



# COWLEY

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

2026/2027 PROSPECTUS



Apply Now!

## DEVELOPING LIFE READY LEARNERS

# HOW TO APPLY AND KEY DATES

## OPEN EVENINGS

Thursday 9th October  
Thursday 6th November



**September  
to December**



Think about what subjects  
you want to study



**October & November  
Open Evening**



**Submit your application**



Attend an interview



Receive your formal place



Attend New Student  
Welcome Day \*



**Collect your GCSE results  
and enrol at Cowley Sixth  
Form!**

**January  
to April**

**May  
to July**

**August**

\* SAVE THE DATE: **New Student Welcome Day** takes place on **Monday 6th July 2026**

## How to apply



You can complete your application to join Cowley Sixth Form College online, go to: [cowleysixthform.org.uk](https://cowleysixthform.org.uk) or simply scan the QR code above

Or, you can complete a paper application form (you can request an application form by telephone: 01744 678 030). Once completed, return to Cowley Sixth Form College.

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# WELCOME



## Welcome and thank you for your interest in Cowley Sixth Form College

Cowley is a special place. Every year, we welcome students into the Sixth Form from many schools across St Helens and further afield. We pride ourselves on the support offered to every individual that joins Cowley and truly believe that every one of our students has an amazing potential to succeed.

The move to Sixth Form can be challenging and you can be assured that there will be a team of experienced professionals to walk alongside you during your unique journey. At the same time, our high standards and expectations ensure that every individual develops the ability to become independent and responsible life-long learners, fully equipped with the skill set to progress in their chosen field.

Cowley is a larger than average Sixth Form which means we offer a wide portfolio of courses to our students. This ranges from traditional A-levels to vocational qualifications and career-based courses. Whatever your decision, you will be taught by staff who are willing to go that extra mile to ensure that you achieve your true potential.

Hopefully, this prospectus will give you an insight into the many opportunities Cowley Sixth Form College can offer; however, the real test is to see for yourself!

I look forward to having the opportunity to meet you in person at one of our college Open Evenings and wish you the very best of luck in your studies. Your future. Your Sixth Form.

**Danny Watkins**  
Head of Cowley Sixth Form



# Meet some of our team

Nicky Smart  
Head of  
Achievement



Karen Garner  
Y12 Personal Progress Tutor



Jo Wilde  
Y13 Personal Progress Tutor

Admin and  
Communications Team



# WHY STUDY AT COWLEY SIXTH FORM COLLEGE?

## Course choice

We offer A-level, Vocational, Mixed and Gateway pathways. In addition, we have our popular work-related learning courses.

Want to mix and match A-levels with BTECs? No problem! We offer students the flexibility to mix their studies so they can pick and choose the courses they want.

## Quality learning

Every class is the ideal scale to ensure that students receive feedback more quickly, receive more attention and assistance from the teacher. We find that students gain confidence more rapidly in small groups, rather than in a busy one.

High achievers are supported on our tailored programmes, including our new Excel Pre-Med course. See page 11 for more.

Did you  
know...

In 2025, more than a third of students joined us from schools across St. Helens, Wigan, Prescot, Ormskirk, Manchester, Liverpool and the Wirral.





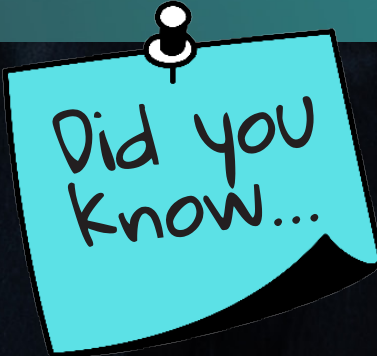
## Developing Life Ready Learners

At Cowley Sixth Form, we believe that every person can reach their full potential, both inside and outside of the classroom. The strong enrichment programs outside lessons will nurture your development academically, culturally and professionally - there is something for everyone.

## Learning in a small, friendly and supportive environment

All students have a dedicated tutor to offer regular one-to-one support, as well as an experienced pastoral team.

We pride ourselves on supporting students academically and pastorally to help them achieve their full potential.



Did you know...

At Cowley Sixth Form College, there is no uniform. You can wear what you want and express your individuality.



