CNS Sixth Form Open Evening 2027 Admissions

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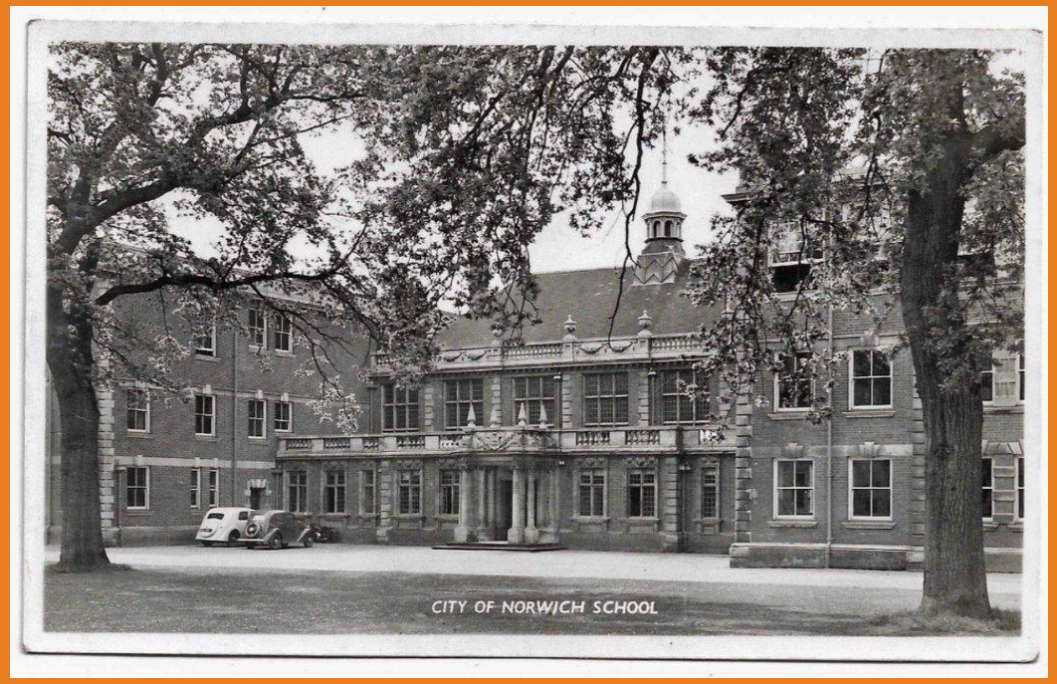
15th Oct 2026

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Ms Philpott
Head Teacher







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Founded in 1910 as the Norwich Boys Grammar School
At the heart of education in Norwich for 115 years
Serves our local community
8 Headteachers
4 generations of my family have CNS connections
Long serving and dedicated staff
Spacious specialist facilities

Excellence in all….
Achieving the very highest standards in everything we do.

CNS Values – our values shape our actions, decisions and behaviours
Kind, caring, tolerance, respect, inclusive, community.

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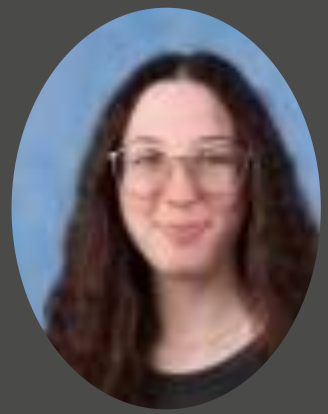
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Our Head Students:

Josh, Emily,
Reuben, Hope



Ms Nichols, Director of 6th Form



CNS: We offer you…

Time

Space

Breadth











Studying at CNS 6th Form

- **Large**, diverse and inclusive sixth form
- Small class sizes and a focus on the **individual** (average 14)
- High **contact** time with teachers (average 11 per subject / fortnight)
- **No blocking** allows individual subject choice
- Excellent **retention**: indicative of student satisfaction

Who are we? 50% of our 6th form are from CNS, in 2026 we had students join us from 26 other schools including:

Framingham Earl High School

JANE AUSTEN COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE NORFOLK

LSHS

BROADLAND HIGH

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL NDHS

LITCHAM SCHOOL

HOBART HIGH SCHOOL

HNS

SEWELL PARK ACADEMY

Ormiston Victory Academy

CITY ACADEMY NORWICH

ARCHBISHOP SANCROFT HIGH SCHOOL
(A Church of England Academy)

