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Supplementary Information

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Where have students from St Nicholas Sixth Form gone?



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

In addition to all the information you have received via our Sixth Form Open Evening, the Website, Prospectus and Course Information Booklet, I wanted to put together some supplementary information to try and give our students more of a taste of what it is like to be a student at St Nicholas Sixth Form. You will find information within this supplement about:

- Students who have come through our Sixth Form, what they are doing now and how St Nicholas Catholic Sixth Form helped them on their journey.
- Various quotes from students who are with us currently.
- How we stretch and challenge our students beyond the classroom with our Enrichment and Gateway Programmes.
- Further information about how you could use an EPQ to make your university application stand out from the crowd.
- Our induction programme.

Mr T Bradley, Director of Sixth Form

Bella Manfredi - 2018-2020

Second Year Geography Student at Jesus College **Cambridge**



"I am currently studying Geography at Cambridge. I'm in my second year and have chosen papers which cover everything from volcanic eruptions to cultural erosion to development/ economics. Throughout my A Levels my teachers really helped me to grasp the subject, helping me find my feet and apply to universities to study it further. Sixth Form had wonderful student-teacher relationships and I always felt supported in the classroom, knowing that they wanted the best for me. One of the best things about Sixth Form for me was the enrichment program: through this I helped out in a geography classroom for a year, as well as completing an EPQ on supervolcanic eruptions. Both of these things were admired by my university's admissions team and helped me to get where I am today. I was also elected as one of two Head Prefects during my time at St Nicholas and really recommend applying to be a Prefect- having any type of leadership role is sought after by universities, so this is a winner!"

Katie Bryden 2013-2015

"I am a Propositions Manager at Sky, where I work on the strategy, pricing and packaging for Sky Sports and Sky Cinema. I previously completed the Sky Change Delivery Graduate Scheme, where I worked on transformation programmes across the TV and Broadband portfolios.



St Nicholas Sixth Form had a massive part to play in getting me to where I am today. I achieved a place at the University of **Cambridge** following Year 13, which would not have been possible without the encouragement and guidance provided by St. Nicholas to push me to reach my full potential. More importantly, my time at St Nicholas instilled within me core values that translate beyond academia, including the importance of hard work, drive, community, consideration and purpose in all that you do.

I would recommend St Nicholas to anyone in Year 11 who wants to be pushed and supported academically, but who also wants to be part of a community where you are individually valued and cared for. St Nicholas provides each pupil with the opportunity to thrive, and a chance to have a fun, worthwhile and memorable 2 years before venturing out into the world!"



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Ronan Eves - 2016-2018

"I am in my 4th year of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh. I am very glad that I chose to go to St Nicholas Sixth Form as I really benefitted from the small class sizes, which enabled the teachers to give us much more 1-to-1 feedback and support. Additionally, the familiarity of staying at Sixth Form where you already know most of the teachers and your classmates makes the transition from GCSEs to A-Levels much easier. Furthermore, I received a lot of support from many teachers with my personal statement and other aspects of my application, therefore, I would highly recommend going to St Nicholas Sixth Form."



Miles Dolman - 2016-2018

"I am studying a Masters in Economics at The University of Manchester with the aim of becoming an economic analyst in the banking sector. St Nicholas Sixth Form helped me prepare for further study at university from the application process to the more academic style of teaching. The variety of subjects on offer even helped me choose my degree! The extracurricular activities, the Borneo trip being a highlight, and the community atmosphere really stood out to me. The small class sizes and already established relationships with teachers makes learning very personal and enjoyable."

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Emily Rosa 2011-2013

"I am working as a junior doctor in a busy A&E department in Hertfordshire. This involves seeing my own patients and either sending them home or organising the next steps of their treatment. St Nicholas Sixth Form helped get me there by holding mock medical school interviews and giving me advice on my personal statement. Students should go to St Nicholas Sixth Form because of the friendly and supportive environment. Unlike a large sixth form college, the teachers get to know you as an individual as class sizes can be much smaller which makes it much easier to learn from them."



Elissa Jennings 2018 – 2020

"I am currently in my second year at Newcastle University studying BSc Sport & Exercise Science, as well as completing an internship in Strength and Conditioning at Newcastle University. Alongside this, I am also playing premiership rugby for DMP Sharks in the Women's Premier 15s. Without St Nicholas Sixth Form I would have really struggled to get into the University of my choice. Balancing playing premiership rugby at 17 and applying to University, as well as getting the grades required to get into a Russell Group University was a great challenge, one that may not have been possible without the continuous guidance and one-to-one support from all of the staff at my Sixth Form. St Nicholas Sixth Form provides a unique learning environment, which enables you to reach your full potential and fulfil your ambitions."