# SUPPORTING YOU ON YOUR SIXTH FORM JOURNEY

## Supporting you in your studies



### Personal Progress Tutors (PPTs)

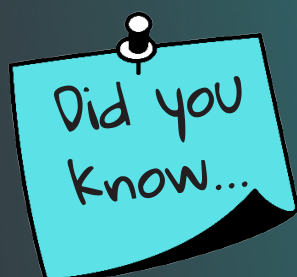
- Year 12: Karen Garner
- Year 13: Jo Wilde
- They are your first point of contact for any questions about Sixth Form life
- Help with transition, independent study, enrichment and general support

### Achieve

- Dedicated timetabled sessions in our Achievement Centre
- Staff are on hand to guide and support studies outside the classroom

### Guidance Tutor (GTs)

- You will receive weekly group sessions and one-to-one support from your GT
- GTs deliver our Curriculum for Life programme
- They are on hand to help you: set goals and track your progress; build confidence and independence; develop skills for life beyond Sixth Form
- They are there to support your personal development (e.g. wellbeing, mental health awareness) and future planning



In 2025, more than 70% of our students progressed on to university degree courses.

## Supporting you financially

If you are worried that you may struggle with the associated costs of attending college, you may be eligible to receive financial support through the 16-19 bursary:

- Up to £1,200 per year for students most in need
- Discretionary Bursary is available for other facing financial difficulties

Bursary support can be used to help with:

- Bus Pass
- Daily meal allowance
- Course equipment and resources

We'll guide you through what's available and help with applications.



To view Bursary information

**You'll never be on your own at Cowley Sixth Form College.**

"The support team at Cowley Sixth Form were amazing! I wouldn't be where I am now without their support."

Cowley Sixth Form College alumni

# TRAVEL INFORMATION - HOW TO GET TO COWLEY SIXTH FORM



Cowley Sixth Form is located in Windle, around a mile from St. Helens Town centre and is quite easy to get to.

## Walking/cycling to college

Cowley Sixth Form is within walking/cycling distance of Windlehurst, Windle, Eccleston, Newtown and Dentons Green.

## Driving to college

We currently have a number of students who drive to college. For students who can drive, the Sixth Form has parking available, but please note that a permit must be acquired from reception and spaces are limited.

## Transport links

For those travelling to St. Helens Town Centre from areas such as Liverpool, Wigan, Warrington, there are a number of buses that travel from the main bus depot in St. Helens towards City Road/Dentons Green regularly throughout the day.

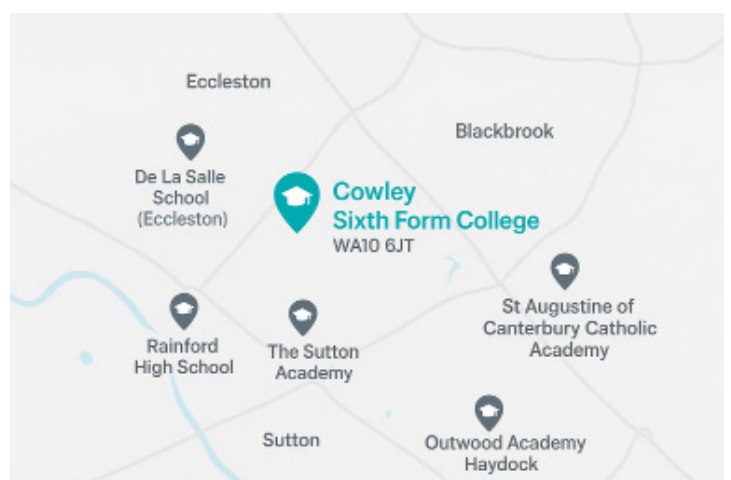
Arriva offer money-saving student tickets. Please view their website to find out more.

## Cowley Sixth Form bus

We have a dedicated bus just for Sixth Form students that travels from Ashton-in-Makerfield, heading through Newton-le-Willows, Haydock, Laffak and Haresfinch, before arriving at the college every morning and then back again after college in the afternoon.

- Warrington Road (opposite Byrchall High School)
- Ashton Road (Hope Academy)
- Vista Road
- Penny Lane
- Ship Inn, Blackbrook Road
- Chain Lane
- Laffak Road
- Carr Mill Road
- Woodlands Road
- Washway Lane
- Hard Lane
- Cowley Sixth Form College

Scan me to view the bus timetable





# DEVELOPING LIFE READY LEARNERS

Our students are at the **heart** of Cowley Sixth Form College

Chance to become a Student Ambassador or part of the Student Union

Rewards trips, as well as subject trips, both in the UK and abroad

Teacher Access Points (TAP) allow students to access subject support in groups or 1-to-1 outside of lessons

The flexibility to choose the courses and pathway that works best for you!