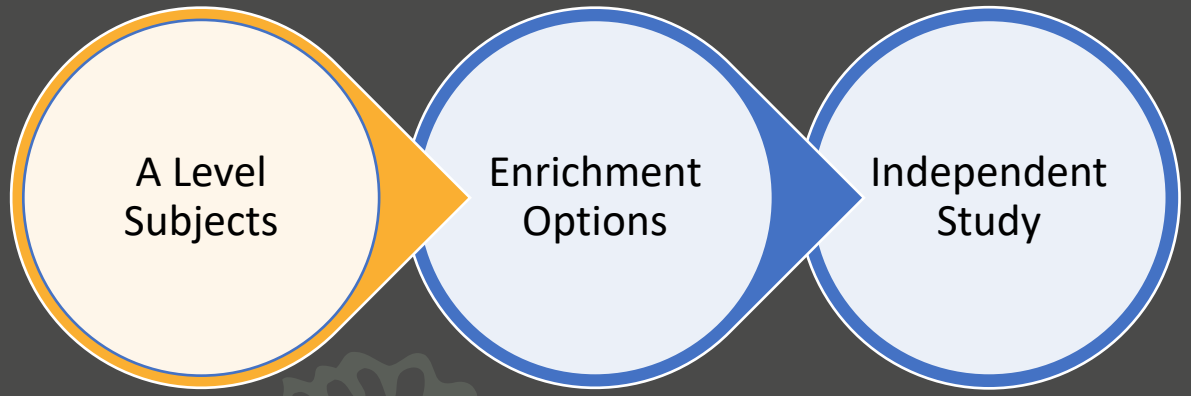
Hethersett ACADEMY

Wymondham High Academy

6th form is very different



CNS: A Broad Curriculum



- Choose from 31 different subjects;
- The majority of students will study 3 A-Levels (and an EPQ);
- We allow high attaining students to take 4 A-Levels;
- Ave. of 11 hours curriculum time allocated to each subject per fortnight;
- Expert and experienced guidance related to subjects.

Our Curriculum: 32 courses

EPQ and Core Maths: Level 3 courses

Art (Fine Art)	English Literature	Geography	Physics
Biology	Environmental Science	History	Photography
Business	Extended Project	Law	Politics & Government
Chemistry	Film Studies	Maths	Psychology
Classics	Food and Nutrition Diploma	Core Maths	Sociology
Computer Science	French	Music	Spanish
Economics	Further Maths	Philosophy & Ethics	Theatre Studies
English Combined	German	Physical Education	VESPA

No blocking allows flexibility in timetabling to allow you to choose your perfect combination. (We timetable and block from January after application deadline)

Our Curriculum:

City of Norwich School – Curriculum

Related Pages

Welcome to Sixth Form

Sixth Form Curriculum

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science

and Theatre Studies

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Language and Literature

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Literature

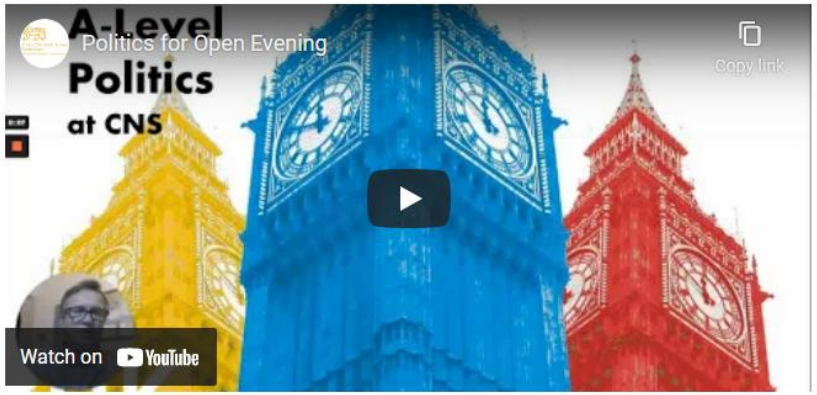
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and Textiles

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Government and Politics



Subject: Classical Civilisation OCR

Subject contact: Mr. Farley and Mr. Buisst

Contact email address: s.farley@cns-school.org or w.buisst@cns-school.org

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This course covers the following key topics:

Classical Civilisation allows students to explore the classical world of Ancient Greece and Rome through epic poems, tragic plays, visual artefacts, and the religious mythology of the Olympians.

The World of the Hero: *The Odyssey* by Homer and *The Aeneid* by Virgil (40%)
Exploring the world of the hero in Greek and Roman epics, this unit delves into the poetry of Homer and Virgil, the mythologies of gods and monsters, as well as the heroic narratives of Odysseus and Aeneas in the aftermath of the Trojan War.

Greek Religion (30%)
Exploring how the lives of the gods and goddesses permeate Greek and Roman societies, this unit examines the gods of Homer and Hesiod, mystery cults and healing cults, and oracles.

