

SOUTHAM COLLEGE

**S**ixth  
FORM



Southam 6th form provides excellent teaching and amazing opportunities for all. You will be encouraged to be the best you can be!

Tess Jenkins, current student

# 6th Form Prospectus 2018/2019

*Be the best you can be!*





# Welcome

**Thank you for taking the time to read through our prospectus.**

The Sixth Form at Southam College is a thriving part of the College and the local community.

It has a record of high educational achievement and specialises in a wide range of A Level and Level 3 courses. These enable students to progress into Higher Education, employment and further training. Our large Sixth Form of nearly 300 students is open to all students who wish to study in a caring and stable environment. The majority of our Sixth Form is made up from Southam College students but we welcome applications from all schools. A key feature of our Sixth Form are the very positive relationships which exist between staff and students. We are committed to providing valuable support in the important transition from GCSE to A Level and also in preparing students for later life.

We hope you are able to find courses that suit your future plans and we really look forward to helping guide you through your Sixth Form pathway.



**Mr K. Bradbury**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Mr R. Samra**  
Headteacher



Discover more about our...



**OUTSTANDING**  
exam results



**WIDE RANGING**  
curriculum



**ENRICHMENT**  
opportunities



**LEADERSHIP**  
opportunities



**EXCELLENT**  
destinations  
after KS5

REASONS TO CHOOSE  
**Southam College**  
**Sixth Form**

## OUTSTANDING exam results

In an increasingly competitive university and employment market it is important that students leave Further Education with the best outcomes possible. At Southam Sixth Form we take achievement very seriously and encourage all students to aspire to get the best grades they can.

Figures taken from the 2017-18 educational year

**A Level A\*-B grades**

# 58%

National Average 52%

**A Level A\*-E grades**

# 100%

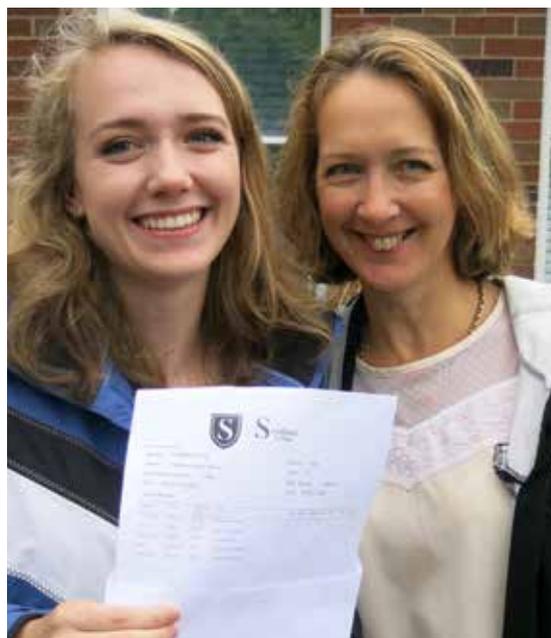
National Average 98%

**Applied general subjects  
Distinction\*/Distinction**

# 55%

**Average A-level grade**

# B



# WIDE RANGING curriculum

At Southam College Sixth Form we offer a large range of courses to suit a variety of student interest and abilities. Our A level courses are supplemented with a popular and successful range of Level 3 Applied General courses. Students are able to select up to four subjects in Y12, with most students continuing to three in Y13.

Southam college opens many doors, you just have to walk through!

James Nicoll, current student

## A Level Courses

Art and Design	Mathematics
Biology	Further Mathematics
Business Studies	Media Studies
Chemistry	Music
Computer Science	Philosophy and Ethics
Drama & Theatre Studies	Photography
Economics	Physical Education
English Language	Physics
English Literature	Politics
French	Product Design: 3D design
Geography	Psychology
German	Spanish
Graphics (Art and Design)	Sociology
History	Textiles (Art and Design)

## Level 3 Applied General Courses

OCR Level 3 Nationals in ICT	BTEC Level 3 Health & Social Care single and double
BTEC Level 3 Applied Science	BTEC Level 3 Sport
BTEC Level 3 Business	WJEC Level 3 Food and Nutrition

It's really important to speak to as many teachers as possible to choose the right subjects.

Munashe Matika, student





# ENRICHMENT opportunities

Students at Southam College Sixth Form have the opportunity to be involved in a wide variety of enrichment opportunities, from sports to debating. These provide students with the opportunity to expand their horizons and develop skills to help with future careers and educational destinations.

## In the past these have included:

- .....
- Young Enterprise
- .....
- BBC Radio 4 Any Questions
- .....
- General Election debates
- .....
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver & Gold Award
- .....
- Sports Teams
- .....
- Teams 4 U Africa Volunteering
- .....
- World Challenge trip to the Himalayas
- .....
- CERN Trip Switzerland
- .....
- New York Trip
- .....
- Balloon Debating
- .....
- Iceland Trip
- .....
- Mindfulness sessions
- .....
- Houses of Parliament trip
- .....
- Visits to Oxford and Cambridge Universities
- .....
- Wellbeing team
- .....