Cowley Sixth Form is a standalone site with its own canteen, Achievement Centre, break out space and parking for Sixth Form students

Students can become Content Creators to help create content for our social media!

Support with Careers including an extensive Progression Week with universities, apprenticeship providers and employers

Dedicated 1-to-1 support

Address staff by their first name



# HIGH ACHIEVERS AT COWLEY SIXTH FORM

## Excel Programme

The Excel Programme supports students who are looking to apply for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary and degrees linked to the healthcare profession. The programme prepares students for Medical school applications, interviews and UCAT.

The programme also supports students wishing to apply for Oxbridge, Russell Group or Sutton Trust universities.

### Excel offers students:



Wide range of experiences



Mentoring by Cowley alumni



Preparation for UCAT



Regular workshops



University visits



Guest speakers and lectures



Support for super curricular activities



Work experience - in person and virtual



# A COLLEGE WITH OUTSTANDING FACILITIES



## STAND-ALONE SITE

COWLEY SIXTH FORM IS A STAND-ALONE BUILDING WITH ITS OWN DEDICATED GROUNDS



## LINKS WITH SAINTS RFC

SAINTS TEAM TRAIN ON SITE, SPORTS STUDENTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES



## SPORTS

ALL YEAR 3G PITCH  
SPORTS HALL  
WEIGHTS ROOM  
GYM



Official Club Partner





### LABS AND WORKSHOPS

ENGINEERING SPACE  
TEXTILE/GRAPHICS ROOM  
CONSTRUCTION ROOM  
DEDICATED LABS



WIFI  
THROUGHOUT



### PERFORMING ARTS

SPRUNG DANCE FLOOR  
DANCE STUDIO  
PRACTICE ROOMS



### STUDY SPACE

WELL-EQUIPPED  
ACHIEVEMENT CENTRE  
DEDICATED, QUIET STUDY  
SPACE



### ANIMAL CENTRE

HEATED AQUARIUMS  
AVIARY  
OUTDOOR PENS



### STUDY RESOURCES

COMPUTER SUITES  
24 HOUR NETWORK  
ACCESS



# Student insight into life at Cowley Sixth Form



Calum Williamson, A-Level Pathway

*A-Levels have been a welcomed academic challenge. Doing Maths, Chemistry and Biology isn't easy, but the support from the teachers is amazing. They are there to help you whenever you need. I would highly recommend following the A-Level pathway.*



Elizabeth Prescott, Mixed Pathway

*I feel like there is more freedom here at sixth form as we are taking subjects of our own choice which I find more enjoyable. The teachers also offer so much support to us by giving us the resources we need and through extra sessions outside of lessons.*



Lorenzo Mazzei, Gateway Pathway

*The Gateway programme was a great starting point for me when I joined Cowley Sixth Form. I successfully completed the Gateway course, with great support from my teachers, and I am now studying Level 3 courses in English Literature, History and EPQ.*





# Meet our Lead Ambassadors

Becoming a Student Ambassador at Cowley Sixth Form helps you become more involved in college life and make a positive impact on the college community. It's a fantastic opportunity to develop your wider skills that both universities and employers highly value which can help you stand out in the crowd.

By becoming a Student Ambassador, you can develop a range of transferable skills that can help you succeed in the future, whilst also making new friends along the way and having fun! By taking on this role, you will be demonstrating commitment and versatility.

You will develop leadership skills, build your network and make a positive impact to the college.

There are a number of roles available:

- Subject Ambassador
- Mentor Ambassador
- Student Union Ambassador
- Event Ambassador
- Social Media and Podcast Ambassador
- Study Ambassador
- Lead Ambassador



Charlotte Anders  
*I am extremely proud to be one of the Lead Ambassadors and want to help other students enjoy their college experience as much as I do.*



Imogen Clarke-Pye  
*I want to use the role to be someone that students can talk to and help with any issues they have.*



Joseph Stott  
*I enjoy the responsibility of being a Lead Ambassador and being able to take care of issues and changes that may arise.*



Tamara Kurima  
*As a student who came from an external school, I want to show that stepping out of your comfort zone can be a positive thing.*



Tawananyasha Muchemwa  
*My aim as one of the Lead Ambassadors is to leave a positive impact on my fellow students and to help them to achieve their goals.*



Scarlett Latta  
*I am applying to US universities with the support of the staff and opportunities college has given me so I want to help offer other students those opportunities.*

# COURSE PATHWAYS



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View courses  
from page 24

## A-LEVELS

Want to follow the traditional academic route to university? We offer a wide choice of A-Levels which are delivered by specialist teachers in a modern campus.

