

A CHARACTER SIXTH FORM FOR ALL

AYLESFORD SCHOOL



Students who study at Aylesford do so because they want a small community feel to their programme of study.

High aspirations & expectations

We are an inclusive Sixth Form that inspires our young adults to take responsibility for themselves, demonstrating pride in their community and making a positive contribution to the world.

Students at Aylesford School have high aspirations and expectations of themselves in order to succeed in their future careers. Students show courage, confidence and character to use their initiative to break down any barriers encountered on the post-16 journey. Students have the open-mindedness and resilience to 'always find a way' in every aspect of their lives.

Aylesford School is one of only a select number of schools to be awarded the Character Kitemark.



Top 5% for achievement

In the Sixth Form at Aylesford School we offer a full range of Academic and Vocational qualifications that allow students to follow bespoke progression routes which include university, apprenticeships and employment.

Students at Aylesford achieve excellent results as evidenced in the schools performance data, putting us in the top 5% of schools nationally for achievement in applied general qualifications.

Individual career plans

From the very start of their Sixth Form Journey, students will be expected to think about their long term career path. Our full time specialist, Level 6 Careers Adviser, will arrange 1:1 meetings and career seminars with students to discuss and support their future career pathways. This includes support on further and higher education options (Colleges and Universities) as well as support on apprenticeships and full time employment. Parents and Carers are encouraged to be part of this journey. Students take an active role in completing their own Careers Plan Package in order to ensure their transition post Sixth Form is a seamless one.



A Level Pathway

Applicants choose any 2 or 3 A Level Courses from different blocks. These can be combined with IB diploma courses, Applied General courses or Cambridge Technical Courses.

All students must study a minimum of 3 subjects.

Minimum entry requirements for A Levels: 5 x 9-4 at GCSE including at least grade 4 in English and Maths and a minimum of a grade 6 at GCSE in the chosen A Level.

Vocational Pathway

Applicants will study a minimum of 3 applied general or Cambridge Technical Qualifications.

Entry Requirements for Vocational Pathway: 5 x 9-4 at GCSE including at least grade 4 in English or Maths.

Students who do not have a grade 4 in English or Maths will re-take these GCSE Subjects.

International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme

The IBCP is a blend of academic subjects and career related courses, which is a globally recognised programme that encourages candidates to become effective learners who can work both independently and in a collaborative environment. In order to qualify, students should choose a combination of the following:

- Two IB courses at either higher and standard level
- One vocational course
- Either another vocational course OR an A level



IBCP students can earn extra UCAS points through the reflective project.

All courses at Aylesford School Sixth Form are level 3 qualifications which means that they are all accepted by universities and attract UCAS points.

At Aylesford we are committed to listening to the views of our students and doing our best to accommodate their subject choices. Due to popular demand we introduced A Level Art, A Level Biology, A Level History, A Level English Literature, Level 3 Engineering and access to the Pro-Soccer Academy.

We are also very proud to be able to deliver Level 3 Advanced technical diploma for Professional Chefs (Qualification in Catering) in our purpose built kitchen and restaurant.

We are the only school in Kent to offer BTEC Level 3 in Forensic Science.



Applied Science – Vocational

58% examination, 42% Coursework

Entry requirements: 2 X Grade 6 in Science

Possible careers: forensic, medical, laboratory or industrial science

Art – A Level

60% controlled assessment, 40% coursework

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 in Art. Portfolio of work

Possible Careers: interior design; architect; art gallery curator

Biology – A level

100% examination plus practicals

Entry requirements: 6 in biology/6 6 in combined science AND 5 in English

Possible careers: dentistry; veterinary science; physiotherapy

Business – Vocational

58% examination; 42% coursework

Entry requirements: merit in a vocational subject OR 5 GCSEs at grade 4.

Possible careers: marketing; accounting; finance; economics



Professional Chefs Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma City and Guilds

This course is to develop professional skills for students wanting a career in hospitality, this is an advanced level chefs course recognised by all the hospitality industry up to Michelin level. It is delivered in our state of the art purpose built professional kitchen and restaurant.

