



Tavistock
COLLEGE

**Induction Conference
for Prospective
Sixth Formers
2019 - 2020**

Monday 1st July 2019

**GCSE Results Day & Y12 Enrolment:
Thursday 22nd August 10:00-12:30**

**New entrants enrolment:
Thursday 22nd 10:00-12:30
or Friday 31st August 09:00-10:00**

Student Name:

Introduction

Welcome to the Sixth Form Conference; we hope that you enjoy it and find the answers to all those questions you have regarding sixth form life at Tavistock College.

By now you should have completed a sixth form options form and received an offer of a place (dependent upon GCSE results), following an interview with one of the sixth form team. If you think you have missed out on any of these steps, or if you would still like to discuss your subject options, then please see Mr Galli or Mr Jacob.

The taster sessions are designed to give you the opportunity to find out more about the courses you might be following in September. You should aim to attend the taster sessions for every subject you have applied for and for any subjects you may be thinking of changing to.

Subject Changes

Although we will always try to accommodate requests from students to change their original course choices, this cannot be guaranteed. There are a number of points to consider:

- ◆ Firstly, all course choices and offers are dependent on you achieving the necessary grades in your GCSE exams this summer.
- ◆ On rare occasions, if insufficient numbers of students apply for a specific course, we may not be able to continue running it due to funding constraints. If this situation occurs with any of the courses we are hoping to run this September, we will contact you directly.
- ◆ Due to the complex nature of timetabling lessons, there will on occasion be “clashes” between specific subjects, regardless of their position in the option blocks. However we will always do our utmost to find a solution to these issues, should they arise.

By the end of the day you should:

- ◆ Know what opportunities are available to sixth form students.
- ◆ Understand the responsibilities you have as a sixth form student.
- ◆ Have identified the necessary success criteria required for particular courses that interest you.
- ◆ Have had the opportunity to meet your mentor and learn about their role in your experience at Tavistock College.
- ◆ Know your way around the sixth form and the college campus.
- ◆ Be familiar with arrangements for the start of the Autumn term and when you need to enrol.

It is our intention that the Sixth Form Conference gives you every opportunity to be confident in your choice of options. You may find that your subject teachers provide you with a project to complete over the summer holidays, preparing you for the start of term. Then all you have to do, is sit back, and wait for your RESULTS....

GCSE results are published on 22nd August. If there are any issues or problems following these results, you will be able to discuss them with a member of the sixth form team on the results day.

Entrance Requirements / Option Blocks 2019-20

Alongside interest and enthusiasm, your GCSE results are the most important factor in determining the courses you can follow. The main GCSE requirements are as follows:

- ◆ To begin A Level courses, you must obtain a minimum of 5 GCSEs at levels 5 – 9. Ideally these passes should include English Language **or** English Literature and Mathematics at level 4 or above (if students do not achieve this then they will have to resit these courses in sixth form).
- ◆ You must meet any subject specific entrance requirements as stated in the sixth form prospectus (see website for details). For the majority of A Level subjects this will be level 6 or above.

There may be a small amount of flexibility in these entrance requirements and every case will be considered on its own merits or personal circumstances. Each faculty will be represented by a member of staff at enrolment so you can discuss with them your suitability for their subject.

Regardless of GCSE results, all students are also expected to meet the following criteria:

1. You are genuinely committed to further study.
2. You are likely to benefit from and succeed in the programme you have agreed to follow.
3. You must accept the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, associated with being a sixth form student at Tavistock College.

Option Blocks 2019-20

12A	12B	12C	12D	12E
Art	Creative Media	Art Photography	Further Mathematics	Core Mathematics
Chemistry	Geography	Biology	Health & Social Care	English Literature
Computing	Mathematics	Business Studies	History	Japanese
Mathematics	RE	English Language	Music	GCSE English Retake
Performing Arts	Spanish	Physics	Psychology	GCSE Maths Retake
Science BTEC	Travel & Tourism	Product Design	Sport (single)	
		Public Services		

Double options:

	Sport BTEC (double)		Sport BTEC (double)	
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Sixth Form Staff

Director of Sixth Form – Mr T Galli

Deputy Director of Sixth Form – Mr D Jacob

Assistant Director of Sixth Form—Mr S Hunter

Year 12 Tutor Groups:

Tutor group:	Tutor:	Room:
12 McAulay	Ms T McAulay	L6
12 Moore	Mr R Moore	DT3
12 Shepherd	Mrs S Shepherd	H6
12 Swinburne	Mrs S Swinburne	E3
Administrator - Mrs L Mabey		

This morning you will find out which mentoring group you are in and you will have a chance to meet your mentor in the Octagon at break time. If you are unhappy with the group you have been placed in then please come and speak to Mr Galli, Mr Jacob or Mrs Mabey. We may be able to consider some swaps, as long as the groups remain balanced.

Taster sessions will take place from 09:05-09:45, 09:45-10:35, 10:35-11:05. We will then have a break until 11:30 (you can use the facilities in the Octagon and meet your mentor). Sessions will then resume from 11:30-12:10, 12:10-12:50 and 12:50-13:30. We will then have a break for lunch. You may purchase food using your cash or your catering account, from the Octagon café. A last taster session will take place from 14:10-14:50. We will then gather again in the Octagon for a final briefing. The conference will finish at the 15:10, at which point you are free to leave site. New entrants should sign out at main reception.