## VOCATIONAL COURSES

Designed to meet the needs of employers, Vocational courses are work-related qualifications for learners taking their first steps into employment or planning to enter university.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The curriculum at Cowley offers students the flexibility to choose the pathway that works best for them.

For Level 3 study, a typical combination would be between three or four subjects. Students

are able to choose A-Levels, Vocational courses, or a combination of both.

There are four pathways that students can choose from and these are detailed below.





[View courses from  
pages 18 - 30](#)

## MIXED PATHWAY

Want to study a combination of A-Levels and Vocational courses? We've got you covered.

Many of our students choose this route to mix and match the courses that work to their strengths and future pathways.

With more than 40 courses to choose from, this is a popular option for many.



[View course  
page 32](#)

## GATEWAY

This programme is a three-year pathway to prepare you for Level 3 study after the first year.

This specially designed one-year course allows you to resit GCSE Maths and English Language, alongside the study of four small functional courses, enabling you to then move onto a two-year Level 3 study programme.

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An A-Level is a two-year programme that culminates in exams. Some courses have a component of coursework and/or controlled assessment.

## HOW MANY SUBJECTS YOU CAN CHOOSE?

A typical combination would be between three and five subjects. Students are able to choose A-Levels, vocational courses, or a combination of both.

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## ENTRY CRITERIA

To study at Cowley Sixth Form College, you must have achieved a minimum of five GCSEs or equivalent, graded 9 - 4, across four separate subjects, including GCSE Mathematics and English Language.

In addition, a positive college interview is required.

A few courses have specific entry requirements. Relevant details can be found in the individual subject descriptions.



Need more details? Scan QR for more





A background image of a classroom. In the foreground, a student's hand is raised, palm facing forward, with a ring on the ring finger. In the background, another student is seated at a desk, looking down. A greenboard is visible with various papers and photos pinned to it. The text 'A-LEVEL COURSES' is overlaid on a pink banner.

## A-LEVEL COURSES

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| Law                           | 21 |
| Mandarin (HSK 4)              | 21 |
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| Physical Education            | 22 |
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**Art And Design**

This exciting course covers all the core elements of Art and Design and is designed to allow you to develop your artistic skills and gain confidence. The course is flexible and offers students the freedom to explore and work across the broad spectrum of art disciplines.

**Biology**

The origins of living things and how they work is fundamental to the world we live in and, whether your interest is in the animal world, marine life, humans or plant life, the study of Biology is the core of further knowledge and discovery.

In addition to the College entry requirements, a grade 6 - 6 or above in GCSE Combined Science, or a grade 6 in GCSE Biology is required.

**Business**

Business is one of the most dynamic subjects you can choose! You will be immersed in the business world, exploring and critically reviewing topics from a national and global perspective.

**Chemistry**

Chemistry is at the forefront of advances in designing new materials, energy use, drug development and technology. Chemistry explores the building blocks of all living and nonliving substances.

In addition to the College entry requirements, a grade 6 - 6 or above in GCSE Combined Science, or a grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry is required.

Students are also required to achieve a minimum grade 6 in GCSE Maths. We recommend students study either A-Level Maths or Core Maths alongside Chemistry.

**Criminology  
Level 3 Applied  
Diploma**

Ever wondered...What makes someone a serial killer? How do we decide what behaviour is against the law? This two-year course will hopefully help you answer these questions and more...

**English Language**

Both dynamic and relevant, this course explores how our language has evolved over time. Students will explore a variety of contexts, genres and audiences and will produce original creative writing pieces.

In addition to the College entry requirements, a grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language is required.

**English Literature**

If you're passionate about reading, then English Literature is the qualification for you. By encountering a range of views and emotions in modern and classic texts, students can explore important issues while voicing their own opinions.

In addition to the College entry requirements, a grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language or English Literature is required.