The Invention of the Barbarian (30%)
Exploring how the Ancient Greeks conceptualised those from 'other' cultures as barbarians and developed their own sense of cultural identity. This unit looks at the Persian empire, the Amazon warriors, the histories of Herodotus, as well as plays by Euripides and Aeschylus.

We love teaching this course because

Recommended Textbooks:

OCR Classical Civilisation: AS & A Level by Sally Knights (Bloomsbury, 2017)

If you love Classics, we really recommend you read:

Confronting the Classics – Mary Beard

The Hemlock Cup – Bettany Hughes

The Silence of the Girls – Pat Barker

Kaos (Netflix series)

Subject: Politics (Edexcel)

Subject Leader: Mr P Barry

Contact email address: p.barry@cns-school.org

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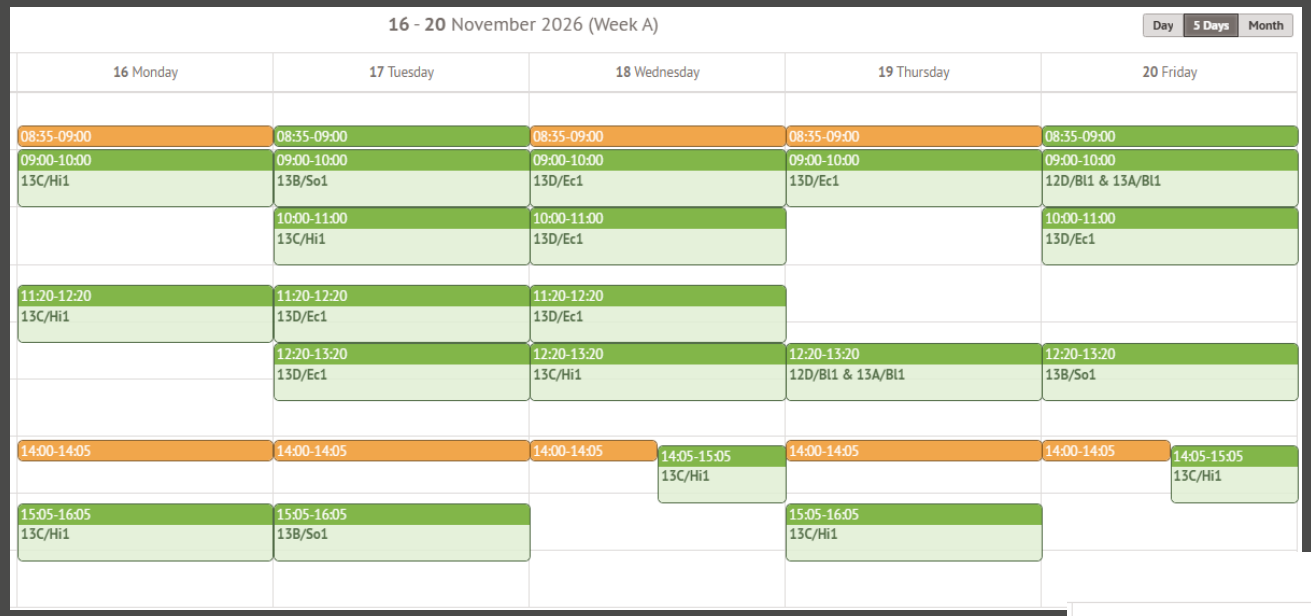
- Democracy and participation
- Political parties
- Electoral systems
- Voting behaviour and the media
- The constitution
- Parliament
- The prime minister and executive
- Relations between institutions
- Political ideologies

Recommended Textbooks:

Edexcel As/A-Level UK Government & Politics (5th Edition), Neil McNaughton, Hodder Education, 2017.

