



Saffron Walden County High School

Sixth Form Open Evening

2023





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Walden County High
School**



Our Sixth Form:

638 students in total:
419 students from SWCHS
219 students from over 30
different schools





Not an Ordinary School

Our Results

Grade	National (England)	SWCHS
A*		10%
A*-A	26.5%	30%
A*-B	52.7%	62%
A*-C	75.4%	86%
A*-D		96%
A*-E	97.2%	100%

L3 Results	L3 Results
Distinction* Distinction*	39%
Distinction* Distinction	61%
Distinction Distinction	87%
Distinction Merit	96%
Merit Merit	100%
Merit Pass	
Pass Pass	
Distinction*	18%
Distinction	60%
Merit	90%
Pass	97%

Achievement at SWCHS

Our 2023 results places us in the top 12% nationally for progress





SWCHS DESTINATIONS

Where do we go next?

Top Russell Group Choices:

UEA (11)
Sheffield (8)
Bristol (7)
Exeter (7)
York (6)
Cardiff (5)
Leeds (5)
Liverpool (5)
Manchester (5)
Southampton (5)
Birmingham (4)
Nottingham (4)
Cambridge (3)
Durham (2)
Oxford (2)
UCL (2)

40%

OF OFFERS WERE
FROM A
RUSSELL GROUP
UNIVERSITY

University

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STUDENTS
WENT TO
OXBRIDGE



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

5 STUDENTS



The University of
Nottingham

4 STUDENTS



NOTTINGHAM
TRENT UNIVERSITY

13 STUDENTS



SAS
UNIVERSITY BUILDING

8 STUDENTS



UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER

7 STUDENTS



a.f.u.

8 STUDENTS



UEA University of
East Anglia

16 STUDENTS

Top University choices (outside of Russell Group):

Nottingham Trent (13)
Bath (9)
Leeds Beckett (7)
Anglia Ruskin (6)
Bournemouth (5)
Brighton (5)
Oxford Brookes (5)
Portsmouth (5)
Lancaster (4)
Falmouth (3)
Norwich Arts (2)

Employment

APPRENTICESHIP

TOM
HAS JOINED
THE MARINES



BIBI
ACHIEVED A DEGREE
APPRENTICESHIP AT
ASTRA ZENECA

BROOKE
ACHIEVED A DEGREE
APPRENTICESHIP
WITH THE
GOVERNMENT

4 STUDENTS
HAVE JOINED
THE MET
POLICE



TWO STUDENTS
ACHIEVED A DEGREE
APPRENTICESHIP AT GOOGLE



My apprenticeship journey

Ellie Curtis



What I Studied at SWCHS:
Business Studies (A*)
Computer Science (B)
Mathematics (C)

Company:
Grant Thornton

Job Title:
Audit Associate

End Qualification:

Level 7 Apprenticeship:
5-year course – AAT & ACA qualified (Chartered Accountant)



Our Student Leadership Team



Amy Kennedy

**Director of
Sixth Form**





The Sixth Form Tutor System

Pastoral focus Y12

- Registration
- Tutorials
- Seminars
- Academic Enrichment Lessons
- Study Support

Academic focus in Y13

- Registration
- Tutorials
- University Applications
- Guidance for Apprenticeship/Employment applications



Our Curriculum



Why 4 Subjects?

- **Choice!** You can afford to make a mistake with your top 3!
- **Universities/employers** base decisions on grades, so getting it right is really important!
- **Study habits**
- **Independence**
- **Opportunity**



Familiar subjects;

Art & Design

English Literature

Further Maths

Art & Textile Design

French

Music

Biology

Geography

PE

Business Studies

German

Physics

Chemistry

History

**Product Design (Graphics
or Resistive)**

Drama

Latin

Religious Studies

English Language

Maths

Spanish

Wider subject choice;

Animal management

Film Studies

Music Technology

Business Studies

Geology

Philosophy

Classical Civilisation

Government & Politics

Photography

Computer science

IT

Psychology

Criminology Diploma

Health & Social Care

Sociology

Economics

**Maths – Quantitative Reasoning
(AS)**

**Sports Performance &
Coaching**

Environmental Science

Media Studies and Digital Media

Tourism



BTEC/CTEC/DIPLOMA courses

- Coursework based subjects such as BTEC or Cambridge Technicals, and Diplomas
 - More vocational in content
 - Emphasis on assessment by assignments throughout the course
 - All have an element of examination
- ***Equivalent to A-levels in terms of grades and university points***





Coursework based subjects

Equivalent to <i>two</i> A levels	Equivalent to <i>one</i> A level
Art & Design Diploma	Business
Business Diploma	Health & Social Care
Health & Social Care Diploma	Applied Science
Animal Management Diploma	IT BTEC
Sport BTEC Diploma	Sport BTEC
	Criminology Diploma

Choosing your subjects

Some principles to remember.....

- Go for subjects you enjoy
- Think about your strengths
- Think about your aims after Sixth Form
- Do some research
- Think about subjects that support each other

Make an informed, appropriate choice



Making an Informed Choice

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- Prospectus
 - Online subject videos
 - Student Alternative Prospectus videos
 - Getting Ready For guides
 - Guidance Discussion
 - Induction Week



How to apply

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Course Choice

Read the SWCHS Sixth Form Prospectus and research the subjects you are interested in. Check your forecast grades against each subject and select a suitable pathway.

2

Open Evening

**Thursday 4th
November 2021**

Please visit our website at www.swchs.net for further information.

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Apply

Please complete the online application form on our website, at www.swchs.net

The deadline for applications is:

30th November 2021

Newcomers to SWCHS will need to provide their most recent forecast grades to check eligibility for courses.

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Guidance Discussions

In February 2022, you will be invited to meet with a member of the Sixth Form team to discuss your application. Portfolios of work will be required for Art and Photography subjects. Music Academy auditions will take place in Saffron Hall.

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Conditional Offers

Conditional offers will be sent out before Easter 2022. These are based on your Guidance Discussion and eligibility for chosen courses, and will be subject to course availability. Changes to subjects can be made during Induction.

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Induction Week

**Monday 27th –
Thursday 30th
June 2022**

Induction is an important opportunity to experience Sixth Form life, attend lessons in your chosen subjects and try out other courses.

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GCSE Results/ Enrolment Day

August 2022

This is a virtual event. All applicants will need to enrol and accept their offers. Further guidance will be given nearer the time.

Entry Criteria

Please see our Admissions Policy for Sixth Form at www.swchs.net

A top-down photograph showing a group of people's hands joined together in a circle. Many of the hands are wearing rainbow-colored wristbands, which are a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride. The people are wearing various casual clothing like t-shirts and hoodies. The background is a light-colored, possibly paved, outdoor surface.

Induction Week: Monday 3rd July –Wednesday 5th July

Thank you for coming!