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| Ethics, Philosophy & Religion | This subject considers complex issues and investigates the nature of religious experience and whether these can be explained by science, psychology or supernatural means.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| French/German                 | <p>Students will study highlights of the target language country's artistic culture, including music and cinema, and learn about political engagement. Learning a language is a long term investment – an asset to adult life.</p> <p>In addition to the College entry requirements, a grade 5 or above at GCSE in the language to be studied is required.</p>                        |
| Further Mathematics           | <p>A-Level Further Mathematics provides a great opportunity for enthusiastic and capable mathematicians to broaden their subject knowledge.</p> <p>In addition to the College entry requirements, a grade 7 or above in GCSE Mathematics is required.</p>                                                                                                                             |
| Geography                     | <p>Geography is concerned with many key issues of the 21st century: biodiversity, sustainability, population change and climate change. Students will study current issues that shape the world they live in as well as developing a variety of employable skills, such as GIS skills and data analysis.</p>                                                                          |
| History                       | <p>Everything we do, everything that happens every day is part of and defined by history. So why wouldn't you want to know more? Studying history provides opportunities to engage with ideas, societies and people that existed centuries ago and sometimes merely decades ago.</p>                                                                                                  |
| Law                           | <p>Through studying A-Level Law, you will learn about how laws are made, how the criminal justice system works in England and how to work out whether someone is criminally liable for a particular offence.</p>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Mandarin (HSK 4)              | <p>Building on what students have learnt so far in their GCSE Mandarin studies, students will learn more deeply about Chinese film and literature and will cover topics such as family, work culture and traditions.</p> <p>The Mandarin offer in the sixth form is suitable for students wishing to continue their study of Mandarin beyond GCSE to an advanced, enriched level.</p> |
| Mathematics                   | <p>A-Level Mathematics covers a wide range of topics that will extend your knowledge of algebra and trigonometry and introduce you to exciting new concepts such as differentiation and integration.</p> <p>In addition to the College entry requirements, a grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics is required to study this subject.</p>                                              |



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**Photography**

Photography is about using the camera as a creative tool to record the world around you. Developing an excellent understanding of composition is the foundation for all photography; you will develop your own great sense of style and self expression that will engage any audience.

**Physical Education**

This course covers a wide range of theoretical areas such as: anatomy & physiology, biomechanics and sports psychology. A-Level PE students work closely with Saints' physiotherapists as part of their anatomy and physiology lessons and during the sports injury unit.

**Physics**

The first year begins with the weird and wonderful world of particles and quantum physics. Your second year will develop your understanding further, so you'll actually understand what  $E=mc^2$  is about. We look at astrophysics to find out how to estimate the age of the universe.

In addition to the college entry requirements, a grade 6 - 6 or above in GCSE Combined Science, or a grade 6 in GCSE Physics is required. A GCSE Mathematics grade 6 or above is also required. It is recommended that students who study Physics should also study A-level Maths.

**Psychology**

Psychology is a subject that focuses on human behaviour and mental processes. A big part of the course is looking at theories to explain certain aspects of human behaviour and assessing the differences across cultures, genders and approaches.

**Sociology**

Ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today? How the way you see yourself determines the way people identify you? A-Level Sociology will help you to make sense of the society we live in and to understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON MFL



Studying a language at Cowley Sixth Form opens doors to the wider world. Our A-Level courses in French and German not only strengthen communication skills but also deepen cultural awareness and global understanding.

Students develop their ability to speak, listen, read and write with confidence, while exploring topics such as current affairs, social trends, politics, literature and film. Lessons are engaging, interactive and supportive, helping every learner to reach their potential.

Through language study, students gain valuable transferable skills highly sought after by universities and employers, including critical thinking, problem solving and intercultural competence.

Beyond the classroom, opportunities such as trips, cultural events and conversation practice with native speakers bring language learning to life.

Studying MFL at Cowley Sixth Form is not just about learning words – it's about broadening horizons and preparing for a global future.



Take a look at all the courses we offer at  
**[cowleysixthform.org.uk/our-courses](https://cowleysixthform.org.uk/our-courses)**

# VOCATION

Designed to meet the needs of employers, vocational subjects are work-related qualifications for learners taking their first steps into employment or planning to enter university.

Vocational subjects, e.g. BTECs, tend to be more career-based and practical.

Did you know that nearly all universities accept vocational qualifications in relevant subject areas, similar to how they would with equivalent A-level qualifications.

## HOW MANY SUBJECTS YOU CAN CHOOSE?

A typical combination would be between three and five subjects. Students are able to choose A-Levels, vocational courses or a combination of both.

