



9 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to invite you to attend our **Sixth Form Aspirations Evening**, an important event designed to support students as they begin to plan their next steps beyond sixth form.

The evening will provide key information about **post-18 pathways**, including higher education, apprenticeships, employment, and gap year opportunities. We strongly encourage parents and carers to attend, as your support plays a vital role in helping students make informed and ambitious decisions about their futures.

Date: Tuesday 3 February 2026

Time: 6.00-7.00pm

Location: William Lee Sixth Form Building

The evening will begin with a short presentation from the Sixth Form team, followed by opportunities to speak with staff and access guidance materials.

Raising aspirations is a central focus of our Sixth Form provision. Students will be encouraged to explore a wide range of career pathways, set ambitious but realistic goals and understand the skills and experiences required for future success.

We will discuss how students can begin building strong personal profiles through academic achievement, co-curricular involvement, leadership opportunities, and wider enrichment activities.

Work experience is a crucial element in helping students develop employability skills and gain insight into potential career paths. During the evening, we will provide guidance on:

- The importance of meaningful and relevant work experience
- How students can source placements independently
- Expectations around professionalism, conduct, and reflection
- How work experience can strengthen university and apprenticeship applications

We will also outline key timelines and support available from the school to help students secure suitable placements.

For students considering higher education, the evening will include an overview of the **UCAS application process**, including:

- Course and university research
- Entry requirements and making competitive choices
- Personal statements and references
- Admissions tests and interviews
- Key deadlines and internal school timelines

We will emphasise the importance of early preparation and consistent effort throughout year 12 and Year 13 to ensure students submit strong applications.

We recognise the vital role that parents and carers play in supporting students during this important stage. The evening will offer guidance on how you can encourage independent study and good time management, support decision-making while allowing students to take ownership of their choices and help students manage workload, stress, and expectations.

There will also be opportunities to ask questions and speak directly with Sixth Form staff.

We strongly recommend that both students and parents/carers attend this event together. The information shared will be essential in helping students make well-informed decisions about their future pathways.

If you have any questions prior to the event, please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth form team using the email below:

sixthform@cfsacademy.org.uk

Please confirm your attendance by completing the Microsoft Form using the following link:

[Year 12 Aspirations Evening – Fill in form](#)

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support your child's aspirations and future success.

Yours sincerely



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