for students to be prepared for what lies ahead. Therefore, careers experience week is designed to give students the opportunity to gain an insight into the world of work. Also, it offers you a chance to start developing employability skills which become essential when applying for jobs in the future.

Support services



During your time at Chilwell sixth form you will have the peace of mind that we operate in a nurturing environment and are always thinking about your best interests. Along with pastoral support from your tutors, you will be able to access mental health and wellbeing support, careers advice and university application guidance.

Mental health support team



What?

The Nottinghamshire mental health support team work with Chilwell sixth form to provide mental health and wellbeing workshops and signposting for one to one support.

Why?

We recognise and value the need to support the mental health and wellbeing of our students. Post 16 education brings its challenges and we want to create an environment where students know they can seek help and be given the tools to self-regulate during difficult periods.

University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University



What?

We are fortunate to work closely with the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University. Our partnerships provide us with a range of support which are part of their outreach programmes and it includes a widening participation scheme for underrepresented students.

Why?

Some of you will have aspirations to go to university, therefore the outreach programmes provide students with support on the UCAS application, writing personal statements, personal finance workshops, campus and subject department visits.

Careers advice



What?

We have an experienced careers advisor at Chilwell sixth form who will be available to help you navigate through the various pathways available when leaving us.

Why?

Some of you might not be certain about your future and what opportunities are out there today. Therefore, along with your tutors, Mrs Underdown will be working closely with you to advise and guide you in the right direction. Whether it be university, apprenticeship or a job, she has the expertise to help you.