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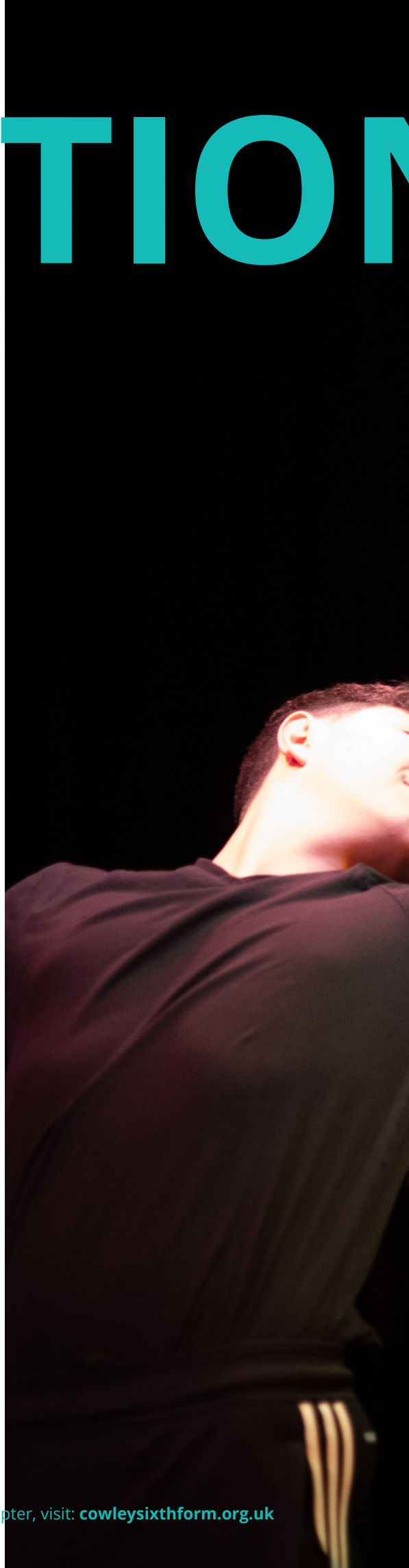
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## VOCATIONAL COURSES

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Animal Care                               | This course will give you a full understanding of animal care, covering the practical, scientific and ethical aspects of caring for animals. As part of the course, you will work with a variety of birds, mammals and reptiles in our bespoke animal care facility.                                                                                                                        |
| Graphics and Textile Design               | Are you passionate about design and see yourself working in the rapidly growing creative industries? If you are creative with an interest in the arts, then this is the ideal course for you to study.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Children's Play, Learning and Development | Students will have the opportunity to develop their skills and the knowledge necessary to work with children and young people. Students are given access to specialist equipment, including interactive babies, pregnancy simulator and model infants exposed to various lifestyle induced disorders.                                                                                       |
| Computing                                 | If you intend to pursue a career in computing, ICT or games development, or have a strong interest in this area, then the BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Computing is perfect for you.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Digital Design and Content Creation       | This course will give students the opportunity to learn about the digital world, including app production, website production and coding, digital graphics and manipulation linked to digital publishing and photography.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Creative Digital Media - Film and Video   | This qualification is designed to provide a technical introduction to digital film and video production. Learners develop skills in areas such as single camera techniques, storyboarding and film editing.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Engineering                               | <p>Delivered over two years, this Level 3 Extended Certificate will provide students with both practical and theoretical skills to develop a career in the engineering sector. Each unit focuses on key elements of industry.</p> <p>In addition to the College entry requirements, a grade 5 or above in Mathematics and a grade 5 or above in Science is required.</p>                    |
| Esports                                   | The course has been developed to meet the demand for skills in Esports. Esports offers a unique opportunity to study a sector that crosses over multiple subject areas such as sport, marketing, enterprise, IT and creative. This course is suitable for learners looking to progress to employment in the Esports industry, possibly via an apprenticeship, or entering higher education. |
| Health and Social Care                    | This popular course offers a practical and vocational route into fields of Health & Social Care employment. Students are given access to a wide range of specialist equipment and they benefit from placements within the St Helens & Knowsley NHS Trust.                                                                                                                                   |



