



# Open the door to your future

## A message from Heather Lilley - Principal

Welcome to Eggbuckland Sixth Form! We are delighted that you have taken an interest in continuing your studies here at the College.

Eggbuckland Sixth Form is proud to have a culture of high aspiration, excellent teaching and bespoke support that really brings out the best in each of our students, both academically and personally. Our Sixth Form is small enough to know every student personally, but big enough to provide a rich variety of courses to suit the needs of our students. We have linked up with our Trust partner schools and providers across the City to ensure that we have a rich and flexible curriculum offer.

Our dedicated Sixth Form team have the experience, knowledge and skills to support you through your time with us and there are extensive leadership opportunities for you to contribute to our wider school should you wish.

Our Sixth Form is unique in the blend of courses we offer, complemented by our Extended Curriculum which supports students to develop as young learners and adults, ready to embrace life beyond Sixth Form. We are proud of the destinations of our students and are ambitious for every student. We will work with you throughout your Sixth Form journey to help you realise your ambitions; we really believe that 'everyone can'.

We look forward to working with you over these next two years.



Any of the following Sixth Form staff members will be pleased to help you with any queries you may have:

Mr Stuart Pearce – Assistant Principal KS5  
Mrs Rebecca Cornish - Sixth Form Administrator

Mrs Louise Bennett – Assistant Head of Sixth Form  
Mrs Lynn Harris - Careers and Lighthouse Coordinator

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# Welcome to Eggbuckland Sixth Form



**Stuart Pearce**  
Assistant Principal Ks5

Eggbuckland Sixth Form is a great learning community where we deeply care about the development and academic achievement of our students. We are a small Sixth Form with small class sizes. This enables us to really know the students, giving them the academic support and feedback that they need to be successful. I am particularly proud that many of our ex-students keep in contact with us and frequently tell us the positive difference we have made to their lives. Our teachers masterfully plan the curriculum so that our students can extend their knowledge, achieve to the highest levels and build upon their character.

We work closely with our Westcountry Schools Trust partner Sixth Forms (Heles, Plymstock, Combe Dean) and Discovery and Achievement training Colleges to offer one of the widest selection of courses across any Sixth Form in Plymouth. Our outcomes are consistently good with 100% of our students able to aim high and leave us with an appropriate University place, apprenticeship, or a career with further training.



The character of each and every student cannot be left to chance. We not only want to applaud the most amazing academic and vocational results but see a growth in confidence and the acquisition of the skills that employers and Universities seek. This is embodied through our key TICK values of Tenacity, Integrity, Compassion and Knowledge. To help support our curriculum and core value aims as well as studying and exploring specific subject disciplines our students take part in an extended curriculum where they complete activities that enhance their wellbeing, Learning, Reading, and wider experiences. We also understand that students' mental health and overall wellbeing can affect their learning and achievements. We therefore proactively promote positive mental health and closely monitor student welfare and attendance to prevent problems before they arise and offer support where needed. Students will be mentored, referred and motivated to seek help, to cope with life's challenges as they arise to enable them to fulfil their full potential.



**Louise Bennett**  
Assistant Head  
of 6th Form

## The Courses and Routes available at Eggbuckland Sixth Form

We are very fortunate to be able to offer a wide number of courses that will enable students to access many future career pathways. Our students go on to study at top universities or gain good apprenticeships with local and national companies. To help you decide which course is right for you we have divided the courses on offer into two routes.

### Route 1: Academic and Applied Levels

In this route students study a combination of 3 academically rigorous subjects. Because students study a range of subjects, they can progress on to a vast amount of career pathways. All the subjects in this pathway build on the skills and knowledge learnt across a range of GCSE disciplines as well as some new subjects to get involved in. Students will be expected to complete 4 hours of independent study each week for each course they undertake. Courses are assessed in a variety of ways, depending on exam board specifications.

In general students need to gain at least a grade 5 in most of their Level 2 (GCSE) courses to gain entry to this route although some courses will have a higher entry requirement.

In addition to their chosen subjects students will also study either Core Maths or the Extended Project Qualification. These extra qualifications can give our students the edge when applying for competitive University or apprenticeships places.

To help you decide which combination is right for you we have assembled on our website a list of likely combinations that link to possible career pathways. Please follow this QR code or link for further information.

