

A Student's View

Entering the sixth form constitutes a large transition from the secondary education you will have previously experienced. As a sixth form student you are expected to take control of your education - you have chosen to further your studies and the expectation is for you to fully embrace this responsibility.

An average school day will be vastly different to what you have been accustomed to. In addition to contact time with subject teachers, a number of designated private study periods allow you to continue your studies independently, providing the opportunity to increase the depth of your subject knowledge or to complete tasks, assignments or further research set by your teachers. At the Crypt, the hard working and mature attitude of the sixth formers means that we are entrusted with time for independent work; teachers recognise our ability to study outside of the classroom and can see the benefits within lesson time.



This is underpinned by a mutual respect for one another among the sixth form and the teaching staff. I cannot praise the teachers at the Crypt enough; enjoyable, valuable lessons often lead to engaging discussions within the classroom - a direct result of the friendly atmosphere created between students and staff.

In the Crypt Sixth Form we get the balance right. We work hard in both our lesson time and in private study. The high standard of work we aim to achieve is matched by our quality of the education provided by our teachers. And they recognise that not every student in the Crypt Sixth Form may achieve the top grades; yet the teaching staff strive to help us to achieve, and exceed, our individual potential, as well as actively encouraging participation in every aspect of school life. The completion of the (essentially sixth-form-dedicated) John and Joan Cooke centre in April 2009 has further enhanced the provision of facilities available to sixth formers.

Although we primarily enter the sixth form to gain qualifications, the Crypt still offers a wide range of ways in which to continue your own personal development and to enjoy the social side of such a closely knit group of people. The Crypt School as a whole, and especially the sixth form, has a strong sense of community. Whether you have previously attended the Crypt or not, the sixth form has a friendly and open atmosphere enjoyed by all students. Every individual has the opportunity to partake in a variety of extra-curricular activities; sports, music, drama, fundraising - there is something for every student to get involved with. Students also have the chance to apply for a number of student positions: a seat on Sixth Form Council, the role of Prefect, or in the upper sixth a position on the Student Executive as either a Senior Prefect or a Captain, to name but a few. These roles offer an opportunity to have a say within the school, and to represent the school's student body in its entirety.

We also arrange a number of social events throughout the school year, which not only allows the sixth form to have a good time as a group outside school, but in many cases also doubles up as a good way to raise money; either for charitable causes we have chosen to represent, or for the student body to invest in the sixth form itself - such as the purchase of a new hot drinks machine which is currently under consideration.

From my personal point of view, the Crypt has been the perfect choice for my sixth form study. I have worked hard and achieved qualifications, but have importantly immensely enjoyed my time here. Those who have attended the school continue to embrace its traditions, as most certainly do those who join in the sixth form. The Crypt School certainly leaves a lasting impression on all its students.

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