

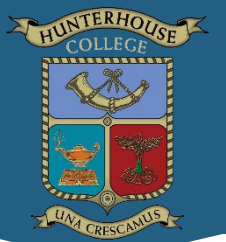


In what ways is Sixth Form different to Year 12?

The main difference between Year 12 and Sixth Form is that, as students, we have more independence in our study, including study periods during the school day.

We are also given the opportunity to have responsibilities in school by joining one of the Sixth Form teams or by giving back to the community through the Charity Committee. As you are studying fewer subjects, this means your classes are smaller and you become closer to your teachers.

Swarna & Olivia

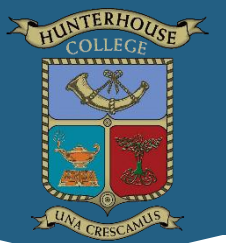


Is the work much harder at AS level compared to GCSE Level?

There is a noticeable difference between GCSE and AS Level. However, the support which is available from teachers is exceptional. I took comfort the fact that many other Sixth Formers were in a similar position, and faced challenges at some point during the transition.

Laura

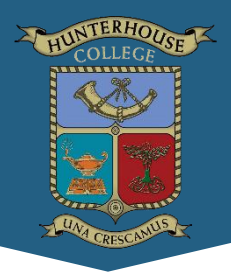
Where will I be based to do study when I don't have classes and how will I know what to do?



During your free periods throughout the day, you will be based in the Sixth Form Study Area for supervised independent study. Should you need to avail of a computer to aid your study time, you have access to the Learning Resource Centre. As part of our A Level curriculum we have to complete seven hours of independent learning which is set by our subject teachers. This will help you to know what you need to be doing during your study periods, this may include additional readings, note taking or research tasks.

Judith & Sarah

Will there be opportunities for me to develop leadership skills and to take on additional responsibility?



During your time in Sixth Form you will have the opportunity to join a number of different teams such as the Charity Committee, the Hospitality Team, the Administration Team and the Head Girl's team. As a member of one of these teams, you will be able to develop valuable team and leadership skills that will be very useful when you leave school. You can also become a Peer Supporter, either with a Year 8 Form Class or in a subject of your choice.

Caitlin

If I'm struggling with my workload and worried about my grades what should I do?



Coming from GCSEs to A levels means the workload will inevitably increase. However, this is something which everyone has to adjust to, so everyone is in the same boat. For some people, adjusting can be quite difficult at first, and even through to Year 14 it's something which a lot of people worry about. Yet there are lots of ways to overcome it. One area that Hunterhouse focusses on is our barriers to learning. If stressed, we are encouraged to speak up and ask for help, whether it's from our subject teachers, Form Teachers, the pastoral support team or another member of staff. The first step to overcoming it is to ask for help. Once that is done, teachers are very accommodating to identify the root of the stress and a clear plan to dealing with the workload. Our teachers want us to succeed as much as we do, so they are always very willing to help deal with any problems you face and any stresses you are concerned about.

Georgie

What support is available if I'm having difficulties at home, with friends or because of a safeguarding issue?



If you are worried about anything at home or in school, whether it be big or small there are many people in the school environment to talk to. Any teacher in Hunterhouse is happy to help. You could go to a Form Tutor, subject teacher or just the teacher you feel most comfortable with. There are also senior members of staff who may be able to offer the most help, for example your Head of Year, which in Sixth Form is Mrs Shaw, Mr Gilmore who is the Senior Manager of Post 16 or our Vice Principal, Mrs Kane. We also have a school counsellor who you can speak with in confidence or a regular basis.

Lucy

As a student new to Hunterhouse I don't want to feel like a Year 8 all over again - will it be easy for me to find my way round and get to know other students?



Having come to Hunterhouse in Year 10, I can understand how it feels to move to a new school later than everyone else. The school is easy to find your way around, I knew my way around after my first week, and the teachers are so supportive in helping you to settle in. You are made to feel a part of the school community straight away, and everyone is so welcoming.

Joanna

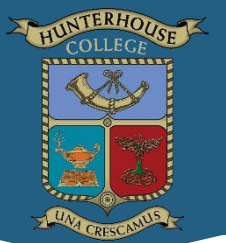
What if I choose a new subject and realise after a week or two that it's not what I expected?



Most people have the option to choose four AS subjects to start off with and it is common for people to drop a subject after the first or second month, most often the one they find most difficult or don't enjoy as much. However, if you only start with three subjects and know that you aren't suited to one of them after the first couple of weeks, it may be possible to drop it and pick up a different one. Teachers and careers staff will ensure that the A Levels you choose are suitable for you and the career path you are considering.

Hannah & Christina

I've heard applying to university is a long and difficult process - is there help available with this?



The application process for university can seem daunting, however, each Year 14 student at Hunterhouse College is allocated one hour a week with a UCAS Tutor who is carefully selected based on the courses that they are applying for. This time allows you to discuss courses and universities you are interested in. It also gives students the opportunity to work on their personal statement and have it reviewed by their Tutor in order to achieve their full potential.

Hannah & Christina

I know Sixth Form will be hard work - will there be time for any fun?



It's important to set aside time for independent study so your workload doesn't become unmanageable. However, having fun should still be important. I enjoy the extra-curricular activities offered in school. It gives you the opportunity to make new friends. Sixth Form is a short period of time so enjoy it!

Holly