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| Music Performance               | If you are looking to become a cutting-edge music performer, then this is the course is for you. This course will provide you with access to some of the leading products and artists within the industry. You will receive one free instrumental lesson a week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Professional Musical Theatre    | Here at Cowley Sixth Form College, we focus on the development and refinement of vocal, acting and dance skills and techniques preparing you for drama school and university training.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Applied Medical Science         | <p>This program is perfect for those aspiring to careers in healthcare, biomedical research, or forensic science, offering both a single and double qualification pathway tailored to your ambitions. By enrolling in this course, you'll work towards BTEC Level 3 Nationals 2025 (AAQ) qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Single Option:</b> Gain expertise in Medical Science, exploring the fundamentals of human health, anatomy, and medical technology, including fertility medicine.</li> <li>• <b>Double Option:</b> Deepen your knowledge with additional studies in Medical and Applied Science, where you'll expand your understanding of scientific principles and forensic applications. Gain the principles and application of Biology, Chemistry and Physics with a personal practical project unit, titration and more.</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the College entry requirements, a grade 4 - 4 is required in Combined Science, or 2 grade 4s in Separate Sciences, along with grade 4 in both GCSE English and GCSE Maths.</p> |
| Sports Coaching and Development | As part of this course, you will learn about the different aspects of sport, from coaching to fitness testing and the organisation and development of sport.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Travel and Tourism              | The study of Travel and Tourism aims to develop a student's knowledge and experience in geography, customer service and employability skills. The course will develop key skills such as creativity, problem solving, communication, and business management which are transferable into the world of employment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Uniformed Protective Services   | This popular course is designed to equip students with the knowledge understanding and skills needed for a career in the public and uniformed services. This shouldn't put off those who aren't considering a career in public services though, as this course includes many sociological, political, leadership and physiological units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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# ACCESS TO NURSING PATHWAY



Our Access to Nursing Pathway is designed for students who aspire to a future career in nursing or related health professions. This specialist route combines academic study with valuable real-world experience, giving you the knowledge, skills and confidence to take the next step towards university and a professional career in healthcare.

This carefully chosen subject mix provides an excellent foundation, covering everything from human development and healthcare practice to applied science and the social factors influencing wellbeing.

Alongside classroom learning, students take part in a work experience placement within a healthcare setting. This opportunity allows you to apply your learning in practice, gain insight into the demands of the profession and develop the personal qualities valued by employers and universities – such as empathy, communication, teamwork and resilience.

## Suggested course choices for this pathway

Health & Social Care  
+  
Applied Medical Science  
+  
Children's Play, Learning and Development  
or  
Biology/Chemistry  
or  
Psychology  
or  
Sociology



# ACCESS TO ENGINEERING PATHWAY



Our Access to Engineering Pathway has been designed for students who are passionate about problem-solving, innovation and understanding how the world works. By combining Engineering, Maths and Physics, this pathway gives you the skills, knowledge and experience that are most relevant to pursuing a career in the exciting and ever-evolving field of engineering.

Students will develop a strong foundation in the principles of engineering while deepening your mathematical and scientific understanding. This combination not only supports progression into engineering apprenticeships, higher education courses or degree apprenticeships, but also equips you with transferable skills such as analytical thinking, creativity and practical application of knowledge.

Students on our Access to Engineering Pathway will receive support in finding relevant work experience placements as part of the course.

## Suggested course choices for this pathway

Engineering  
+  
Mathematics  
+  
Physics  
or  
Core Maths/Further Maths  
or  
Computing

# GATEWAY PROGRAM

This course is specifically designed to provide a transitional year for students who are not yet ready to embark on a Level 3 programme but are keen to move on to a Sixth Form College.

The intention is that students would be with us for a total of 3 years; 1 year on this programme and on successful completion, another 2 years studying the Level 3 courses of their choice.

This specially designed one-year course allows students to resit GCSE Maths and English Language, alongside the study of four small courses. Students can choose from:

- Healthcare
- Childcare
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism
- Uniformed Protective Services
- Video Games Development
- Business
- Employability
- Digital IT skills

This would enable them to progress to further studies or apprenticeships following the successful completion of this one-year course.

## Entry Requirements

To be discussed at interview.

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# WORK RELATED LEARNING



## Construction (Level 2)

This one-year course offers an insight into the construction industry, ranging from the initial planning stage through the design and building process of housing, industrial and commercial buildings.

This course offers two days a week on placement, and you will have the chance to build new working contacts, relevant knowledge and life-long skills.

Our Work Related Learning Mentor will assist with the finding of placements in a variety of settings to allow students to find out which area of the industry might suit them best.

It is anticipated that students will typically have a GCSE profile of subjects graded 3/4 and may not have Mathematics or English Language GCSE at grade 4 or above. In this instance, we can offer a resit in one of those subjects.



## Year 12 Progression Week

Every year, Cowley Sixth Form College offers Year 12 students the opportunity to take part in Progression Week, a week-long event to help students think about what they'd like to do after finishing at sixth form college.