Criminology – Vocational

50% examination; 50% coursework

Entry requirements: 4 4 5 in English, mathematics and science in any combination

Possible careers: police; forensic psychology; fraud investigation

English literature – A level

80% examination; 20% coursework

Entry requirements: 6 in English literature

Possible careers: journalism; digital media; law

Forensic Science – Vocational

41% examination, 59% coursework

Entry requirement: 2 X Grade 6 in Science

Possible careers: police; law; pathology

Health and Social Care – Cambridge Technical

50% examination, 50% Coursework

Entry Requirement: Grade 6 in English

Possible Careers: public services; nursing; early years and primary education

History – A level

80% examination; 20% coursework

Entry requirements: 6 in history and 4 in English OR (if no history) 5 in English

Possible careers: media research; museum curation; archaeology

IT – Vocational

50% examination; 50% coursework

Entry requirements: 6 in IT (or equivalent) and 4 in English

Possible careers: web design; game design; cyber security; programming

Mathematical Studies – IB certificate (standard level only)

80% examination; 20% coursework

Entry requirements: 4 in mathematics

Possible careers: statistics; financial analysis; market research analysis

Psychology – Vocational

40% examination, 60% coursework

Entry Requirement: Grade 6 in Maths

Possible Careers: law; police; psychotherapy

Sociology – A level

60% examination; 40% coursework

Entry requirements: 6 in English

Possible careers: charity work; human resources; international aid

Social and Cultural Anthropology – IB certificate

75% examination; 25% coursework

Entry requirements: 5 in English

Possible careers: charity work; human resources; international aid

Sport – Vocational

60% examination; 40% coursework

Entry requirements: 6 or merit in sport or physical education

Pro Soccer Academy

Students with a passion for football and desire to extend their skills will work with our professional coaching team.

PSA scholars will have opportunity to complete three level 3 courses alongside this challenging programme. Trials are usually held in February and April



Student enrichment

Enrichment and developing good Character in the sixth form is not just seen as an 'add on', but as an integral part of Sixth Form life. Students enjoy external activities every term recently these have included a London treasure hunt, ice skating, the beach, escape rooms, paint balling and laser tag.

We offer a wide variety of careers advice, guidance and opportunities including guest speakers, visits to universities, apprenticeship and careers fairs. We offer 1:1 careers meetings and mock interviews so students are fully prepared and know what to expect when they leave Aylesford.

Sixth Form at Aylesford

Sixth Form at Aylesford is centred in a purpose built suite consisting of 3 common rooms, each with kitchenette facilities. Students also benefit from access to additional meeting rooms, ICT suites.

Every student follows a one week timetable and will see their subject teachers nearly every day, this promotes strong, positive relationships between students and staff and builds trust.

Aylesford Sixth Form is full time and students are in school for a full day. Every term each student is able to 'book' 6 hours to do something for themselves, which promotes positive wellbeing. We also reward students who have gone above and beyond and shown good character.



Mrs A Dighton **Director of Sixth Form**

Mrs Dighton is responsible for the high quality, academic post 16 curriculum and ensuring that all students have high aspirations and expectations of themselves, which results in excellent outcomes and students being able to follow their career path when they leave school.

Mrs Dighton is a champion of Character Education and believes that all of the Sixth Formers should develop the respect, resilience and confidence that will prove invaluable to students.



Mr B Doggett

Mr Doggett is the Schools full time careers advisor. He has a wealth of experience in working with all students in the school, but particularly with the Sixth Form.

He meets with all students on a 1:1 basis and supports them with their next steps after they leave Sixth Form, this includes assisting them through their university applications and personal statements.

Mr Doggett encourages all students to have courage, confidence and motivation to achieve their high aspirations in their onward journey.



Mrs R Graham

Mrs R Graham is the Assistant Head of Sixth Form and vocational lead for the whole of KS4 and KS5. She coordinates the schools BTEC and CTEC qualifications and has a lot of involvement with exams.

She is also responsible for providing opportunities for sixth form students which they may not get outside of school, usually through extra-curricular activities and trips.

Mrs Graham encourages all students to show curiosity, open-mindedness and respect.



Miss S Williams

Miss Williams is an integral part of the Sixth Form team, she promotes Character Education in the Sixth Form centre and she also provides and monitors the independent study time that is compulsory for all sixth form students have as part of their enrichment.

Students are expected to do wider reading and research around their programmes of study and Miss Williams facilitates this.

Miss Williams believes that motivation is a key part of Character Education when working independently.

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Aylesford School is working with the Character Education Trust, a Trust of schools that focus on helping students develop strong character strengths, reach their academic potential and discover where they excel.

Students in the sixth form attain highly in their learning.

