



## Robert Clack Sixth Form

### Welcome to Robert Clack Sixth Form!

At Robert Clack Sixth Form we pride ourselves on our ability to deliver a first class post-16 education to all of our pupils. We offer courses to cater for a wide variety of interests and aspirations. We have a proven track record of working with pupils to secure places at a range of universities (including Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group) to study a wide variety of different subjects (including highly competitive courses such as Medicine, Law, Dentistry and Veterinary Science). Pupils also progress to employment and apprenticeships including at international firms in the City of London.

Teaching expertise and experience allows our pupils to excel in all of the subjects that we offer, as our **2017 results** enclosed in this pack show. We are proud to help pupils progress to their desired university, apprenticeship or employment destinations after Sixth Form. Also included in this pack are the **2017 University places** that our pupils secured to this September.

Our pupils have access to a broad and balanced curriculum of A level and vocational subjects, combined with extensive enrichment and personal development opportunities. We know that this mixture allows pupils to reach their full academic potential and develop into well rounded adults who can make a positive contribution to society.

#### The Curriculum

Your curriculum will be made up of a mixture of qualification, enrichment and personal development activities:

Qualifications	Enrichment & Personal Development
Three or four <b>A Level or equivalent qualifications</b> <i>e.g.:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS Levels (Year 12) / A Levels (Year 13)</li> <li>• Vocational qualifications (BTEC / CTEC qualifications)</li> </ul> Or A <b>full time course</b> <i>e.g.:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childcare</li> <li>• Beauty therapy</li> </ul> If you have not yet achieved a grade 4 in <b>GCSE English</b> and/or <b>GCSE Maths</b> you will continue to study these subjects at Sixth Form.	Enrichment activities
	Assembly and Personal Development Programme
	'VESPA' mentoring and development
	University / Apprenticeship support Programme
	Work Experience



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The number of subjects you study in **Year 12** depends on your GCSE results. Unless you are completing a **full time course**, you will study **three** or **four** A Level or equivalent subjects in **Year 12**. In **Year 13**, unless you are completing a full time course, you will study three A Level or equivalent subjects.

### Subjects Taught

Over 35 A Level and equivalent subjects are on offer to Year 12 pupils. The vast majority of these are taught at Robert Clack Sixth Form. Through our partnership with All Saints and Eastbrook School as part of the **North East Consortium** (NEC) we are able to offer additional A Level or equivalent subjects and also far more subject combinations.

The **A Level** subjects on offer are:

Art & Design	Economics	<i>Graphics*</i>	Media	Psychology
Biology	English Literature	History	Music	Sociology
<i>Business Studies*</i>	English Lit. & Lang.	<i>Law*</i>	Philosophy & Ethics	Spanish
Chemistry	Film Studies	Mathematics	Photography	
Computer Science	French	Mathematics (Further)	<i>Politics*</i>	
Drama & Theatre Studies	Geography	Mathematics (Core)	Physics	

Vocational subjects are offered as 'single' award (*i.e.* equivalent to one A Level) unless stated. 'Double' award subjects are equivalent to two A levels.

The **vocational** subjects on offer are:

Business Studies	Food Science and Nutrition	<i>Performing Arts (Double)*</i>
Business Studies (Double)	ICT	Science
Dance	ICT (Double)	Sport
Engineering	Media (Digital Media)	



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If GCSE entry criteria have been met, you can select any subject from the lists above provided the combination fits into the timetable. The subjects listed above with an asterisk (\*) are taught at All Saints (A Level Business, A Level Graphics, A Level Law and A Level Politics) and Eastbrook (Vocational Performing Arts (Double)) respectively. All other subjects are taught at Robert Clack.

### Entry Criteria

If you wish to study a particular subject certain entry criteria must be met. This is to ensure that you have the maximum chance of succeeding on the course in question.

For each subject, there are up to three elements that make up the entry criteria:

1. Average points score (APS) from GCSE. This ranges from a minimum of 3.5 (an average of a C/D grade) for certain subjects to a 5.5 (an average of a B) in other subjects.
2. English and Maths GCSE grades.
3. A subject specific grade based on performance in a specific subject at GCSE

If you meet all three of the entry criteria then you will be able to study the course as part of your curriculum. These entry criteria are reviewed annually and can be found enclosed in this pack.

