

# Transition

## Transition from GCSE to A Levels

### Welcome to the A Level Centre @ Sutton Coldfield College.

**During these uncertain times, we wanted to take time to reach out and welcome you to the A Level programme at Sutton Coldfield College.**

Although there have been some big changes to the examination and grading processes due to the coronavirus outbreak, we want you to focus on your future - as with everything else in life, these difficult times will pass.

As part of the A Level programme, we pride ourselves on student development. This is not just academic but employability and personal/social skills that will help you become fearless in your chosen career.

With this in mind, we have set a small research project for you as part of your transition to college.

### A Level Career Research Project

In preparation for starting your A Levels, we want you to have thought about the type of career that would interest you.

You will need to complete some research about your chosen career path. This should include which A Level subjects you should choose (list of subjects overleaf), what degree or other qualifications you may need and what A Level grades you need to reach your intended destination.

You will find below some useful links to help you with your research. You could start by using Kudos/Cascade careers website to look at what careers suit your personality, areas of interest and current skill level.

There are also some social action projects that link to different career paths you may want to have a look at. Social Action Projects are designed to get you to apply your knowledge to a current issue in society. Further to this, at the end of Year 1 of A Level, you will also take part in a Social Action Week.

### Career Pathway Events

As part of your programme of study, you will attend at least one careers event. During these events, we have guest speakers from university lecturers to local, national and international business people - talking of their experiences. Although participation is compulsory, they do look great on a CV, job or university application!

Science Technology Engineering & Maths (STEM)	<b>October 2020</b>
Creative & Digital	<b>November 2020</b>
Lifesciences, Social Care, Early Years & Education	<b>January 2021</b>
Business, Professional & Financial	<b>March 2021</b>
Social Science, Public Services & Service Sector	<b>May 2021</b>

### In order to maximise your successes, A-Level students have:

- A timetable that runs between 10.00 & 15.45 - designed to optimise learning and that is based on research into attention, memory and the teenage brain.
- Weekly subject workshops to support your learning.
- Gaps in timetables are for study, not socialising
- An excellent attendance (→95%) and punctuality
- Part time work that is below 10-12 hours a week
- To ensure that all assessments / homework are completed to the best of their ability
- To ensure that they get enough sleep and look after their health
- To ask for help if they need it – subject or personal tutors are always willing to assist!

