ROBERT CLACK SIXTH FORM

WELCOME TO ROBERT CLACK SIXTH FORM



I am very proud to welcome our guests, visitors, potential students and parents to Robert Clack School. As a former pupil and member of staff for the past 24 years, the school and our pupils mean a great deal to me. I believe that Robert Clack is a very special place; we have a strong sense of community and strive for excellence in all that we do. We are committed to delivering a broad and balanced post-16 education, one which appreciates the importance of academic qualifications, but one which also recognises the value of vocational qualifications and the extra-curricular of sport, drama, music, the arts and debate. We are delighted that the vast majority of Year 11 pupils choose to continue their post-16 studies with us at Robert Clack Sixth Form. Our ethos and this continuity cultivates the values of mutual respect, compassion, discipline, high expectations and aspirations and hard work. By embracing these values, we believe that our pupils will be able to fulfil their ambitions in life, whatever they may be. We are proud, but never complacent.

Mr Russell Taylor - Executive Headteacher

School Values	Our Mission
• Mutual respect • Compassion for others • Discipline • High expectations and aspirations • Hard work	At Robert Clack Sixth Form our mission is to equip all our students with the knowledge, skills, attributes and qualifications needed to succeed in life. In addition to achieving your full academic potential, we want you to develop into proactive, well- rounded adults ready to make a positive impact and contribution to our society.



PATHWAYS FOR SUCCESS FOR ALL



Whatever your aspirations, we offer personalised study programmes to help you achieve your ambitions. We have a well-established tradition of academic excellence and are proud to offer superb support and guidance to enable our students to secure places at a wide range of prestigious universities and employers each year.

Every student receives expert guidance from a specialist UCAS Tutor to enable them to make successful applications to study a wide range of subjects, including Medicine, Law, Dentistry and Veterinary Science. We support our highest achievers to apply to Oxford or Cambridge through our dedicated Oxbridge preparation programme. Students also progress to prized employment and apprenticeship opportunities at top international firms in the City of London such as Goldman Sachs.



Our students thrive and excel as a result of the exceptional teaching that we offer in all subjects. We are proud to provide pathways for all of our students to progress to their desired university, apprenticeship and employment destinations. You will have access to a broad curriculum of A level and vocational subjects (AAQ, Applied General and Tech Level), combined with extensive enrichment and personal development opportunities. We know that this combination will allow you to achieve your full academic potential and help you to become an independent and accomplished adult. Your curriculum will be made up of a mixture of qualifications, super-curricular, enrichment and personal development activities:

Qualifications	Enrichment and Personal Development
Three **Level 3 A level or equivalent qualifications** with or without the **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)** Or A **full-time course in Beauty Therapy (Level 2)** If you have not yet achieved a grade 4 in **GCSE English** and/or **GCSE Maths** you will continue to study these subjects at Sixth Form.	**Super-curricular and Enrichment Activities** **VESPA Achieve Excellence Programme** **University and Apprenticeships Pathways Programme** **Work Experience**



SUBJECTS FOR ALL ASPIRATIONS



We offer a wider range of subjects than the vast majority of other sixth forms. So, whilst we adjust our subject offer to reflect demand, you can be sure to find the ideal combination to match your aspirations. The A Levels we offer are linear and are examined at the end of Year 13. The vocational subjects we offer are high value and are equivalent to 1 A Level (i.e. a single award) or 2 A Levels (i.e. a double award).

A Level Subjects	Vocational Subjects
Art & Design (Fine Art)	Business
Biology	Dance
Chemistry	Engineering
Computer Science	Food and Nutritional Science
Economics	IT
English Literature	Media (Digital Media)
English Language	Music
Film Studies	Science
French	Sport
Geography	
History	**Full time**
Mathematics	Beauty Therapy (Level 2)
Further Mathematics	
Media	
Philosophy & Ethics	
Photography	
Physics	
Psychology	
Sociology	

Entry Criteria

To study A Level subjects you will need to achieve **grade 5 or above in 5 separate subjects including English and Maths**.

To study Vocational subjects you will need to achieve **grade 4 or above in 5 separate subjects including English and Maths.**

To maximise your chance of success, it is essential that you also meet the entry criteria for the subjects you wish to study. For each subject, there are up two elements that make up the entry criteria:

1. English and Maths GCSE grades
2. A subject specific grade based on performance in relevant specific subjects at GCSE

We know that success can be achieved only when high standards are expected. We expect all successful applicants to have an excellent attendance and behaviour record and to align with the school's ethos and shared values.



ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE FOR ALL



In addition to your chosen subjects, you will also complete our 'Achieve Excellence Programme', which has been custom designed over many years, utilising groundbreaking research and approaches from leading education experts 'Elevate Education'. Through a range of exciting activities you will be equipped with the high quality skills and attributes prized by top universities and employers. In Year 12 you will complete a project on a topic of your choice. You will receive expert guidance from your project tutors to enable you to rapidly develop key independent research, study and presentation skills. This will then give you the opportunity to complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in addition to your other qualifications.

