

Sixth Form Information

September 2018



Sixth Form Courses at Montsaye

Montsaye is proud to offer a wide range of sixth form courses which are all taught by experienced teachers who already know the students. This means that the transition to sixth form study can be achieved with few difficulties.

It is important that students select courses appropriate to their needs in terms of ability and career plans. Students must gather as much information as possible to ensure that they make well-informed decisions. The sixth form evening provides important opportunities to gather information, but students can always talk to their form tutor, subject teachers or sixth form staff.

Why Choose the Sixth Form at Montsaye Academy

Fantastic modern facilities: access to ICT, study facilities, kitchen facilities, access to the gym

Flexible study time and increased independence

**Enrichment opportunities on offer:
Young Enterprise, sports clubs, student leadership and volunteering**

Different educational pathways to suit your needs

High quality teaching with lots of individual support

Dedicated careers guidance for your next steps

Proven track record of supporting students into universities, apprenticeships and employment

Increasing number of students receiving offers from Russell Group universities

Team of specialist staff and tutors to support your studies

Course information

Advanced GCE Courses (A Levels)

These are two year courses and students will take the necessary examinations at the end of Year 13. There will be assessments and trial exams throughout the course to ensure that students are making good progress.

Planned offer:

Art	English Literature	Photography
Biology	Geography	Physics
Business Studies	History	Product Design
Chemistry	Maths	Psychology
Dance	PE	Sociology



Vocational Courses

These courses relate to broad areas of employment and they are assessed by a mixture of coursework and examinations.

Planned offer:

BTEC Level 3 Engineering
BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care
BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts
OCR Technical Level 3 Sport
OCR Technical Level 3 ICT

Subjects will run provided that there are sufficient numbers of students opting for them.

Entry Requirements

Thresholds based upon the number and type of Level 2 course results:

Pathway 1 - students with six GCSE grades 7 or above will be able to choose four subjects

Pathway 2 - students with six GCSE grades 5 or above will be able to choose three subjects providing they meet the subject criteria

Pathway 3 - students with six GCSE grades 4 or above must choose a level 3 vocational course



Subject specific criteria:

Students will have achieved at least grade 5 (or grade C) at GCSE in any subject they intend to study at A Level. Students may be able to study an A Level subject they did not take at GCSE, if they meet other entry criteria. If this situation arises, then students will be expected to complete a bridging unit over the summer, after the GCSE examinations, or as soon as possible after their choice has been made.

English Literature	Grade 5 in English and grade 5 in English Literature
Maths	Grade 6
Psychology	Grade 4 in Maths A minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 6 or above
Biology	Grade 6/6 in Combined Science and a grade 5 in Maths or Grade 6 in Biology and one other science, and a grade 5 in Maths
Physics	Grade 6/6 in Combined Science and a grade 5 in Maths or Grade 6 in Physics and one other science, and a grade 5 in Maths
Chemistry	Grade 6/6 in Combined Science and a grade 5 in Maths or Grade 6 in Chemistry and one other science, and a grade 5 in Maths
PE	Grade 5 in PE GCSE or Merit in NCFE PE <i>Please note 20% of the course is practical in a sporting activity or coaching</i>
Dance	Grade 5 in GCSE Dance or Evidence of dance-related activities outside school

Montsaye Sixth Form Life

Life in the sixth form will be significantly different from the educational experience of Key Stage 4. Students will need to take far greater responsibility for the organisation of their work, both in and out of the classroom. It is essential that students settle into a pattern of good lesson attendance and productive use of non-contact time. Year 12 students are expected to attend supervised private study lessons, which are identified on their timetable – they are expected to work outside of lessons if they are to be successful. All students are expected to remain on the academy premises throughout the day in Year 12. They will gradually be allowed to nominate lessons when they may study at home instead; this will be based upon positive feedback from teachers in reviews. A learning agreement, signed by all students in Year 12, outlines the commitment required for study in the sixth form.