Please note that there is a **probation period** at the start of year 12 (roughly 6 weeks) to ensure that you have selected an appropriate curriculum. If you do not demonstrate that you have the capacity to succeed on a particular course, your programme of study may be modified.

We also expect all successful applicants to have an excellent behaviour and attendance record and to fully align with the school's ethos and mission.

### The transition from Year 12 into Year 13

At end of Year 12 you will select the **three** subjects that you wish to continue to study into Year 13. These will be the subjects that you have enjoyed the most in Year 12 and the subjects that are most relevant to your future aspirations.

In A Level subjects where you finish your study at the end of Year 12, you will be awarded an AS Level in that subject. In the A Level subjects that you continue to study into Year 13, the AS level exam does not count toward your final A Level grade. Your final A Level grade depends on the results of your final Year 13 exams and any coursework element of the subject.

The vast majority of vocational subjects are 2 Year programmes. In the rare case that a pupil finishes at the end of Year 12, an AS Level equivalent qualification will be achieved provided all work is complete.



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### Personal Development Programme

In addition to the core academic or vocational subjects that you study, a wide range of enrichment and personal development opportunities are on offer to you.

This 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;
- A programme to develop the attributes of a successful Sixth Form learner i.e. Vision, Effort, Systems, Practice, and Attitude (the 'VESPA Programme');
- Extensive support in completing the university application process (UCAS) including regular one-to-one meetings and mock interviews;
- Tailored support for those pupils who wish to progress to apprenticeships or employment, including: mentoring, visits to employers and taster days.

These form an integral part of your timetable and they help to ensure that you develop the skills and attributes that are valued by universities and employers.

### Enrichment Opportunities and Partnerships

Enrichment activities form an essential part of your programme of study. Although the enrichment offer changes slightly from year to year, there is a core offer available to all pupils each year:

- Extended Project Qualification
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Debate Society
- Sport and Fitness
- Rugby, Football & Netball Academy
- Volunteering and Outreach Programmes including 'Bean Stalk'

Pupils also benefit from taking part in one or more of the following personal development programmes and events:

- Raising Aspirations Programme
- Apprenticeship Progression Programme
- Aim Higher Programme
- Pathways to Medicine, Law, Teaching, Nursing and Engineering
- Unique (run by Oxford University)
- Sutton Trust (UK and USA)
- Social Mobility Foundation
- K+ (run by Kings College London)



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- Brilliant Club
- Summer Schools at Top UK and international Universities
- Careers in the City events

### Pastoral Support and Facilities

You will be supported by a dedicated **Head of Year** whose responsibility it is to ensure that the pupils in their year group excel. **Heads of Subject** are responsible for the progress of students in their subject, they will coordinate and deliver extra support as needed. 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 **Destinations and Enrichment Coordinator** gives all Year 13 pupils one-to-one guidance on their application to University and practice interviews for those who need them.

Sixth Form pupils have access to dedicated **Sixth Form Centre** which includes a common room, study room and computer rooms. Pupils also have access to the information centre and a range of subject specific facilities, such as those in Media and ICT, Science laboratories, Drama and 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. More details of the dress code and the school rules can be found on our website.

### The application process

Please complete the **application form** enclosed in this pack and return it to the main office of Robert Clack School (upper site) by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

You will be offered a place based on your application form. Once applications have been received we will write to you to confirm if you have been offered a place at Robert Clack Sixth Form. You will be invited to attend an **interview** in January to discuss your course choices and future career aspirations. Interview times will be included in the letter.

All successful applicants are required to attend the **Sixth Form Induction days** which take place after Year 11 exams have finished on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**.

Pupils are expected to complete **bridging work** over the summer in each subject they wish to study in Year 12. This work must be handed to their subject teachers in the first lesson of the Year 12 and is a prerequisite to start the course.

After GCSE results have been published **confirmation of place interviews** will take place in late August. All pupils who wish to take up a place at Robert Clack Sixth form must attend.

### Entry Criteria for Year 12 Courses (September 2018)

All subjects have an average points score (APS) requirement; this is the average GCSE grade achieved in Year 11.

All subjects have an English (Language or Literature) and Maths requirement. Some have a subject specific requirement.

