

Welcome to Sixth Form at Castle Rushen High School

This booklet provides a page about each of the subjects which we expect to offer in Year 12 from September 2020.

To join our Sixth Form you need:

- **5 or more A* - C at GCSE (or Level 2 equivalents) including English Language and Mathematics;** and
- **The right skills and behaviours to succeed at post-16 study**

Entry to Sixth Form may still be possible, with appropriate subject choices and support in the resitting of relevant GCSEs, if:

- You have 4 or more A*- C at GCSE (or Level 2 equivalents) including English Language or Mathematics (or both); or
- There are exceptional circumstances

We offer three main Pathways through Sixth Form:

1 University Skills – for students expecting to carry on from Sixth Form into Higher Education (or those who aren't sure)

2 Work Skills – for students who are confident that they will want to go to Work when they leave Sixth Form

3 Russell – for students who are aiming for AAA or higher at A Level and intend applying for highly competitive courses

Making subject choices:

We request initial options from students in March, which we use to plan our timetable for the following school year. We try to minimise option clashes whilst preserving options combinations. There are constraints of the overall school timetable and some option combinations are not possible. Options chosen in March are not binding and many students change one or more choices in August, reflecting on their GCSE results and their evolving thinking.

Students either start with 4 subjects and drop down to 3 subjects within the first half term, or simply start with the 3 subjects which they wish to take. Work skills pathway students may take 2 subjects and undertake work experience.

You should make subject choices having considered:

1. What you might wish to do after Year 13 and how best to prepare for that – are specific subjects needed?
2. Where your subject strengths and interests lie – you'll do better if you study something you are good at and enjoy
3. Your skills and how you like to learn and study – choose a mode of study/assessment which suits your learning style

We offer a combination of A Levels and BTEC Level 3 Nationals. Both are accepted by Universities and Employers and it is possible to achieve the full grade range from either. The mode of study is different, however:

- A Levels are mainly examined at the end of two years of study. Some subjects have some coursework, which can be extensive in creative subjects. The International A Levels (Geography and Music) include an AS level in Year 12.
- BTECs are accumulated throughout the two year course. They generally comprise a combination of unit exams, which may be attempted several times, combined with extensive coursework elements.

It is quite normal for students to combine modes of study e.g. 2 A Levels + 1 BTEC, or 1 A Level + 2 BTECs.

Specific GCSE grades / subject requirements:

Specific requirements or recommendations are in place for many subjects, to ensure that students are able to access and succeed at the course. Please see the table on the next page for a summary of these.

Subjects taught in collaboration with partner schools:

In order to maintain the broadest possible choice of subjects, some are offered in collaboration with our partner schools: Queen Elizabeth II High School, Peel and Ramsey Grammar School. Taking a collaborative subject may involve being taught in part - or, for a small number of subjects, completely - at another school. Transportation is provided. The arrangements are well-established, having run successfully for 5 years. We do not generally recommend that students take more than one collaborative subject taught away from CRHS, though doing so is possible should an individual really desire it.

Next steps:

Talk to subject staff to find out more!

We are delighted to meet with Year 11 students and/or parents to discuss individual Sixth Form choices and circumstances. We pride ourselves in seeing every student as an individual. We want to get to know you and to make your Sixth Form Experience best suit your needs.

Students can find Mr Danielson upstairs or write to him at johndanielson@online.sch.im. Parents are most welcome to email using john.danielson@sch.im to arrange to meet.

Signing on for Sixth Form will take place at school between 10am and 1pm on Friday 21 August 2020.

John Danielson
Head of Sixth Form

Mr K Winstanley
Headteacher



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Subject Specific Entry Requirements

In addition to meeting our general entry requirements for Sixth Form, to study specific studies you will need:

Subject	Specific Entry Requirements
Agriculture	<i>Required:</i> either C at one GCSE Science <u>or</u> P at one BTEC Level 2 Science
Applied Science	<i>Required:</i> PP in BTEC Level 2 Sciences <u>or</u> C in GCSE Combined Science <u>or</u> DD in GCSE Co-ordinated Science
Art	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE Art <u>or</u> student will need to bring a portfolio of work and pass an interview
Biology	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE Biology <u>or</u> BB in GCSE Co-ordinated Science
Business	<i>Required:</i> C in GCSE English Language <u>and</u> C in GCSE Mathematics
Chemistry	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE Chemistry <u>or</u> BB in GCSE Co-ordinated Science
Computer Science	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE Mathematics <i>Desirable:</i> C in GCSE Computer Science
D&T Product Design	<i>Required:</i> C in GCSE Maths <u>and</u> C in a D&T related subject <i>Recommended:</i> B in GCSE Maths <u>and</u> B in a D&T related subject
D&T Textiles	<i>Recommended:</i> C in GCSE D&T Textiles <u>or</u> C in GCSE Art
Economics	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE Mathematics <u>and</u> C in GCSE English Language <i>Recommended:</i> B in GCSE English Language
English Language	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE English Language
English Literature	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE English Language <u>and</u> B in GCSE English Literature
French	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE French, including B grade equivalent at each of the speaking, listening, writing and reading papers
Geography	<i>Required:</i> C in GCSE English Language <u>and</u> either C at one GCSE Science <u>or</u> P at one BTEC Level 2 Science
Health & Social Care	No specific requirements
History	<i>Required:</i> C in GCSE English Language
Information Technology	<i>Required:</i> C in GCSE English Language
Mathematics	<i>Required:</i> A in GCSE Mathematics
Music	<i>Required:</i> C in GCSE Music <u>or</u> Grade 4 in Music exams <u>or</u> student will need to pass an interview
Performing Arts – Dance	<i>Required:</i> some experience of performing
Performing Arts - Drama	<i>Required:</i> C in GCSE Drama <i>Desirable:</i> LAMBDA Examinations, performance experience
Physical Education	<i>Required:</i> competes at club level or above <u>and</u> plays chosen activity for CRHS if a school team sport <u>and</u> committed to Senior Games/extracurricular sport <i>Desirable:</i> C in GCSE Physical Education
Physics	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE Mathematics <u>and</u> either B in GCSE Physics <u>or</u> BB in GCSE Co-ordinated Science
Psychology	<i>Required:</i> B in GCSE English Language <u>and</u> either B in GCSE Biology <u>or</u> BB in GCSE Co-ordinated Science
Religious Studies	<i>Required:</i> C in GCSE English Language
Sociology	<i>Required:</i> 5 x B grades in GCSEs

Along with the right skills, these requirements are necessary to enable students to access and succeed at each course.