

# Frequently Asked Questions

These are the questions that we are most frequently asked. If you find that you have a question not addressed here, please contact Carol Guyan in the 6th Form Office. She will be delighted to help.

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## Q1 Am I in the Twynham 6th Form catchment area?

There is no catchment area for our 6th Form. It doesn't matter whether you live in Bournemouth, Poole or Hampshire, you have the same right of access as any other student, including those already at Twynham. Most of our students come from the Christchurch and East Bournemouth area.

## Q2 How do I travel to Twynham 6th Form?

We are located 200m from Christchurch town centre that enjoys excellent public transport routes with both Yellow Buses and Wilts and Dorset Buses. Christchurch (train) Station is just a five-minute walk away. We also provide a mini-bus service for £1 per journey to and from Queens Park, Charminster, Talbot Woods, Winton, Ensbury Park, Red Hill and Throop.

## Q3 How many subjects can I take?

Generally, those students who have qualified to study an A-Level programme will study four subjects in Year 12 and usually concentrate on three in Year 13. The exams taken in Year 12 are at AS level and in Year 13, A2. Each set of exams contributes 50% of the total A-Level awarded at the end of Year 13. Occasionally, our extremely able students elect to study five subjects in Year 12. This makes for a very heavy workload and is usually only agreed if two of the subjects are Maths and Further Maths.

## Q4 What will my timetable be like?

For each of your chosen subjects you are taught for nine lessons over a two-week timetable. A lesson lasts for 1 hour. Our normal day is from 8.45 a.m. until 4.20 p.m. You register with your tutor at 8.45 a.m. each morning, and again at 1.20 p.m. You also register at the start of every lesson.

You will have several study periods each week. During these periods you do not have to remain on campus. If your timetable finishes before the end of the day you are free to go anytime after 1.20 p.m. However, you will be set an extraordinary amount of work to do in your own time – between four and five hours per week, per subject - so it is best to use this time wisely!

We know from experience that we all work best in the morning, hence the reason we require you to be at morning registration, ready for your studies and getting quality work done. Every student's timetable will be different and you will not know what yours will look like until you start with us in September.



## Q5 Can I park at Twynham once I have passed my driving test?

Parking spaces on campus are only available for students with disabilities. Parking in the local streets is restricted. There is a small area where you can park a moped/motorbike, but you need to apply for a permit to do so. Please be aware that students are not allowed to park within 200m of the campus.

## Q6 Will my parents be informed of my absences and progress?

Yes. Although we expect you to take more responsibility for yourself and for your learning once you are at Twynham, your parents will be able to view your attendance and progress reports on-line. If we believe there might be a problem with your progress/attendance then your tutor will work with you to help you to 'get on track'.

## Q7 Can I choose to be in a tutor group with my best friend?

No. All tutor groups and class lists are put together randomly which means that all students are in the same situation. We pride ourselves in bridging the gap between school and, for the majority of our students, university. Therefore meeting new people in a new environment is an important part of the process. We do have communal morning and lunch breaks when you can meet with your friends.

## Q8 Will my tutor be similar to my school tutor?

You will be allocated a tutor who is responsible for your pastoral care. With the rest of your tutor group you will meet with your tutor each day. Your tutor will also meet with you regularly on a one-to-one basis to make sure that you are doing well and that you have no worries or concerns about 6th Form life. Tutors will also check your progress and attendance. During the two years in the 6th Form most students find that their tutor becomes more like a friend than a teacher.

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