Northampton College
Sixth Form
Centre



Sixth Form Centre
at Booth Lane

Northampton College

Welcome from the Principal and CEO

More choice, more flexibility and more independence.

As you embark on your A Level journey with us, we are committed to supporting you in achieving the highest level of qualification possible. You will be able to enjoy all the benefits of a larger learning organisation with outstanding buildings and resources coupled with personalised support to give you the very best environment in which to flourish and reach your potential.

At Northampton College our goal is to teach you the knowledge and skills you need to excel in your chosen academic subjects.

We provide a supportive and nurturing environment and we are proud of our "culture of excellence".
(Ofsted 2024)

Our Sixth Form Centre bridges the gap between school and university and allows you to take the next steps on your academic journey.

Our A Level Study Programmes are designed to nurture your intellectual curiosity, support your personal growth, and empower you to excel in your academic pursuits.

Whether you aspire to enter higher education or pursue a career directly, our comprehensive and flexible approach will help you realise your full potential.

Join us on this exciting educational journey, and together, we will shape a bright and successful future.

Jason Lancaster
Principal and CEO, Northampton College





Elsie

A Levels

When Elsie was looking for options having completed her GCSEs, the broad range of courses and modern facilities on offer at Booth Lane ensured Northampton College shot to the top of the list.

With her secondary school not offering politics at A Level, Elsie made the move and switched to Northampton College to study economics, history and politics. She thrived in her new environment and, having secured high grades, is now reading history at university in Leeds.

She said: “I really enjoyed my time at college – I thought the teachers were absolutely amazing. The class sizes were smaller than I had been used to at school and I liked that – it made you feel as though they were really focused on you as an individual and knew what worked for you as a result.

“I made good friends there and found it the perfect place for me. I enjoyed the independence it gave me and it was the ideal stepping stone between school and university. I’d recommend it to anyone.”

A Level courses available:

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Core Maths*
- Criminology (Diploma)
- Drama/Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science (Sustainability)
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Maths
- Media
- Photography
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

*Core Maths is designed for students who have achieved a grade 4 or higher in GCSE Maths but have not opted to take A Level Maths. It is a one-year qualification that can be studied alongside A Levels.

Courses may be subject to change.

Bridging the gap between school and university

NC6, our A Level study programme, provides students aged 16-18 with an enriching academic experience.

Our carefully designed curriculum, paired with state-of-the-art facilities and aspirational guidance and support, encourages students to aim high, with many progressing into higher education, apprenticeships and exciting careers.

Unlock your potential

When you join our Sixth Form Centre, you will start a journey towards fulfilling your aspirations.

Our teachers are trained to spot the potential in every student, and they work tirelessly to encourage and inspire you so that you can shine.

We have high expectations of all our students and will support you to achieve the highest grades possible on your A Level programme.

Not only will you be set challenging targets but you will be stretched to the best of your ability throughout your time in college.

We will provide you with opportunities to take on extra studies, to develop your knowledge and understanding as broadly as possible, and to gain new skills that will prepare you for university and help your future career development. Good employability skills will be key to your future success.

Charlotte Williams

A Level Manager



With over 20 years of experience delivering A Levels, specifically in History and Sociology, Charlotte is here to ensure you have the best possible student experience.

She is also the key point of contact for both you and your parents/carers, ready to support you with any concerns you may have during your time with us.

“Northampton College is an excellent place to study A Levels as it provides the perfect stepping stone to both university and the world of work. With dedicated support and a wide range of subjects, we equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their next steps.”

What to expect from your A Level experience

Your chosen three A Level subjects will be spread across the week, with classes in blocks of two to three hours. You will also have tutorials and opportunities to develop your personal skills.

When you’re not in lessons, you’ll have access to our Digital and Academic Resources Centre, including a dedicated A Level study area with up-to-date resources designed to help you succeed.

You will have more independence than at school and we have high expectations. You will be expected to:

- Attend regularly and be on time
- Meet deadlines set by your teachers
- Stay on top of your progress, with regular assessments to ensure you’re on track
- Complete homework tasks as set by your teachers.

If you need more information or have any questions about studying A Levels at NC6, please get in touch.

We’re here to support you every step of the way.

Why choose Northampton College Sixth Form Centre?

01 **High quality teaching -** our highly qualified teaching staff have lots of industry experience, so you can learn the skills employers need.

02 **Top class facilities -** we have the latest technology, well-equipped learning resources and an award-winning Digital and Academic Resources Centre.

03 **Dedicated support** - Our teachers will help and support you with progression to higher level study.

04 **A fresh start -** college is an exciting chance to meet new people and develop new interests.

05 **Help is always on hand -** our Student Services and Learning Support teams are here to support you with any academic, or financial issues.

06 **Safe and welcoming -** choosing to study with us means you'll be joining a supportive, self-contained community.

07 **Be work ready -** all students aged 16-18 enrolled on an A Level programme will be loaned a laptop when they start their studies with us.



08 **Help with your future plans -** our Futures team is here to support students with plans for their future, whether you want help with study options, university preparation or career choices.

09 **Enjoy enrichment -** you will love our Enrichment Programme designed to support you in accessing a range of additional activities outside of the classroom.

10 **Make new friends -** you'll meet students from all walks of life and be treated like an adult, with independent study periods and the chance to plan your own learning.



A Level Study Programme

If you are aged 16-18, you will join a study programme.

Throughout the programme, you will engage in three core A Level subjects, each receiving 5 hours of delivery per week. This model ensures maximum regular contact with each subject, enabling a deep understanding of the course material and encouraging active participation in class discussions.