Our personal development programme also includes:

- A high-quality **work experience** placement towards the end of Year 12;
- An assembly and **Personal Development** programme run in partnership with external organisations;
- **The 'Achieve Excellence Programme'** to develop the attributes of a successful Sixth Form learner i.e. Vision, Effort, Systems, Practice, and Attitude (**the 'VESPA Programme'**);
- Extensive **personalised support in completing the university application process (UCAS)** including regular one-to-one meetings and mock interviews;
- Tailored expert support for those pupils who wish to progress to **apprenticeships or employment,** including: mentoring, visits to employers and taster days.

This unique programme forms an integral part of your timetable and will ensure that you develop the skills, confidence and independence necessary for achieving excellence and successfully progressing to the next step in your life.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES








Alongside your academic study, we want you to develop the personal qualities which will enable you to make a positive impact in the world beyond our Sixth Form. Each week you will participate in an enrichment activity of your choice. Whilst new opportunities are added each year, the core options can include:

- Extended Project Qualification;
- Debate Society;
- Sports and Fitness;
- Volunteering and Outreach Programmes.

Pupils also benefit from access to countless personal development programmes and enhancement events. A selection of the opportunities from which students have recently benefitted are:

- Brilliant Club – an academic programme for high attaining pupils to experience tutorial style teaching led by a PhD student.

- Law Mock Trial competition – a competition designed for students interested in studying law; students are mentored by a professional barrister and conduct their own court case.

- Mentoring from the Alumni Association – our alumni mentor pupils with aspirations to pursue careers in Law and Medicine, help with UCAS applications and give interview preparation.

- The Entrepreneur Academy – a programme led by leading professionals in industry to develop all of the skills required to become a successful business person.

• Pathways events (i.e. Medicine, Law, Banking and Finance etc) – talks from experts in various fields designed to give students specific advice on their chosen career paths, including fields such as engineering and medicine.

• Social Mobility Foundation – a programme aimed at widening participation through support with finding relevant work experience, summer schools and UCAS applications.

• Summer Schools –at Kings College London, Queen Mary University, University of Essex, Bristol University, Oxford University, Cambridge University and others.

• Sutton Trust Foundation and Sutton Trust US –giving students an experience of university education in the UK and in the US. Several students have gone on from these programmes to study at top universities nationally and internationally.

• Target Medicine programme – a UCL programme which provides guidance tailored to prepare students to study medicine and match students with appropriate work experience.

• Teach First Futures – opportunity to visit Oxford or Cambridge and other universities. Support with applications to Oxbridge and mentoring.

• UCL Unilink – opportunities to visit UCL and prepare future university applications.

• Entry Exam Preparation – Entry for the UCAT Medicine entry exam and for Oxford and Cambridge universities entry exams.



PASTORAL SUPPORT AND FACILITIES

We are committed to providing the best personalised care and support possible in order to most effectively guide you in achieving your individual goals.

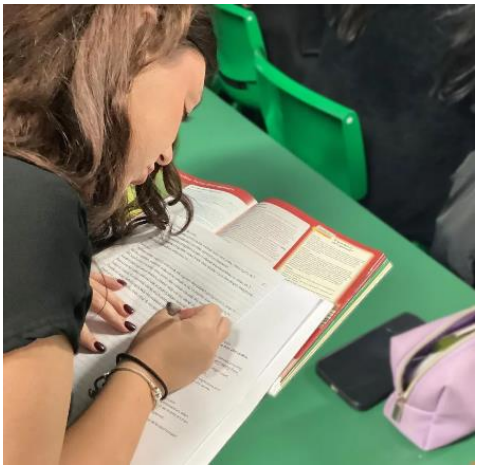
Our extensive system of pastoral support is purpose built to enable you to excel. You will be supported by a dedicated Head of Year who will provide guidance and care for your welfare. Our experienced Subject Leaders will track your progress and intervene quickly to support you in overcoming any academic challenges. A team of specially trained Sixth Form Mentors are also available to work with pupils who would benefit from additional support, guidance and advice.

You will also have access to independent careers advice whilst you are at Robert Clack Sixth Form. Our expert Sixth Form Destinations Tutor gives all Year 13 pupils one-to-one guidance on their application to university and practice interviews for those who need them.

Our Sixth Form students have access to a well-equipped, dedicated Sixth Form Centre which includes a common room, study room and computer rooms. Pupils also have access to the library and a suite of state-of-the-art subject specific facilities, such as those in Media and ICT, Science laboratories, Music Studios and Engineering workshops.

Expectations of Our Pupils

At the heart of Robert Clack School is community and the culture and ethos of mutual respect. We provide the highest standards of teaching and support. In return we expect pupils to have the highest standards of behaviour, attendance, punctuality and professional appearance. To support this there is a professional dress code which all pupils must adhere to. All students, both male and female, are expected to wear the Robert Clack Sixth Form Uniform. A summary of the dress code can be found on our website.





The Application Process

Please complete the online application form which can be found on our website. Once applications have been received, we will contact you to confirm whether you have been offered a provisional place. If you have been offered a place you will be invited to attend an interview in February to discuss your course choices and future career aspirations. All successful applicants are required to attend the Sixth Form Induction days which take place after Year 11 exams have finished in late June (dates can be found on our website). After GCSE results have been published post results interviews will take place in late August. All pupils who wish to take up a place at Robert Clack Sixth form must attend.

For further information please see our school website: www.robertclack.co.uk