

20 August 2020

Dear Student

Sixth Form at Castle Rushen High School



We are delighted that you want to continue your studies into Sixth Form at Castle Rushen High School and look forward to working together over the next 2 years after a disrupted Year 11 and Summer Exams Season.

Please come to Signing on Day, which is from 1000 – 1300 on Friday 21 August. Please bring along:

1. Your sixth form subject choices form, completed as far as possible
2. The completed Form D, in respect of routine school trips during normal school hours
3. The completed Form C, in respect specifically of the Venture Centre trip on Friday 11 September
4. The completed data entry form, so we can update our systems

Below are some key points about taking school seriously. It is important that you agree to:

- Attend school, on Mondays – Fridays from 9.00am until 3.45pm during term time. It is quite possible to arrive earlier and/or leave later, studying in the Sixth Form Centre.
- Attend and participate actively and appropriately in tutor time, assemblies, learning for life, enrichment and private study sessions as well as your subject lessons.
- Follow the Sixth Form Dress Code which ensures cohesion and consistency in our sixth form.

In the event of failures in the above, we will discuss these with you and agree required next steps for improvement. If these do not take place, we will contact parents/carers. If there is still no improvement there is the potential that you will be asked to leave school.

To make your time with us a success, you need to study diligently, properly undertake all work set, and perform well academically. We will undertake regular assessments. Students who are underperforming significantly and/or exhibiting a poor attitude to learning may ultimately be required to leave school. If you obtain a U grade (fail grade) in your end of Year 12 mock exam for a subject, and/or it is estimated by our staff that you will obtain a U grade at the end of Year 13, it is highly likely that you will be unable to continue that subject into Year 13. We will discuss this with you and try to help. However you may ultimately be required to leave school if your chances of academic success are low. Students resitting English Language or Mathematics at GCSE will be expected to obtain at least a C grade during Year 12 in order to proceed to Year 13 studies.

You will act as a good role model for younger students in school and your peers, and behave properly when in our school, local and Island community. Causing disruption to others is not tolerated in Sixth Form.

Holidays during term time can be approved by the Headteacher. We strongly recommend that you avoid these wherever possible since they negatively affect your academic prospects. Holidays will not normally be approved in respect of students with poor attendance or poor academic performance.

Sixth Form is all about your development as an independent learner. It is important to approach your tutor, or the Head of Sixth Form, proactively, in the event of any problems. We are here to help. It's a great time where there's plenty of fun too!

Best wishes

Mrs J Astin
Head of Sixth Form

Sixth Form at Castle Rushen High School - Please return this slip to confirm your agreement

Student name Date

Signed

Signing on for Sixth Form

Signing on for Sixth Form Day is Friday 21 August, from 1000 – 1300. You should attend school during that time, unless you have agreed alternative arrangements.

To join 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

Conditional Entry to sixth form may still be possible, with limited subjects/choices and/or GCSE resit requirements, 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

The Pathways are:

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

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

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

The option blocks (Students select **one** option from each block):

Block A Tue 1-3/Fri 4-6	Block B Tue 4-6 / Fri 1-3	Block C Mon 4-6 / Thu 1-3	Block D Mon 1-3/Wed 4-6	Life Skills Wed 1-3 / Thu 4	Enrichment Thu 5-6
Agriculture***	Geography	Applied Science	English Language***	Learning for life / Private study	Senior Sport
Art	Performing Arts – Drama**	Business	History	Health & Social Care Diploma *	Further Maths*
Biology	Performance – Dance***	English Literature	IT	Further Maths *	Other enriching activities (students choose in Week 1)
Computer Science**	Product Design	Mathematics	PE		
Economics**	Psychology	Private Study	Physics**		
French***	Private Study		Sociology***		
Health & Social Care			Textiles		
Music			Private Study		
RE***					
Private Study					

* - **Health & Social Care Diploma** is the 2 A Level equivalent course, resulting in 2 grades. It is only available to students choosing Health & Social Care in Block A. **Further Maths** is only available to students choosing Mathematics in Block C and will be taught via distance learning from Ramsey Grammar School (RGS) plus some tutorial support at CRHS.

** - subject expected to be taught 50% at CRHS and 50% at QEII High School, Peel

*** - subject expected to be taught 100% at QEII/RGS

We suggest that students should not take both Business and Economics and that students should not take more than one subject with lessons away from CRHS, which are marked ** and *** in the table.

Further information about subjects and choices is available in the Options booklet:

https://crhs.sch.im/site/uploads/blog/154/media/20200304_9b0e80e6/Sixth_Form_2020_Full_Options_booklet_amended.pdf

Making final choices:

You can only choose one subject per block. Students may start with 4 subjects and drop down to 3 subjects within a few weeks, or simply start with the 3 subjects which they wish to take.

You should make subject choices having considered:

1. What you might wish to do after Year 13 and how best to prepare for that
2. Where your subject interests and strengths lie
3. Your skills, how you like to learn/study, and how well these match the way the course is assessed

The staff members available on signing on day will be able to help you finalise your choices. **Some subjects have specific minimum GCSE grade requirements** which are set out in the Options booklet referenced above. You should also consider carefully the impact of your combination of subjects and how you will succeed at studying them together.

Signing on for Sixth Form 2020

Name

My **GCSE grades** (or other Level 2 equivalent grades) are:

Subject	Grade	Subject	Grade
English Language			
Mathematics			
English Literature			

I would like the following **Pathway**

University skills / Work skills / Russell

I would like to take the following **Subjects**

Option block	Subject (leave blank for private study)
A	
B	
C	
D	

I would like to take the **Health & Social Care Diploma** (2 x A Level equivalent)

Yes / No

I would like to study **Further Mathematics**

Yes / No

I need to **re-sit a GCSE**

Yes / No

Which subject?

Work experience – preferred area (for Work skills pathway only):

Notes following discussion with CRHS staff member (include plans after Year 13):

Signature

Date

Staff member

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.