Your academic progress will be complemented by an additional 1.5 hours per week dedicated to transferable and green skills. This time will be devoted to nurturing essential life skills and building your confidence, allowing you to excel not only academically but also in your personal development.

Directed-study is an integral part of the A Level experience, providing you with 5 hours per week to delve into the subject content independently. This learning approach fosters critical thinking, time management, and problem-solving skills, equipping you for the demands of higher education and beyond.

As part of the programme, you will gain invaluable insights into various industries by taking part in work experience or by hearing from visiting speakers and professional institutions when they come into college.

You'll also have the opportunity take part in masterclasses, workshops and university visits. We can also help you find relevant work experience, where appropriate.

In addition to the core components, we also offer a Gifted and Talented programme and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). These initiatives are designed to challenge and stimulate, offering opportunities for advanced research and exploration within your chosen subjects.

The EPQ is an excellent opportunity and counts as half an A Level that can be included on your university application. You will become a more critical, reflective and independent learner, building up your planning, research, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation skills.

Entry requirements

The required point score to join our A Level programme is 4.25 across all your GCSEs. This must include a minimum of 5 grade 5s or above including a grade 5 or above in English Language and Maths, with a grade 6 in another written subject desirable. An average point score will be calculated across your GCSE grades.

A BTEC qualification at Merit grade, or above, in a related subject may also be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Some subjects require specific additional entry requirements as shown in the course descriptors on our website.

Your choice of A Level subjects

Our Sixth Form Centre will enable you to progress on to higher education and will include work experience, enterprise and study skills development.

Your subject choices should reflect your study interests, academic strengths, and long-term higher education and career intentions.

A Levels are two-year courses, and all students must select three A Levels.

V Levels

V Levels are a new type of Level 3 qualification being introduced from September 2027. They can be combined with A Levels and other qualifications to create a study programme that matches your interests, strengths and future career goals.

The first V Levels will be available in Digital & Data and Finance & Accounting, with additional subjects introduced in future years.

For a full list of subjects, please visit our website.



Facilities at Booth Lane

We believe the environment in which you learn is vitally important and are proud to offer students in Northamptonshire the opportunity to continue their education in state-of-the-art facilities.

A dedicated Sixth Form Centre

Choosing to study A Levels at college has many advantages.

One of these is the chance to use modern facilities with the latest equipment, which helps enhance your learning experience and provides a great environment to work in.

To complement our studios, labs and workshops at Booth Lane, we have also invested £100k into a dedicated sixth form centre.

This brand-new development includes purposebuilt classrooms and bespoke study spaces that will enable you to enhance your personal study skills.

In the main campus building, you will also find:

- An award-winning Digital and Academic Resources Centre with study areas, computer suites and extensive academic support for all students
- A courtyard in the middle of campus, which provides the perfect place to hang out with friends
- The Lookout where you can grab a bite to eat and get to know other students from different parts of the College
- Our gym – a great place to work out and, best of all, it's completely free.

Futures

You can speak to a Futures adviser if you would like in-depth advice and guidance tailored to your needs. This could be about course or career options, university or anything else related to your progression. Futures advisers will support you to explore the full range of options available to you.

University Links

The College has an extensive Careers programme that is tailored to the needs of our students. The Futures team has information on next steps, and you will have access to a careers and higher education library. Futures can also help you apply to university, write your UCAS personal statement, understand student finance and perfect your interview skills.





Enrichment

Sociable and supportive, fun and enterprising – Northampton College has everything you could wish for while studying with us.

Events

Our students are invited to not just attend events, but also to plan them and to choose charitable causes to support.

In recent years, students have organised everything from music gigs and outdoor festivals to dances and celebrations, raising money for causes that have included Children in Need, Sport Relief, Macmillan and many more.

The Students' Union

The Northampton College Students' Union (NCSU) represents the views, interests and welfare of all our students and gets involved in many fund-raising activities, events, student conferences and more.

The Students' Union works with the Student Parliament and college staff and runs regular meetings so students can have their say and influence change throughout the College to make student life better.

Student Parliament

The Student Parliament is made up of representatives from across the student population and there are a wide range of opportunities available. We encourage students to develop and practice leadership skills in preparation for the challenges of today's world.

Student voice and feedback are very important features of our communications strategy.

Trips

Day trips are also a way to meet new people, explore different places, gain fresh experiences and develop social skills.

- Alton Towers
- Warner Brothers Studios
- Football stadium tour
- Ice skating
- Thorpe Park
- Musical theatre trip

Activities

Get involved and make the most of our clubs and enrichment activities. To whet your appetite, here are just a few on offer:

- Sport and fitness events (football, table tennis, gym, boxing)
- Music (learn to sing, play the keyboard,play the drums)
- Sign language
- Driving test theory
- Clay modelling
- Car maintenance
- Pokemon Showdown

Plus many more!

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Admissions Process

We recommend that you attend one of our exciting open events so that you can look around the department, the College and meet the tutors. You are welcome to do this before or after you apply online.

These events ensure students, and their families see the best of what the College has to offer such as our inspirational teaching areas, teachers, library facilities and places to eat.

Once you have applied, our experienced Enrolment team will consider your application carefully.

All applicants will have discussions with staff about their options. We will let you know, by email, if the College would like to make you a conditional offer based on your discussion and meeting the specified entry requirements.

If your predicted grades or career aims suggest that an alternative subject area or course level would be more appropriate for you at this stage, we will contact you either by telephone, email or text. If you have told us that you have some additional support needs, we will contact you to find out more so that we can help you.

Disclaimer: All proposed A Level courses are dependent on a viable number of students opting for them. Decisions about the viability of courses and responses to viability issues lie solely with Northampton College.

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