US Government &

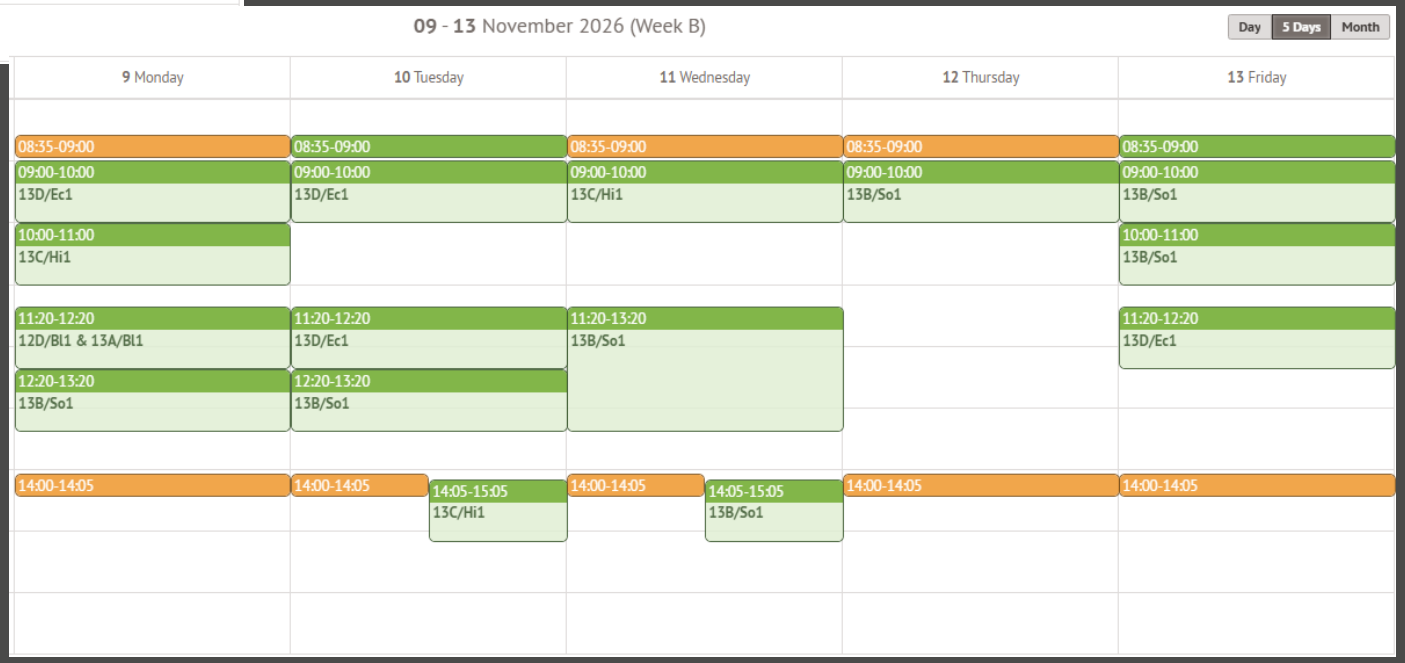
The school fortnight:



There are 58 periods available a fortnight.
Lessons take place from 09:00 until 16:05
11 hours per subject per fortnight = 33 hours of lessons
1 hour of VESPA per fortnight
Form time (incl 1 assembly), only twice a week at 08:35
Optional: EPQ – 3 hrs a fortnight, Core maths 3 hrs a fortnight

8-10 study periods a week.

Tap in / Tap Out



Enrichment Options

Wider Curriculum

- Partnerships– Guildhall/ NUA/ UEA;
- Trips and visits – Paris/ Italy / Barcelona/ Bats
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ);
- Subject specific awards – Gold Crest;
- Duke of Edinburgh – Silver and Gold;
- Recreational and competitive sport;
- Literacy and numeracy tutors;
- Theatre

- Debating Society;
- Charities events;
- Leadership & Council;
- Gold youth STEMM award;
- LGBTQ+ group;





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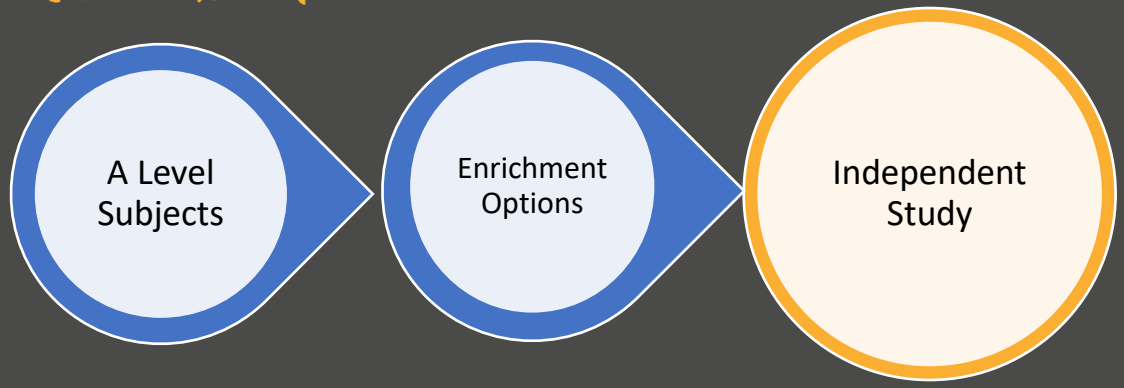
Over 30 Co-curricular / Super-curricular / Enrichment



