

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): For students who are about to start year 12

### 1. I have a question to ask. When will staff be available?

Firstly, look through our FAQs, we may have the answer to your question. If not, you can use our current sixth form email address: [sixthform@cchs.school](mailto:sixthform@cchs.school)

Staff will be available during the enrolment period to answer your questions.

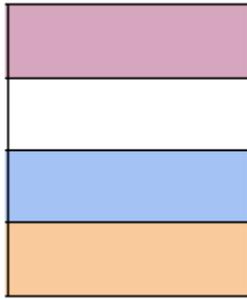
### 2. What if I don't get the required grade in one of my subjects to enrol on a course?

You will need to have the specific course requirement to enrol on a course. If you have not met this requirement, then there could be other courses on offer that you could study. Have a careful look at the 'curriculum' tab on our website for ideas. Look for a course that you will both enjoy and have met the entry requirements for. Please check the option blocks to ensure your combination of subjects is possible. However, please do not worry, if you have not met the entry criteria a member of the sixth form team will discuss this with you during enrolment.

### 3. Can I change one of my subjects?

Yes, you can. Often students change their mind following their results and experiences since making their application. Look for a course that you will both enjoy and have met the entry requirements for. Carefully look at the 'curriculum' tab on our website for ideas. Consider what you will study and how you will be assessed. Changes to options are subject to spaces on that course.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Biology	English Language	Business Studies	Art	Chemistry
Drama	Health and Social Care Double	Computer Science	Business Studies	Film Studies
Economics	IT	Geography	Criminology	Health and Social Care Double
Food Science	Law	Health and Social Care Single	English Literature	Product Design
History	Music	Maths	Health and Social Care Single	Psychology
Maths	Photography	Performing Arts	Physics	Sport Double
Further Maths	Sport Double	Sport Single	Sport Single	EPQ
RE	Criminology	Psychology	EPQ	E4L
Applied Science	EPQ	EPQ	E4L	Core Maths
Sociology	E4L	E4L		
Spanish		Sports Leadership		
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VI6 Subjects studied at Essex Uni. Six grades 5-9 required for study plus at least a 6 in the subject you wish to study (8 for Further Maths)

A-Level subjects. Six grades 5-9 plus at least a 6 in the subject you wish to study

Applied subjects. Four grades 4-9 including English and Maths required for study

Enrichment subjects. One to be selected on non-subject days

#### **4. Can I change one of my subjects after enrolment day?**

It is not recommended that students change courses once they have started. However, there will be a window of opportunity to swap courses between the third and fourth weeks of term. Students will need to have a meeting with one of the sixth form team to discuss why a change is happening.

#### **5. What if my GCSE grades are not quite as I hoped they would be and I now cannot enrol on my chosen subjects?**

Have a careful look at alternative courses outlined on our website. Check the course grade requirements to see if your GCSE grades meet them. We would still like you to contact us so you are able to receive expert advice and guidance about your next steps. It might be that we can work with you to put you on an alternative programme of study.

#### **6. The courses I want to study are in the same option block. Can I study both courses?**

Unfortunately it will not be possible; we are really sorry about this. All lessons in an option block effectively take place at the same time and clash with each other. You need to select a combination of three courses from across the five option blocks. Look carefully, many subjects appear more than once so your combination could still be possible.

#### **7. How many courses do I have to study?**

All students in year 12 should be “full-time” and the general rule is that you should have a programme of study that is equivalent to three A Level courses. For some students this could be a combination of A Level courses and Applied courses. In addition to this, you will have a ½ day mentoring/Enrichment Option, ½ day private study and a full day of work experience (minimum of ten weeks). Under no circumstances should you schedule any paid employment during Mon-Fri between 9.00-3.10pm.

#### **8. Can I study four courses?**

Yes, this is possible. Most students will study the three A Level or equivalent programme and this remains the standard offer for all universities. There needs to be very good reasons why students would study four courses. Students with very high academic performance (at least 5 grades at 9/8/7) sometimes consider the four course option.



**9. I am changing my options, should I still complete the Summer Induction Task for the courses I applied for?**

No. We want you to complete the summer tasks for the courses that you are going to enrol on and it is these tasks that will need to be submitted. However, you can complete other tasks for your own information. Some students do this to get a “feel” for the different courses and help make a decision about what course to enrol on.

**10. If I change an option will I have time to complete the summer task?**

Yes. Each task is designed to take 3 – 4 hours to complete. They also do not have to be submitted until the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September. This should give you plenty of time to finish a task for any last minute change. We do recommend that tasks are completed before term starts for the courses you are more likely to enrol on. If you leave all three until the last minute, then you will put yourself under additional pressure.

**11. I have not got a grade 4 in English and/or maths. Does this mean that I can't come to sixth form?**

No, however it may affect what options you can enrol on. Please take a careful look at the entry requirements. If you are uncertain in any way then we still would like you to proceed with enrolment. Our expert staff will help advise you on the best possible pathway.

If you have not achieved a 4 in English/maths then you will have to re-take these courses. You will have taught lessons on your timetable, on top of your three main choices. We hope that you achieve these qualifications in year 12.

**12. I do not wish to take up my place. What do I need to do?**

We are always disappointed if someone does not wish to take up his or her place. If there is anything that you would like to know, that would help answer any queries you may have, then please email [sixthform@cchs.school](mailto:sixthform@cchs.school)

Please make us aware of your intended destination.