



EARL MORTIMER SIXTH FORM CENTRE

**SUBJECT GUIDE AND ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

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Introduction

Making the right decision regarding what to do at Post 16 is quite daunting but also very exciting! At the Earl Mortimer Sixth Form Centre we offer a broad education in a caring and supportive environment that enables you to gain the qualifications and experiences required for your future career and pathway. We can provide:

Post 16 Education

There is a wide range of AS/A level courses offered from traditional Humanities, Science and Languages to Psychology and Drama. A number of vocational courses are also provided in Sport, Health & Social Care, Hospitality & Catering and ICT. All students are encouraged to take part in some form of enrichment which includes either recreational and/or gaining additional qualifications. Private study sessions are encouraged and volunteering & leadership advised.

Outstanding Facilities

The Sixth Form Centre is for the exclusive use of the sixth form students. Briefly, it comprises of a large open plan common room with a comfortable seating area, photocopying machine, plasma TV, chairs and tables. It also possesses a well equipped kitchen area with sink, fridge, microwave, vending machine and one ICT suite with a large quiet study area. There is also a careers room which will allow you instant access to the best advice and guidance for your future success.

Learning and Teaching

Learning and teaching is at the heart of the Earl Mortimer College and particularly so in the Sixth Form. Staff and student relationships are excellent based on prior knowledge and recognising each student's strengths and areas to develop. Small teaching groups and a friendly atmosphere radically increase the quality of teaching. Quality assurance measures including teacher observations, target setting and student work scrutiny all contribute to effective learning.

Advice, Support and Personal Development

The Earl Mortimer College Sixth Form Centre prides itself on its high quality academic and pastoral guidance. The support of students is provided by the Sixth Form Management Team including the Sixth Form Learning Manager, Deputy Learning Manager who are part of the three pastoral tutors and an Administration Assistant. Each tutor is allocated a tutor group of yr12&13 students in which each student can expect to receive an individual tutorial at least once per half term to discuss individual targets and overall progress. Opportunities to broaden our student's horizons include a one hour a week volunteering experience (College or Community placement), participating in our enrichment programme as well as many other leadership prospects.

How do I choose my subjects and how many?

1. Entry requirements

Over the next few months you will indicate which AS levels and/or Vocational subjects that you are interested in studying. To study in the Earl Mortimer Sixth Form you must be able to meet the minimum entry requirements which are:

1	5 x A* - C GCSE's/or equivalent. For some subjects it would be an advantage to gain at least a GCSE grade B in that chosen subject.
2	Possess a minimum 90% attendance record in Year11.
3	Demonstrate a good behaviour record.

2. Required number of study hours

The next part of the process is to ensure you study a minimum of 14 hours per week out of a possible 25 hours. Below is an indication of how many hours are available for courses and additional opportunities.

<i>Courses/opportunities</i>	<i>Hours per week</i>
AS levels (exam based) OCR National (no exams)	4 hours
BTEC Vocational (no exams)	8 hours
Enrichment programme	1 hour
Leadership and Volunteering	1 hour
GCSE English/Maths resit (exam based)	1 hour
AS Level General Studies (exam based)	1 hour

3. General advice

Many students take about 4 AS Level subjects in year 12 and often drop one subject at the end of the year examination and then convert the other 3 into yr13. Many students opt for the Vocational route as its more work related and does not involve any end of year examinations, it's just coursework based. Some opt for a mixture of AS and Vocational subjects.

What subjects are on offer?

Please check individual subject pages for more information

AS Level Subject
Art & Design
Biology
Business Studies
Drama & Theatre Studies
English
French
Geography
History
Maths
Psychology

Vocational Subjects
BTEC Applied Science
BTEC Engineering
BTEC Hospitality & Catering
BTEC Health & Social Care
BTEC Music
BTEC Sport
OCR National in ICT

Other
GCSE Maths/English resits AS Level General Studies

OPTION BLOCKS WILL BE PUBLISHED
AFTER FEBRUARY/MARCH
GUIDANCE INTERVIEWS

What next?.....my action plan?

Everyone interested in joining the Sixth form will have the opportunity to discuss their ideas about the types of courses they wish to follow; these individual discussions will take place with staff, your form tutor, careers advisor and the Sixth Form Management Team

To make the most of the opportunities you need to do some investigating and thinking beforehand. Here is some advice about this preparation:

- √ Talk to your subject teachers – the staff who teach you GCSE/vocational will be able to provide you with useful information and advice.
- √ Speak with your current Form Tutor and Key Stage Learning Manager – s/he may be able to give you general advice and offer other views.
- √ Talk to current members of the Sixth Form and listen to what they have to say.
- √ If you would like some Careers advice arrange a meeting with our designated Advisor Ray LeTarouilly.
- √ Read the information about the courses that are available in the following sections of this booklet before making any decisions.
- √ Arrange an informal meeting with any member of the Sixth Form Management Team, they will be very happy to advise and guide.
- √ Don't forget to talk to your family and discuss your ideas and plans with them. After all you will need their support in the next few years.

Stage	The next Steps
1	You are most welcome to come and visit us to experience for yourself the pleasant environment and friendly atmosphere.
2	Fill in the application form and return it to Mr N Maddock, Sixth Form Learning Manager.
3	On receiving the application we will invite you to attend an informal guidance interview.
4	The outcome of your guidance interview will result in either a <i>conditional</i> or <i>unconditional</i> offer confirmed to you in a letter in April.

Key Dates	
November	Sixth Form Open Evening
December	Extended visits and tours
January	Yr11 Mock exam results to Sixth Form Learning Manager.
February/March	Guidance interviews take place
April	Offers for Sixth Form place are made
May	GCSE examinations begin
August	GCSE Results day, results counselling service begins
September	Sixth Form Enrolment and Induction begins

Who's who? A guide to the staff in the Sixth Form

Sixth Form Management Team		
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