Head Students / Prefects
6F Council
MFL speaking groups
Duke of Edinburgh
Gold Youth STEMM Award
Yr7&11 Tutoring
Badminton
Volleyball
Environmental Eco Club
Music ensembles
National Youth Theatre
School production WWRY
LGBTQ+
EXiA Magazine
Charity Events Organisers
National Maths competitions

Oxbridge and Medics
EPQ
Expect Respect
Lab Rats
Football
Basketball
Debating Society
Dance
Book Club
Creative Writing
Rugby (B&G)
Coffee and Chatter
Dungeons and Dragons
Cultural Celebration
Yoga

Independence – Study Periods



- **Facilities:**
  - ✓ 6th form café, 6th form Study Hall, Bookable study pods; 6th form study centre, library.
- **Study Skills:**
  - ✓ Study Period: VESPA





6th Form
Elkins Centre



Café: Your 6th Form Areas



Open 7:30am – 5:00pm
(service from 10-2)



6th Form Study Centre



6th Form Study Hall and pods

(6th form only)



Relationships and Support for Students

- 2 pastoral managers in 6th form and heads of years.
- Student services manager Mrs Blake
- Bursary helps financially support families with technology, textbooks, learning materials etc.
- Team Building Day in week 1.
- VESPA student programme to support student study skills.
- Pride ourselves on excellent communications – Bulletin.



Results and Pathways

Results:

- Progress above national last year +0.10
- 54% A*- B grades
- Average grade = **B-**





Pathways:

- Each year ~70% go on to university
- Half go to a Russell Group or 'Top Third' ranked university
- **14** students over the last 5 years got to Oxbridge
- **~10%** go onto apprenticeships and foundation degrees
- **~15%** go on to employment

CNS 6th Form Entry Criteria

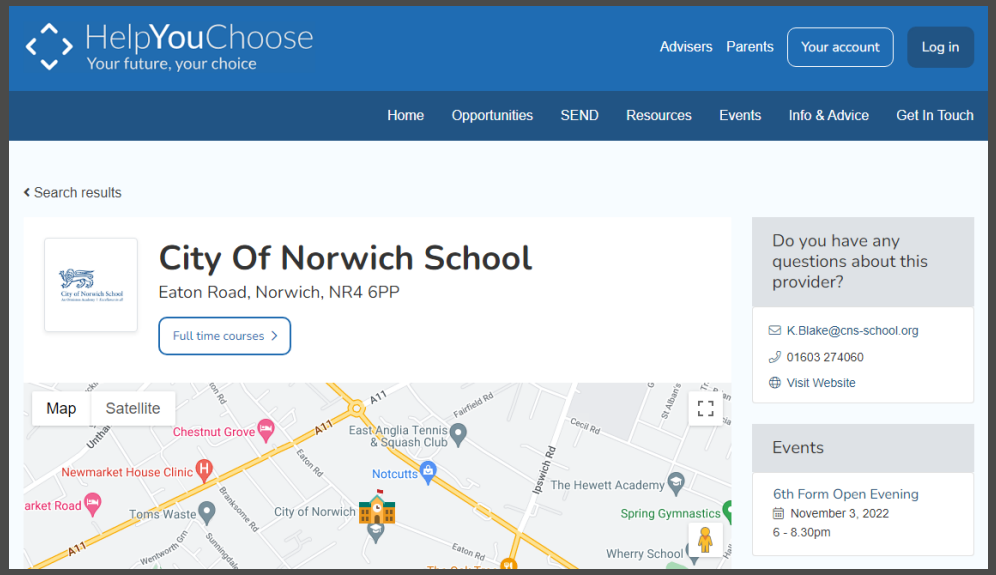
- Students wanting to study at CNS will need to achieve a minimum of five grade 5s (as well as English and Maths at a min. grade 4). *(Average GCSE grade for 2026 was 6.3)*

- We require that students achieve at least grade 6s in the subjects they wish to study.
- For economics, psychology and STEMM, maths must be a grade 5.

- To study A-Level maths, students must achieve a grade 6 and further maths a grade 7.

How Do I Apply?

- Help You Choose: www.helpyouchoose.org
- We look at your forecast grades to make offers.



Any further questions:

- **If you have any further questions, please go to www.cns-school.org/Sixth-Form/**
- **Or email us at sixthform@cns-school.org**
- **CNS students should book in an appointment with Ms Nichols to discuss their A-Level packages .**

Tour the School

- **Ask questions and visit subject areas**
- **Pick up a student ambassador, look for the orange t-shirts and the grey lanyards.**

Thank you for coming, we'd love to have you join us!