[www.eggbuckland.org.uk/academicsubjects](http://www.eggbuckland.org.uk/academicsubjects)



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### Route 2: Vocational

These are designed as 1 or 2-year courses and are ideal for students who do not want to follow a purely academic or applied curriculum. The practical skills learned prepare young people for the world of work, an apprenticeship or further study. Most courses are available at Levels 2 (GCSE) and Level 3 and provide an excellent steppingstone to apprenticeships at advanced or higher levels, or University study.

The level offered will be dependent on students meeting the entry requirements for individual courses.

As this route requires students to use specialist equipment and resources, we have partnered with Achievement training and Discovery College. Students spend two or three days with the training provider, one day in the workplace and the rest of their time at Eggbuckland Sixth Form.

The courses are assessed in a variety of ways, including unit assessments, portfolios, and exams. The programme also includes visiting speakers from different industries and off-site visits.

If students successfully complete a level 2 qualification in Year 12, students can progress to a higher-level 3 vocational qualification in Year 13 and 14.

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Please see the website and the card insert for the full list of courses on offer this year.

A Curriculum made just for you

Surrounded by ambitious students that think like you

Excellent Careers Guidance so you get to go where you want to go next

Excellent teaching and delivery in the classroom

Excellent wellbeing support

Small class sizes with personalised bespoke support

Many Leadership and Enrichment Opportunities

Opportunities to build skills that Universities and employers need

Be able to grow and build your own character so you are ready for Independence

A bespoke and extensive extended curriculum



Why Choose Eggbuckland Sixth Form?

# Courses & Routes

available at  
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Route 1: Academic and Applied	Route 2: Vocational
<p> <b>Art (Fine)</b>  <b>Art Photography</b>  <b>Applied Science*</b>  <b>Biology</b>  <b>Business Studies</b>  <b>Chemistry</b>  <b>Criminology</b>  <b>Design and Technology</b>  <b>Digital Media*</b>  <b>Drama and Theatre Studies*</b>  <b>English Lit</b>  <b>Engineering</b>  <b>Environmental Science</b>  <b>Food and Nutrition</b>  <b>French*</b>  <b>Geography</b>  <b>Health and Social Care</b>  <b>History</b>  <b>Information Technology*</b>  <b>Maths</b>  <b>Media Studies*</b>  <b>Music*</b>  <b>Physics</b>  <b>Psychology</b>  <b>Sociology*</b>  <b>Spanish*</b>  <b>Physical Education*</b> </p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>           Available at Level 2  <b>Animal Care</b>  <b>Beauty Therapy</b>  <b>Business Support Services</b>  <b>Hairdressing</b>  <b>Health and Social Care</b>  <b>Information Technology</b> </p> <p>           Available at Level 2 and 3  <b>Childcare/Early Years Education</b>  <b>Sport</b>  <b>Protective Services</b>  <b>Support Teaching and Learning</b>  <b>Travel and Tourism</b> </p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>

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We combine with other schools and Colleges across Westcountry Schools Trust as needed to ensure we can adapt our curriculum as far as possible to the personal needs of each student. Free transport is provided for our students, as required,.

All courses offered at the time of application can be subject to change, depending on course numbers.

# Admissions

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## Admissions

Our Sixth Form accepts Year 11 students from both Eggbuckland Community College and other schools. All students are required to apply for a place in the Sixth Form. Applications should be completed by February 1st for Eggbuckland students; however, later admissions will be considered from external applicants. All those seeking admission to Year 12 must achieve the necessary entry requirements to access the courses they have chosen. All courses offered at the time of application can be subject to change, depending on course numbers. Interviews will be conducted from 6th February 2024.

## Guidance on How to Apply

**Now:** Complete an online Post 16 Application Form available in the Sixth Form area of our website: [www.eggbuckland.org.uk/sixthformhome](http://www.eggbuckland.org.uk/sixthformhome)

**From 6th February:** All students will be invited to a Post 16 Guidance Interview. Parents/carers can attend this interview if they wish. Students will be given a conditional offer at the end of the interview.

**From 31st March:** The Sixth Form offer will be confirmed via a letter sent home.

## Learning Support and Special Educational Needs

Many children will, at some stage in their education, have special educational needs. We are committed to ensuring that all our students fulfil their potential and recognise that some will need extra, or different, levels of support. Students with Education and Health Care Plans (EHCP) will continue to be fully supported in our Sixth Form. If you wish to discuss your child's support needs, please contact our Sixth Form team.