We aim to support students in making the transition to Year 12, through a programme that includes summer term induction, mentoring and PSHE lessons. Sixth form students also have the support of a specialist sixth form tutor. They receive regular mentoring from their tutor and guidance on academic progress, career plans and university applications, as well as personal support should the need arise.

Attendance

Year 12 students are expected to attend every day until 3.00pm, until their review demonstrates that they are making suitable academic progress, at which point lessons for home study can be negotiated. Students must register with their sixth form tutor at morning registration, as well as attending a fortnightly year assembly. Subject tutors also maintain a register and lesson attendance is monitored on a regular basis. If at any time students arrive after morning registration or leave the academy early, they must sign in/out in the sixth form centre.

Monitoring

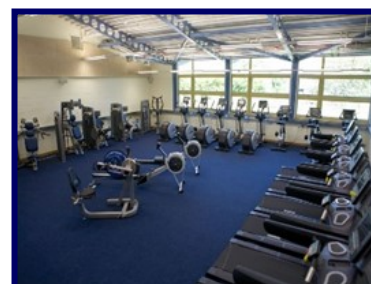
During Year 12 there will be two progress reviews, which are sent home to parents and a subject teacher evening. If we have concerns about a student's progress we will speak first with the student and, if necessary, contact parents.

Transport to and from the Academy

The local authority do not provide funds for the daily travel of sixth form students. This means that students from Desborough and the surrounding villages will need to apply to the local authority to purchase a bus pass, or make their own transport arrangements. They may make use of the late bus when it runs. A bus pass costs approximately £600 for the academic year.

A discounted bus pass is available for families in receipt of certain benefits. Further information can be found at the following website:

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/educationandlearning/parents/travel/pages/htos.aspx>



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Enrichment

Students will be presented with opportunities to broaden their experiences and they will be encouraged to make contributions to academy life. Over the years, many students have made valuable contributions to academy life by volunteering their time to help younger students or to assist with the organisation of academy events. It is not only the academy that benefits from such contributions; students themselves also find such experiences rewarding. Many students refer to these experiences when writing personal statements for their university applications.

Students may have the opportunity to become involved in some of the following activities:

- Study visits e.g. in history, geography, biology and art
- Sports events
- Lesson support
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Peer mentoring
- Education support – listening to younger students read through the Rapid Readers programme

Student Leadership

Sixth form students are encouraged to make contributions in a range of roles that have been developed recently. The academy appoints a Head Boy and a Head Girl. The current post holders provide a link between student groups and the senior staff, as well as attending academy events. Sixth form students can also apply to be a student ambassador, working with a particular subject or year group.

Sixth Form Dress Code September 2018


The sixth form dress code is under review for September 2018, in consultation with the current sixth form council. Once this has been agreed, details will be made available on the school website.

Sixth Form Bursary

A bursary is available to support students from lower income households. Evidence of circumstances will be required to confirm eligibility. The value of the bursary is dependent upon the funds available, the number of applicants and the requirements of individual applicants. Further details on the bursary can be obtained from the sixth form centre manager. Students apply for the bursary in September 2018.



89% of our
university
applicants gained
a place at their
chosen
universities



95% of 2016/17
Year 13 students
went into
employment or
further education

Notes

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“Our lessons are productive, and we are given lots of independence.”

How to Apply

If you would like to apply for a place at Montsaye Academy Sixth Form, please complete the application form that can be found in this pack.

Alternatively, a copy of the application form can be found on our website, in the following place:

[Parents and Carers and Ofsted/Sixth Form](#)

Completed application forms should be returned to the school at the following address by
Monday 11th December 2017

Mrs L McNish
Montsaye Academy
Greening Road
Rothwell
Kettering
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If you have any further questions about our sixth form, or you wish to discuss your application in further detail, please contact one of the sixth form team:

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"The learning environment in the Sixth Form is really positive."

"We are well supported by our teachers."

