

# St Edmund Campion Sixth Form Centre



Prospectus

# A New Chapter

We would like to offer you a very warm welcome to St Edmund Campion Sixth Form Centre. We are looking forward to working with you and supporting you on your learning journey to university and the world of employment.

We pride ourselves on the diversity of our Sixth Form community and the harmony and friendship that exists between our students. Our focus is not only on academic excellence but also on developing mature, reflective, resilient and responsible young adults.

As a Catholic Sixth Form Centre our faith is at the heart of everything we do and our distinctive ethos is at the forefront of all you will achieve, both inside and outside of the classroom. All Sixth Formers play an active part in building and sustaining our Catholic ethos. We are proud of the partnership between student, parent, school and parish; we know this is a foundation for success.

In our Sixth Form you can expect to receive high quality teaching in small class sizes which provides both a personal and individualised approach to learning; we offer outstanding pastoral care and a wide variety of enrichment experiences. We have an action-packed timetable for you and you can feel confident that your success and progress are the priorities. We understand that every mark in an examination counts and we know that opportunities that enrich your profile give you that vital edge in the competitive world. We offer a wide variety of courses and opportunities to acquire new skills and broaden

your experiences through work experience and quality business links.

The Sixth Form offers you a fresh start and is an exciting time to focus on subjects which you have a real passion for and a desire to learn more about. Remember though, Sixth Form life requires you to adopt a focused and responsible attitude to your learning. This involves managing your time effectively and playing an active role in your learning. You are important to us. As the role models in our House System, younger students will look up to you as leaders of our school community. This is the start of an exciting journey – one which we are looking forward to sharing with you.



**Mrs J Quoroll**

*Assistant Headteacher - Post 16 Teaching and Learning*





# A Learning Community

St Edmund Campion Sixth Form Centre aims to create a supportive learning community where students are supported in developing and realising their potential.

## Our Sixth Form Experience offers:

- A dedicated and caring Sixth Form Team committed to supporting you and helping you achieve your goals
  - A supportive and inclusive ethos based on our 'No Excuses' philosophy and commitment to developing Successful Sixth Formers
  - An experienced Personal Tutor, who you will spend quality time with every day
  - A comprehensive student support system
  - A challenging and developmental Progression Time programme that is designed to extend your skills and prepare you for the requirements of Level 3 study
  - High quality teaching, in small groups, with specialist subject teachers
  - Opportunities to extend and develop your personal and study skills through a wide ranging enrichment programme
  - A rigorous teaching and assessment process that keeps you and your parents informed of academic performance and your learning dispositions
- Dedicated support with the UCAS process
  - University visits and academic enrichment
  - The opportunity to do Work Experience in the Summer Term of Year 12
  - Careers lessons and access to up-to-date information, advice and guidance (IAG) to support your next move to Higher Education, employment or an apprenticeship



