

# THE COMPTON SIXTH FORM

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What subjects will be offered at A Level?

The following 25 subjects will be offered at A Level;

Accounting and Finance, Applied Science BTEC, Art, Biology, Business Studies, Business BTEC, Chemistry, Computer Science, Design and Technology-Product Design, Drama and Theatre Studies, Economics, English Literature, French, Further Maths, Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, Religion, Philosophy & Ethics, Physical Education BTEC, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology and Spanish.

### 2. Are there any vocational subjects offered?

There are 3 Level 3 BTEC qualifications offered in Sixth Form.

**BTEC Physical Education** is an extended Level 3 qualification and is the equivalent of 1 A Level which you can select as a single award to study alongside 2 other A Levels. **BTEC Business**

**Studies** is an extended Level 3 qualification and is the equivalent of 2 A Level subjects. Students studying BTEC Business would select this along with one additional A Level. **BTEC Applied**

**Science** is an extended Level 3 qualification and would be the equivalent of 3 A Levels.

### 3. What are the entry requirements to study at the Sixth Form?

The A Level programme requires students to select 3 A Levels. High achieving students will be given the option to study 4 subjects. To gain entry to the Sixth Form students must have a minimum point score of 5.5 or above from their best 8 GCSE subjects. Students must have a GCSE grade 5 in Maths and English. In addition, many subjects will have a further admission requirement of grade 6 or higher in the subject. Please see prospectus for individual subject requirements. We will consider students achieving a high grade 5 in English and Maths in some subjects.

### 4. Will students wear uniform?

Students will not wear school uniform but will be expected to wear Smart Business dress. Jackets and smart shoes must be worn. Subtle make-up, jewellery and hair styles will be accepted.

### 5. Will students be allowed mobile phones/ electronic devices/ laptops/ tablets?

Students will be permitted to have mobile phones with them. These must be switched off and put away once inside the school building. Laptops and tablet devices may be used to support private study and in lessons where the teacher deems this appropriate. All these items will be the student's own responsibility to keep safe.

### 6. Is there a Sixth Form area?

The completion of the new Sixth Form building in January 2017, including an additional large study area, classrooms and meeting rooms has helped to further complement the existing facilities. These include the coffee shop with social area, study base and a Sixth Form Services suite. There are Wi-Fi hotspots throughout the entire Sixth Form area.

### 7. What can students do for lunch?

Sixth Form students have access to all the current facilities in school. Full meals are available at lunchtime in The Compton Café as well as a Coffee Shop exclusively for Sixth Form use which serves salads, sandwiches, paninis and soup as well as snacks and hot and cold drinks. Students are also allowed off-site for lunch but must ensure they return punctually to their afternoon lessons.

## **8. What do students do when they are not in curriculum lessons?**

Students in Year 12 will have formal allocated study periods. All students will use this time for supervised private study in the Sixth Form base. Students have two allocated double periods of 'Home study' each week where they are permitted to study from home. This is designed to encourage greater independence from students during their A Level studies.

## **9. Will there still be pastoral support?**

A great strength of the Compton school is the high levels of support and encouragement that students receive. As students have experienced in KS3 and KS4, a team of staff is in place to set up and run activities for the Year group, oversee behaviour, attendance and progress and ensure students welfare and wellbeing is fully looked after.

## **10. Will there still be Tutors?**

Each student is allocated a tutor who will support them throughout Year 12 and 13. They will assist with University choices and applications, support in monitoring students' progress and welfare and act as a first point of contact if students have any questions or concerns.

## **11. Will there be Sixth Form trips on offer?**

All students starting in Year 12 will take part in the 'Year 12 Induction Trip'. This involves the whole of Year 12 going on a trip to help both the current and new students to get to know each other as well as taking part in various activities to develop team work, independence and leadership skills. As well as this a whole range of different day, residential and international trips will take place through departments.

## **12. What other enrichment activities will be on offer?**

The Compton has a variety of enrichment and career related learning opportunities. All students are expected to take part in enrichment activities as part of their personal development. The school provides a programme for students to choose from which includes a whole range of student leadership opportunities, volunteering, The Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award, African Adventures volunteering in Ghana, plus the massive variety of sports, drama and clubs already on offer.

A particular focus of enrichment will be widening students' knowledge through subject/career related 'Super-Curricular' enrichment to enable them to become more rounded learners through access to the huge diversity of opportunities within and beyond school. The aim of this is to give students a better understanding of their subjects and the issues surrounding them, but also help them develop their own curiosity in culture, society and the wider world in which they live.

Students wishing to develop an area of academic interest in more depth will be able to take part in the **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**. This involves students completing a university style research project in a topic of their choice, supported by a tutor at the school.

## **13. How will the Sixth Form help students prepare for University and Work?**

The Careers programme is co-ordinated by a Sixth Form full time careers advisor, Ms Doyle. The School has established links with some of the top Universities including the opportunity to visit and experience life at Universities. Throughout the two year course a variety of talks, visits and workshops are held. We also provide an 'Aiming High Programme' in which students with exceptional potential based on their GCSE results, are provided extra support in applying for Oxbridge or Russell Group Universities. During Year 12 all students will also take part in a week of work experience, where they can gain a valuable insight into the world of work and boost their CVs at the same time. Using the careers programme - Unifrog, students will have a comprehensive guide to University, Apprenticeships and School Leavers options. Intensive one-to-one support from our skilled and experienced tutor team will ensure that all students are able to make informed decisions in relation to their future and will have the right tools to make successful applications to the destinations of their choice.

## **14. Where can I get more information?**

If you need any more information, please call the school or use one of the following:

- Visit the school website- <http://www.thecompton.org.uk>
- Follow our Twitter and Instagram [@Compton6thForm](#)
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