Did you know...

Each year our average class size is around 13 students per class

You get to do a week's worth of Work Experience in Year 12

You can leave school site in your frees

If you have no more lessons that day you can go home

All of our references are tailored to meet the student's needs

Regardless of your future plans; University, Apprenticeship or Careers we will support you

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Lauren Garvey - 2011-2013

"I work as a Research Project Manager for McCann, a global advertising agency. We work for a range of brands across the world, speaking to their customers to understand what they really think. From this we can make sure the adverts you see on TV reach the right people, at the right time, in the most persuasive way possible!

St Nicholas Sixth Form's amazing teachers helped me thrive in the subjects I was really passionate about, and I don't think I could have received better support with my university applications anywhere else.

St Nicholas Sixth Form is such a lovely and supportive environment - you're really known as an individual rather than just a student, and the staff go above and beyond to support you in what's best for you."

Nicole Turner 2011-2013

"I am a Solicitor working for a High street Firm. I work across a few different areas, to include conveyancing (house moves), family work and litigation work. This involves attending at Court and preparing Court documentation.

When starting Sixth Form I wasn't sure what I wanted to do as a career. I was able to take Law as a subject and found that this suited me and I was able to finally see myself having a career in Law. Due to the fact that I had attended St Nicholas High School, the teachers knew my strengths and capabilities and therefore were able to advise me to take a broad range of A-level subjects in order that I could find the career path that suited me. Without their support I would not have found the subject that, not only was I good at, but also enjoyed.

Students should go to St Nicholas Sixth Form as the smaller numbers and classes mean the teachers get to know you as an individual and can provide that important one-on-one support. They treat you as an adult and help prepare you for your future career."



Our Induction Programme

Year 12 Induction – Every year as part of our induction process and to facilitate the transition from being a GCSE student to an independent A-Level Student, we provide our students with an induction day at Catton Hall in Frodsham. All students take part in a range of activities from team building to Zorb Football. It's a great way to start the year, reacquaint old friendships and build new ones.

"St Nicholas has given me the opportunity to study at a great Sixth Form which offers support for those who need it. It is a fun and safe place to learn. It gives you the chance to socialise and make friends"

Storm Smith Year 13

"St Nicholas is an encouraging environment which enables individuals to be more independent"

Chiara Palmones Year 13



"The Gateway Programme has really helped me with my application to Medical School. The teachers are knowledgeable and always ready to help"

Liv Strefford Year 13

Enrichment opportunities, Personal and Community

We know that simply getting strong A-Levels is no longer enough, considering how competitive the job market is and university admissions. Through our unique combination of Community and Personal Enrichment, the main issue that our students have when writing their Personal Statements is trying to fit everything in. Mentoring, physical activity, online courses and various workshops are just some of the activities we have on offer to enable our students to stand out from the crowd.

Our students are not just a number

Students are always full of praise for the high level of care and guidance they are given, not only by the teachers who know them, but by a range of support staff. We already know our continuing students well and teachers look to build on the strong relationships that they already have. We are committed to ensuring that every student receives the best possible education and secures the best outcomes.

Gateway Programme

For our students who are looking to apply to the Russell Group universities such as Oxford and Cambridge, or if they are applying to the most competitive courses such as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry, we have our Gateway Programme to support and challenge our students at every step.

The Gateway programme will begin in January of Year 12 and students will meet once a week where all the various different hurdles they need to overcome will be discussed; researching the right courses, discussing additional reading and work experience, exploring any other academic courses to help their applications, reviewing personal statements, entrance exams and mock interviews are just some of the aspects we cover to support our students.



EPQ

Extended Project Qualification:

We are fully aware that we are not able to offer EVERY subject that students would like to do. However, we do offer a Level 3 Extended Project Qualification which is open to all students. This is equivalent to half an A Level (up to 28 UCAS points) and can be completed in almost any subject area and you are supported by both Mrs Petts (EPQ co-ordinator) and Ms Roberts (Librarian) at every step of the way.

Examples of some great recent project titles are:

- To what extent was World War One the main cause of Hitler's rise to power?
- Would humanity and the environment ever recover from a supervolcanic eruption?
- Does the Labour Party owe more to Marxism or Methodism?
- To what extent is screening blood for tumour markers an effective cancer detection and monitoring technique?
- A town in conflict: Finding solutions between needs and wants in neighbourhood planning
- To what extent was the Windrush scandal due to discrimination against race within politics?
- How effective have PFIs been in saving money and promoting innovation since 1997 in the UK?
- Are there racial and ethnic disparities within healthcare in the UK for healthcare workers and how can we combat these disparities?
- How well do blockbuster films depict the reality of tsunamis?