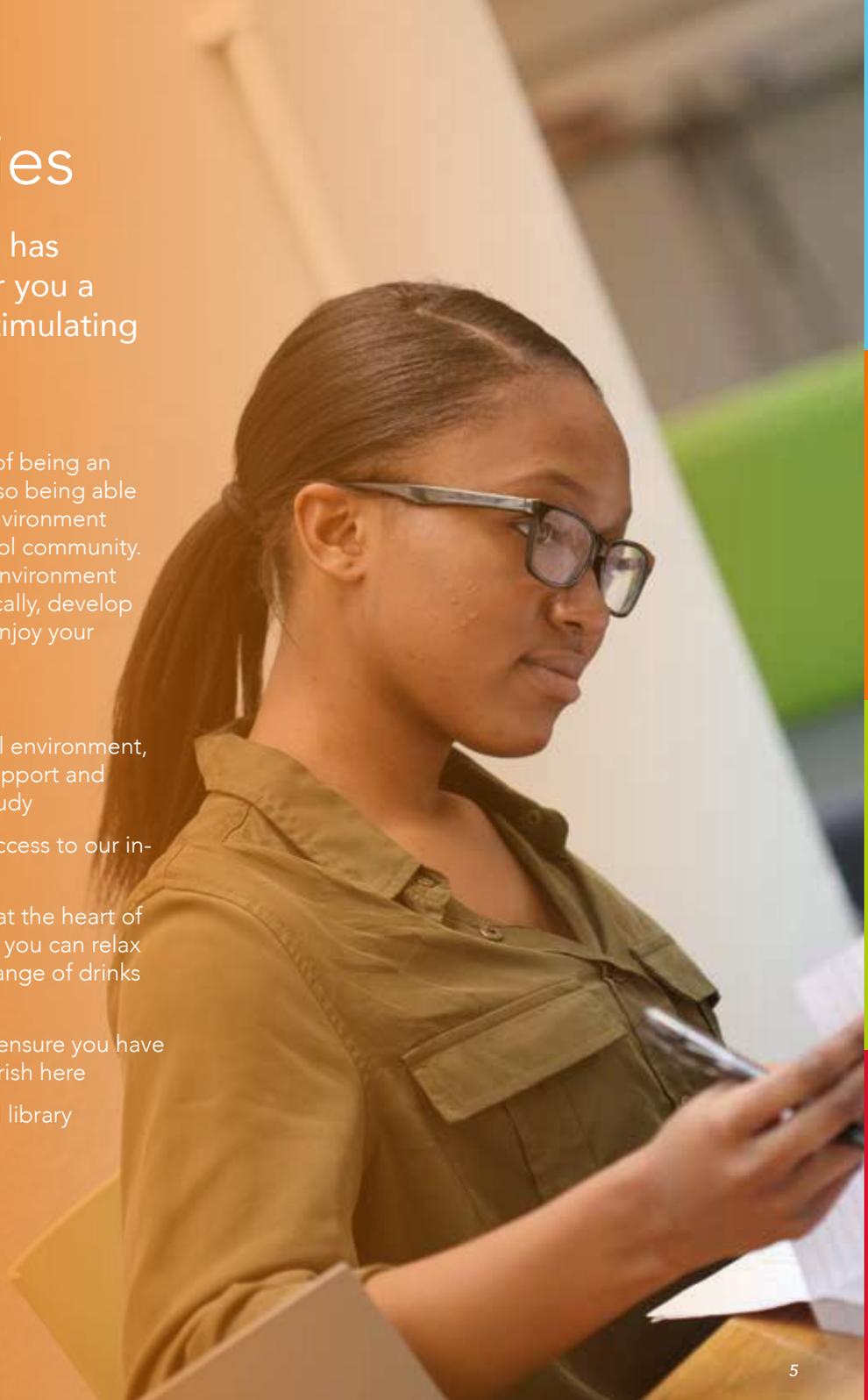
# Our Facilities

Our Sixth Form Centre has been designed to offer you a modern, vibrant and stimulating learning space.

We have the added advantage of being an 11 to 18 establishment, whilst also being able to offer a distinctively Post 16 environment embedded in a supportive school community. Our aim is to create a learning environment where you can flourish academically, develop socially and, most importantly, enjoy your learning experience.

## We offer you...

- A flexible learning and digital environment, with dedicated facilities to support and maximise on independent study
- A Sixth Form ICT suite and access to our in-house iPads
- A Sixth Form Bistro, located at the heart of our Sixth Form centre, where you can relax with your friends and buy a range of drinks and snacks
- A supervised study space to ensure you have the support you need to flourish here
- Access to our modern school library



# A Progression Route for You

We tailor and personalise our curriculum to meet your individual needs.

You can be confident that you will be joining a Sixth Form with a culture of success; our curriculum provides appropriate challenge and rigour for all.

We offer a wide range of A Level subjects and Vocational Courses.

Our courses have individual subject entry requirements; these can be found by checking our Subject Guide on the school website.

In our Sixth Form you can follow purely A Level or Vocational Courses or a combined pathway to suit your specific interests.

## Subject Offer

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Geography
- Government and Politics
- History
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Physics
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Theology
- Vocational Courses:
  - Sport
  - Business
  - Health and Social Care
  - ICT
  - Applied Science

# An Enriching Journey

We know that acceptance on the course of your dreams at university, gaining a highly sought after apprenticeship or being the first choice for a job, does not just depend on having the right qualifications. In most cases having wider skills and experience make the difference.

This is why we are committed to ensuring we focus on your academic, social and spiritual development.