Progression Week takes the form of:

- **University** – featuring a careers fair (marketplace style) with a wide range of universities from around the UK, university-based talks and sessions as well as a presentation around UCAS applications.
- **Apprenticeship and Employers** – featuring a careers fair (marketplace style) of a wide range of apprenticeship providers and employers from a variety of different industries plus talks and sessions about apprenticeships and industry-based topics.
- **Mock Interviews** – each student sits a mock interview with a professional to help them prepare for university, apprenticeship or employment interviews.
- **Work Experience** – every student partakes in a work experience placement for three days (students in some courses will do more than three days) to gain valuable experience in a workplace.



Take a look at all the courses we offer at [cowleysixthform.org.uk/our-courses](https://cowleysixthform.org.uk/our-courses)



# ENRICHMENT AT COWLEY SIXTH FORM

We want you to achieve your potential and flourish in and out of the classroom.

As well as developing you as a person, enrichment is a social part of college life where you will be able to make new friends with similar interests. Enrichment activities change each term, offering a truly broad programme for students.

The enrichment programme at Cowley Sixth Form is a key strength of the college and staff go above and beyond to ensure that as many clubs and activities run as is possible.

Students play a huge part in the enrichment on offer, and they are encouraged to be involved in suggesting new activities.

Students can participate in a wide range of activities, including:

Rugby

Student  
Content  
Creators

French  
and  
Spanish

Chinese  
Language  
and Culture  
Club

Rock  
School

Girls  
Rugby

Weight  
Training

Girls'  
Football

Annual  
Musical

Football

**FREE**  
Driving  
Lessons

All students are encouraged put ideas forward for new enrichment. What would you like to take part in as part of your sixth form journey?



# STUDENT SUCCESS

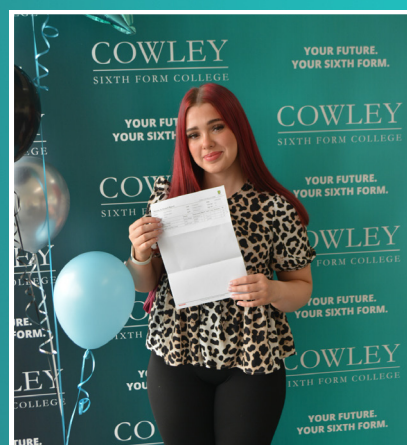
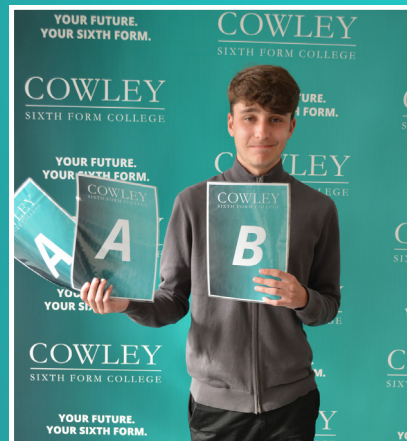
2025 saw some outstanding results from our students in both A-Level and Vocational qualifications.

The vast majority of students moved on to their preferred destinations, whether that was university, apprenticeships or employment, and that is our main aim, to develop life ready learners and for the students to progress on the pathway on their choice.

2025 saw an increase in students achieving top grade profiles in both A-Level and Vocational subjects

Some of the university courses include Aerospace Engineering, Veterinary Science and Law

Apprenticeship destinations include Merseyside Police



"My experience at Cowley Sixth Form College has been amazing! I've had the best teachers and its been the best two years!"

- Student, Class of 2025 -



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How many subjects will I study?

Most students will study three subjects in the Sixth Form.

High achievers may be able to take a fourth or even fifth subject.

Students can take A-levels, BTECs or a combination of both qualifications.

## What are class sizes like?

Class sizes are usually smaller than at GCSE, to allow teachers to give more of their time each lesson to each student.

Small class sizes allow for extra support from your subject teachers.

# FAQ

## How and when do I apply?

Applications open in September and run through until enrolment in August.

We advise applicants to submit their application before the Christmas break.

## Is Sixth Form like high school?

Sixth Form life is totally different to what you will be used to in high school, for example, in Sixth Form, you can address staff by their first name.

You will study around three to five subjects and you will have time in which to study further or to relax.

Sixth form gets you ready for university, an apprenticeship or work and the environment is more adult than high school.

## How much work will I get?

Work will be different for each subject.

As a rule of thumb, you should dedicate at least 4/5 hours per week per subject for independent study.

## When will I have an interview?

Once you have applied, you will be contacted to attend an interview to secure your place from January 2026.

# DEVELOPING LIFE READY LEARNERS.



*Apply online*

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