Overall (A Level)	5 separate subjects passed at C / 4 grade or above. These subjects will ideally include English (Language or literature) and Maths at grade 5 or above.				
A Level Subjects	English	Maths	GCSE APS	Previous Study?	Comment
Art	5	5	4	Yes 6	Good practical skills, ability to research and work independently. See subject leader if English grade not achieved.
Biology	6	6	5.5	Yes 6, 6	Students must have taken higher papers in double science, or triple science.
Business Studies	6	5	4.5	No	Should not be studied with A Level Economics.
Chemistry	5	6	5.5	Yes 6, 6	Students must have taken higher papers in double science, or triple science.
Computer Science	6	6	5.5	No	
Design and Technology	5	5	5	Yes 6	
Drama and Theatre Studies	5	5	4	Yes 5	Other performance related subjects considered if no GCSE drama.
Economics	6	6	5.5	No	Do not mix with Business Studies A Level.
English Literature	6	5	4.5	Yes 6	
English Literature & Language	5	5	4	Yes 5	Can not be studied with English Literature.
Film Studies	5	5	4	No	
French	6	5	4.5	Yes 7	Must achieve at least a grade 7 in GCSE French.
Geography	6	5	4.5	No	If studied at GCSE a B is required. It is possible to study Geography without having done GCSE
Graphics	5	5	4	Yes 6	6 in a related subject.
History	6	5	4.5	Yes 6	
Law	6	6	4.5	No	
Mathematics	5	7	5.5	Yes 7	Further Maths when offered, is by invitation only.
Media	5	5	4	No	At least a C in English Literature also required
Music	6	5	5.5	Yes 7	Must have studied at GCSE and achieved a 7 grade. In exceptional circumstances a 6 is considered. Must be at least a grade 5 on instrument or voice
Philosophy & Ethics	6	5	4.5	No	6 required in a Humanities subject, if grades not achieved refer to subject teacher for case by case assessment
Photography	5	5	4	No	Interview required with Art department to determine suitability if no 5 in an Art related subject
Politics	6	5	4.5	No	A further 5 in a humanities subject is also preferred. Individual student circumstances considered if grade not achieved.
Physics	5	6	5.5	Yes	7 in Maths preferred, 6 acceptable if proven track record of hard work.
Psychology	6	6	5.5	No	
Sociology	6	5	4.5	No	A grade 6 in English Literature or a 6 in essay based subject is desirable.
Spanish	6	5	4.5	Yes 7	Must achieve at least a grade 7 in GCSE Spanish.
Sport	5	5	4	No	

Overall (Vocational)	4 separate subjects passed at C / 4 grade or above. These subjects will ideally include English (Language or literature) and Maths at grade 4 or above.				
Vocational Subjects	English	Maths	GCSE APS	Previous Study?	Comment
Business Studies	4	4	3.5	No	Previous study is an advantage if no 4 grade in English.
Dance	4	4	3.5	No	A genuine interest in Dance and an aptitude for the subject. Previous Dance experience needed. Very practical subject - not suitable with a long term injury.
Engineering	5	5	4	No	Previous study considered if no grade 5 in English or Maths.
Food and Nutrition	4	4	3.5	No	An interest Food and catering required.
ICT	4	4	3.5	Yes C / P	Previous study considered if no grade 4 in English or Maths.
Media	4	4	3.5	No	
Performing Arts	4	4	4	Preferred	An interest in and commitment to Performing Arts.
Science	5	5	4	Yes 5,5	Previous study considered if no grade 5 in English or Maths.
Sport	4	4	3.5	No	4 in Science preferred. Previous study considered if no grade 4 in English or Maths.

Full Time Vocational Courses	English	Maths	GCSE APS	Previous Study?	Comment
Beauty (Level 2)	3	3	N/A	No	Separate interview required with Head of Beauty. 1 year course. Gives access to Level 3 course in Year 13.
Business and ICT (Level 3)	3	3	N/A	No	2 year course
Child Care (CACHE, Level 3)	4	4	N/A	No	

#### IMPORTANCE NOTICE:

The 2017/2018 academic year will be the first year where most GCSE subjects are graded as numbers and not letters.

The entry criteria above will be reviewed when the GCSE results are published to ensure that they are comparable to previous years so that no year 11 pupil is disadvantaged.