Duke of Edinburgh was painful, but hugely rewarding and was an amazing sense of achievement.

Isabella Cuffaro, student



Southam College has helped me grow as a person and push me to get the best grades I can.

Katie Adams, student

# MENTORING and leadership

Students at Southam Sixth Form have a great deal of opportunities to get involved and develop their leadership skills. They are also part of the House system in the main school, and are encouraged to become House Captains.

Students are highly motivated to achieve their best at Southam College, which is down to the supportive and dedicated staff that provide us with so much guidance. The support network and freedom here has allowed me to excel as a person. I am so privileged to be head girl at this outstanding school.

Verity Spencer - Head Girl 2018/19



## These opportunities include:

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Head Boy and Head Girl

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Prefects

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House Captains and Vice Captains

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Interviews with prospective Sixth Form students

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Interviews with lower school students

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Paired reading with Y7 and Y8 students

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Volunteer work and fundraising

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Debating

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Young Enterprise

▲ Additionally on the overseas trips to Africa and on World Challenge, students are expected to show leadership and teamwork.



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The success of Southam College is down to two key components. First come the students, the dedication and passion they show means that the Sixth-Form is filled with an eagerness to learn. Secondly is the staff who underpin all that happens in this community with their knowledge and guidance to make every student a success. It is an honour for me to be part of such a welcoming and wonderful environment.

Daniel Ridges - Head Boy 2018/19





## ONWARD destinations



All of our Y13 leavers in the past have gone on to positive destinations following their A level or Level 3 courses. These include Higher Education, Higher Apprenticeships, Further Education and Employment. We encourage and support students in their applications to whatever they wish to do, including Oxbridge, Medicine, JLR Higher Engineering Apprenticeships and others.

In summer of Y12 we hold an annual 'Next Steps' conference with delegates from several universities, apprenticeship providers and employers to help students gain access to their chosen routes.

**In 2018 student destinations were as follows:**

**University/  
Higher Education**  
**72%**

**Gap year followed  
by University/  
Higher Education**  
**6%**

**Further Education**  
**2%**

**Apprenticeship**  
**10%**

**Employment**  
**10%**



## DEDICATED facilities

Sixth Form students are accommodated in space dedicated to KS5 which includes:

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Quiet study space

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Sixth Form IT equipment

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Sixth Form Quad/Common Room

- ▲ In addition there are 4 Sixth Form only classrooms plus use of the facilities across the whole school such as the library.
- ▲ Around the school recent investment has brought brand new state of the art Science Labs, a new Music block and a Maths and English block.
- ▲ New for 2019 - New state-of-the-art sports hall.



## EXPECTATIONS and support

Southam Sixth Form is proud to be part of the wider school community and the high expectations set in main school in student conduct and smart dress are maintained in the Sixth form.

We incorporate dedicated silent study time into student timetables in Year 12 and Year 13 to provide opportunity for students to keep on top of the workload demanded at KS5. Our ethos is very much towards encouraging a strong work ethic and students are supported in pushing themselves to be the best they can be.

### In addition, student receive advice and guidance on:

Appropriate course choices at A level/L3 for career or university choices

Careers guidance from our dedicated careers officer

A dedicated tutor team trained in the UCAS process

Mindfulness and wellbeing support for students who require extra pastoral care

A KS5 learning mentor to guide students through personal statement writing and with their learning

Talks to students and parents on the UCAS process and student finance



## APPLICATION process

Options Forms will be available in November and students who wish to be considered for the Sixth Form should indicate their choice of preferred subjects.

It must be appreciated that it might not always be possible to meet the individual demands of each student. If, for example, the combination of subjects is very unusual or only one student has opted for a particular course then there could be difficulties. If a student subsequently changes their mind, or their GCSE results are not as expected, then they may be able to change their courses on GCSE results day, but this will have to be within the constraints of the timetable. Courses are also subject to sufficient numbers to be able to run.

- ▲ Deadline for application forms to be received: Friday 21st December 2018
- ▲ Interviews will commence January 2019

# How will you enhance your Southam journey?

## Clubs available to join:

Art	Gardening	Textiles Club
Fishing	Dance	Creative Writing
Maths	Cheerleading	Animal Club
Extreme Reading	Gymnastics	Musical Theatre
ICT	Drama	KS5 Literary Society
Science	Football	Concert Orchestra
ECO club	Rugby	Debating

## Houses:

Godiva (Blue)	Shakespeare (Purple)
Webb Ellis (Yellow)	Whittle (Red)



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