Timetable of Taster Sessions

14:10 - 14:50	
Subject	Room
Health and Social Care	HS1
Science BTEC	S1
Business Studies	BS2
English Lit	E10
Physics	S7
Chemistry	S2
Photography	A2
Performing Arts	DR2
Music	MU3

LUNCH

12:50 - 13:30	
Subject	Room
Creative Media	MS1
Sport	PE1
Health and Social Care	HS1
Geography	G5
Science BTEC	S1
Biology	S9
Music	MU3
Travel and Tourism	BS1

12:10 - 12:50	
Subject	Room
Psychology	H6
Sport	PE1
Maths/ Further Maths	M4
English Language	E7
Travel and Tourism	BS1

11:30 - 12:10	
Subject	Room
Psychology	H6
English Language	E7
Creative Media	MS1
Maths/ Further Maths	M4
Geography	G2
RE	R4
Spanish	L2
Performing Arts	DR2

BREAK

10:35 - 11:05	
Subject	Room
Japanese	L4
Physics	S7
Biology	S9
Core Maths	M5
Public Services	L3

09:45 - 10:35	
Subject	Room
Art	A2
Chemistry	S2
Maths/ Further Maths	M8
History	H4
Business Studies	G5
Computer Science (session until 10:05)	IT1

09:05 - 09:45	
Subject	Room
Photography	A1
Computer Science	IT1
Product Design	DT3
Public Services	PE1
RE	R1
English Lit	E6
History	H4
Art	A2
Spanish	L6

Important Information

At Tavistock College Sixth Form we pride ourselves on ensuring every student progresses both academically and socially. Our **personal development programme** takes into account the needs of young adults and their growing independence. PSHE is delivered through assemblies and thematic collapsed curriculum days on a termly basis. In addition, it is compulsory for each student to attend one weekly assembly **and** one mentoring session from 08:45-09:00 (please note that during the first half term of Y12, all Y12 students will have daily registration periods with their mentor in order to develop relationships and establish rapport). The purpose of the mentoring session is for the mentor to establish general well being and mental health of students, review students' progress on their courses, monitor attendance, set goals, pass on messages about sixth form events/trips and so on.

Absences should be communicated, where possible, in advance using an S2 form (along with relevant evidence). We do not permit students to take paid employment during school hours, but work experience is often valuable and can be arranged during the school day if it does not interfere with lessons. If a student is unwell their parent/carer should contact Mrs Morewood, the attendance officer (telephone: 614231, option 4) by 09:00.

All Sixth Form students will have non-timetabled lessons (study periods) in which they may use the study facilities available in the two sixth form study areas or main school library. The facilities in these rooms are for the use of sixth form students during study periods. No food should be brought into these rooms, which are places for quiet study. Please note, the study room adjoining the library is intended for silent study.

All students will be issued with a **learning agreement which should be completed and returned at enrolment**. This is an important document that forms a contract between yourself and the College, highlighting expectations and responsibilities for both parties. You will not be able to officially enrol without first completing this document.

Any and all changes to contact details should be communicated to the Sixth Form Office as soon as possible, or via the SIMS Parent App Lite, so that we can maintain accurate records.

From the second half of the Autumn term, students are permitted to leave the site during study periods. **It is vital that students sign out if they leave site before the end of the normal school day**. These procedures will be fully explained in September.

For students requiring financial support, we operate a **16-19 Bursary fund**. Students living in a household with an annual income of £25,000 or less can apply. The bursary can be used to help to fund the costs of attending college, such as travel expenses, text books, stationary, trips, equipment and so on. Please ask Mrs Mabey in the Sixth Form Office for more details and an application form.

What Next?

Although it might seem early to be forming plans for after sixth form, it is definitely something you should be considering now. In the meantime, make sure you are choosing subjects that you are interested in, as you will dedicate many hours to studying them over the next two years! It is also important to remember that there is a much greater emphasis on independent study in the sixth form, and self-motivation is key.

If you have a career pathway in mind, you should already be checking the requirements for your progression. If your pathway involves a university degree, you should be checking prospectuses and websites for subjects that will enable you to access this pathway. For instance, in our experience, nursing candidates require at least one A Level science qualification, as well as a period of relevant work experience in order to be considered for the course. Just remember—it is never too early to be checking, or asking questions.

It is also important to know who to ask within the sixth form team. For many students, the first point of contact is their mentor; they will be able to advise you and direct you towards the information you need. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to see a member of the sixth form team or Jenny Wall, from Careers South West. You will also have the opportunity to undertake a work experience placement during Year 12.

Two final suggestions:

1. Start planning for the future in good time. We are keen to provide you with the answers, but it is up to you to ask the questions.
2. Keep your mentor informed so that they can help to ensure that you are getting the right advice.

What to do when you get your GCSE results:

On Thursday 22nd August, you can collect your GCSE results from the College (if you are currently a Year 11 student with us) from 08:00. You can then enrol for sixth form courses with the Head of Faculty, lead teacher or member of the sixth form team between 10:00-12:30.

New entrants are also welcome to enrol on Thursday 22nd, or if this is not convenient, then they are invited to come in on Friday 30th August between 09:00-10:00. Please let us know if you would like to enrol on this alternative date by calling Mrs Mabey on 01822 614231 ext. 239 or by emailing: l.mabey@tavistockcollege.org.