



Advice for New Students

Advice from your Senior Student Leadership Team



- **What will the timetable look like?**

You will receive a timetable that is formatted the same as the school timetable, but there will be gaps for free periods. For most subjects you will get 8 lessons every 2 weeks and 2 study lessons allocated where teachers will set you work to complete.
- **What can you do in your free periods/ study periods?**

During your free time you can either go into Wigan or go home, use the study zone and complete work or use the common room and have a rest and chat with your friends. However, during study periods your teacher will set you work to complete that they do expect to be handed in for your next lesson.
- **What are the Extracurricular activities available?**

There is a range of opportunities available such as subject trips around the UK and some abroad. You can also complete the Duke of Edinburgh Gold award (you do not have to complete bronze or silver first). There is also the chance during your free time to be Lesson Support, Reading Mentor, Peer Support and Stem Ambassadors. For the higher GCSE achievers, you will be invited to the Elite Programme where you get the opportunity to take part in the HE+ Programme, EPQ and GM Higher Programme.
- **What can you do during Lunch and Break?**

During Lunch and Break you can either use the Common Room or go into Wigan as long as you are back for your next lesson.
- **What is Enhancement?**

Enhancement happens every Wednesday Periods 4&5 where you can complete the EPQ, College Enhancement programme, work experience or voluntary work.
- **Common Room and Study Zone**

The Common room is a social space where you are able to relax, eat, go on your phone and talk to your friends. Whereas the Study Zone is strictly for work purposes and should be a quiet area where you can complete any outstanding work.
- **Are you treated differently as a 6th form student even though it is within the school setting?**

You will gain more independence and are responsible for reaching deadlines and making sure you attend lessons. However, you will still receive help and guidance as you would do in High School, you would not be left to do everything by yourself. You do get privileges such as; being able to leave college when you have free periods, early finishes and late starts if your timetable allows you to do so and being able to go to Wigan and buy your own lunch.
- **Key Tips:**
 - Don't be afraid to ask for help, being a smaller college makes it easier to get any help you need.
 - Be prepared from the start- You are responsible for your own work, get folders and notebooks to stay organised if you think they will help you.

- Use your time wisely- there is a huge jump between GCSE's and A level's, if you have work to complete use your free periods to complete the work and make sure you meet deadlines.
- Keep on top of revision- There is larger amounts of content than what you are used to, so if you start with revision notes early there is less to do closer to exams.