At Champion you will have opportunities to take part in a wide range of enrichment activities

## These include:

- A Year 12 outward bound Induction Day
- Our Champion Mind-set Day
- Access to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- A Young Driver Awareness Course
- Completing a FutureLearn online course in a subject that you are passionate about
- Art-based project opportunities
- Sports, Yoga and Fitness
- Foreign Language Club
- Paired Reading and Peer Mentoring
- Charity Fundraising
- Opportunities to train as a Eucharistic Minister and lead on the spiritual life of the school
- Debate Mate competitions

- Volunteering opportunities in the local area
- Sixth Form Student Teaching Assistants
- Student Leadership – opportunities in both Year 12 and in Year 13
- ENVISION – social action volunteering opportunity
- Learning to cook for university

All students follow a programme of Religious Education, one hour per week, to gain a Level 2 or 3 qualification validated by the National Open College Network.

In addition, we have a comprehensive programme of skills-based activities to fine-tune your literacy skills and examination technique as well as building your confidence and employability skills.



*“ The learning environment, in our sixth form, is positive, productive and friendly.*

*It has a vibrant and hardworking atmosphere which makes it an excellent place to study and succeed. ”*

# Next Steps

Our former students leave with the right qualifications and experiences to continue their studies at university and ultimately enter many different professions.

Many of our students secure places at Russell Group universities, whilst several have been successful in gaining very competitive apprenticeship opportunities.

Whilst many of our students have progressed to local universities, some of our alumni have gone further afield – to Hungary to study Medicine,

Exeter to study History, Liverpool to read English, Nottingham to read Mathematics and Bristol to study Physics.

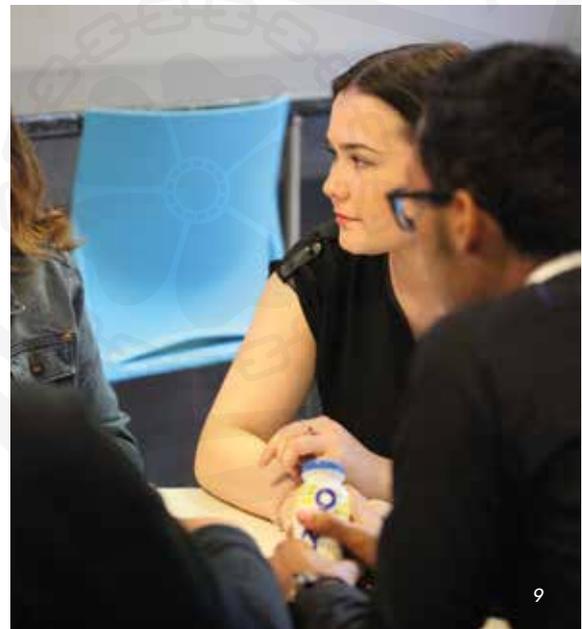
Each year our student destinations illustrate the success of our students and their ability to access highly sought after courses.

# Applying for a Place

We welcome applications from all students and encourage you to come to our annual Sixth Form Open Evening which will be widely advertised.

Our Sixth Form application form is also available to download from our website.

We interview all prospective students and offers of places are conditional on you meeting the required grades for your chosen courses.



# 16-19 Bursary Fund

The 16-19 Bursary Fund is designed to help the most vulnerable 16-19 year olds in full-time education.

The scheme is funded by the Education Funding Agency to provide assistance to those students whose access to, or completion of, education is inhibited by financial constraints or barriers. The scheme is made up of two parts: a Vulnerable Bursary payment of £1,200 to a small group of the most vulnerable students and a Discretionary Bursary for us to distribute.

In cases where there is financial hardship you can apply for the Bursary, which can go some way to help with, for example, bus fares, books and course-related residential visits. Further information on the Bursary and the eligibility criteria is available on our school website.





*“ Our teachers are always willing to offer additional help, support and guidance. As a result, we feel supported and confident that we can succeed and achieve our goals. ”*

# Location

St Edmund Campion Sixth Form Centre is conveniently positioned on a main bus route into Birmingham City Centre.

We are also only a short walk from both Wylde Green and Erdington and just five minutes away from Chester Road Train Station.

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