## Hearing Support Centre

Eggbuckland Community College provides a particular service to young people with hearing disabilities. Specially trained staff support these students. The success of the College's Hearing Support Centre can be judged by the growing number of such students that stay on to the Sixth Form and progress to university.

## Disability Access

Eggbuckland Community College is committed to fair and equal treatment of all individuals regardless of disability. We work closely with students and parents and strive to provide an appropriate and relevant curriculum to meet the academic, emotional, and physical needs of our students.



# The Extended Curriculum

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## Level 2 GCSE Maths and English

GCSE retakes are available in English and Maths at Post 16. All students who have not yet achieved a grade 4 in these subjects must study towards these subjects, as part of their programme of study.

## Level 3 Extended Project (EPQ) and Core Maths

All students in Year 12 at Eggbuckland Community College will study either an Extended Project (EPQ) or the Core Maths Qualification to complement their chosen subject.

An **EPQ** gives our students the chance to develop skills and knowledge and impress employers and universities at the same time through the skills acquired. Students will complete a project on a topic of their choice that they are passionate about. All universities and many employers recognise the EPQ as valuable proof of a student's capacity for independent learning.

**Core Mathematics** provides an opportunity for students to pursue the subject without studying for an A Level in Maths. Core Mathematics is ideal for students who will be using these skills in their A Level subjects but who do not want to commit to the full Mathematics A Level course. We automatically enrol students on this course if they are studying Engineering, Business, Biology, Geography or Psychology and not studying a Maths A Level.

## The Extended Curriculum

As well as studying and exploring specific subject disciplines our students take part in an extended curriculum to support their learning and development as young adults. This is delivered through a daily 25-minute tutor session, a 1 hour lesson each week, whole day events and independent study.

The extended curriculum is planned around 5 main elements: Wellbeing and managing self, learning to learn, reading, taking part in meaningful experiences (including an experience of work) and the supra curriculum.

# The Extended Curriculum

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## **Wellbeing and Managing Self**

By the end of the Sixth Form, many young people will leave home for the first time and live independently, possibly in distant locations. There is a balance throughout the Wellbeing lessons between preparing students to manage their current lives and laying the foundations for managing future experiences. These lessons will ensure students have the knowledge and understanding, skills, strategies and attributes they need for independent living and the next stage in their education or career.

## **Learning to Learn**

To complete Sixth Form study, students need to put systems in place to learn efficiently and stay organised. Students are taught how to respond to feedback from the teacher and put a plan in place to make improvements. Students need to fully engage with their learning through a cycle of Prepare – Explore – Do – Review. These systems need to be in place so students can make progress in class and when working independently.

## **Reading**

Students are given a recommended book list for each of their subjects. They are encouraged to immerse themselves and fall in love with their subjects.

Each week all our students also study set texts. The books have been carefully selected for their academic rigour and the messages that they communicate. The texts make up a guided reading programme delivered by tutors with the aim of ensuring our students engage with a rich, varied, diverse and high-quality collection of fiction and non-fiction.

## **Taking part in meaningful experiences (including an experience of work)**

In this section students are taught how to develop themselves through careers, employability, and enterprise education. They are taught that self-awareness, self-determination, and self-improvement underpin aspiration, ambition, and achievement in careers, learning and the world of work. They develop their career management, employability, and enterprise skills. We then help students plan for making applications to their next steps, University and beyond.

All students must take part in a meaningful work experience (virtual or 'in-person') and engage in volunteering or enrichment activities. Students are required to complete a minimum of 5 days in Year 12. Students have the support of our dedicated Careers Coordinator to help them prepare for these activities.

## **Supra Curriculum**

Supra-curricular activities are things that students do to extend and deepen their knowledge of the curriculum. They include things like taking a free open online course (MOOC), attending a TED talk, attending a planned lecture, following media stories that concern developments in a subject that they are studying, watching a film based on a novel, play or historical event that they are studying, or visiting a place that is connected with their subjects. To get into a top university or top employer, it is not enough just to do well at school. Universities and employers want students who are passionate about their subject, who think for themselves and who are independent learners.

In the Sixth Form you will be encouraged to spend time on Supra Curriculum activities and work towards achieving the WeST Supra Curriculum award.

## **Extra-Curricular and Enrichment**

Our extensive extra-curricular opportunities complement the extended curriculum enriching students' studies. These clubs include opportunities to take part in our student leadership team, sports, music, D of E clubs organising events and mentoring others.