

Colonel Frank Seely Academy

Post-16 Prospectus

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A warm welcome to

Colonel Frank Seely Academy

Thank you for showing an interest in Colonel Frank Seely Academy and taking the time to read our Post-16 Centre prospectus. Moving to the Sixth Form is a big step and we are committed to providing courses, opportunities and resources that will enable all Post-16 students to achieve future success, whether that be in higher education or full-time employment. We hope that Colonel Frank Seely Academy Sixth Form is the natural choice for Post-16 provision for all Year 11s.

The Sixth Form has an achievement culture in which hard work, quality teaching and pastoral support combine to provide you with the best opportunities for success. You will gain much from your time at Colonel Frank Seely Academy and in return we expect a high level of commitment and endeavour from you as well as maturity, independent learning and self-discipline.

At Colonel Frank Seely Academy Sixth Form, we will help you to reach your academic potential, providing careers support and guidance to prepare you for your next steps, whether that be Higher Education or work. Alongside that we are committed to developing young people as well-rounded individuals, providing opportunities for you to gain self-confidence and develop leadership skills through our pastoral and employability programme.

When making a decision as to your next step post-Year 11, it's important that you make an informed choice and take advice from your teachers, parents and friends already studying beyond Year 11. Teachers and support staff will always be prepared to discuss your choices and answer any questions you may have.

Colonel Frank Seely Academy is sponsored by The Redhill Academy Trust. The partnership with the Trust allows us to offer a greater range of extra-curricular and enriching opportunities for our students. The Academy will provide you with an exciting learning environment, where you will feel safe enough to take risks and be encouraged to excel in everything you do. Our aim is for you to do well in your examinations and improve your life opportunities. At the same time we want you to be inspired and excited by your teachers, whilst enjoying your time both inside and outside of the classroom.

We believe that there is huge value in studying courses with trusted staff that students already have positive relationships with.

In considering Colonel Frank Seely Academy Sixth Form, we would strongly urge you to come and see us at our Open Evening. You will be able to talk to staff and students about the variety of courses we have on offer. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Nicola Pearson
Headteacher
Colonel Frank Seely Academy

Welcome from the Sixth Form Team

We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form with its high expectations, academic standards and quality teaching. Our academic results are always very strong, and this summer we were proud to celebrate the results we have achieved. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work of staff and students across the Sixth Form.

In addition, all of our students who applied to University were successful in achieving a place, and we regularly have students both applying to and being successful in their application to the top Russell Group Universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

Colonel Frank Seely Sixth Form is a warm and friendly environment and we have facilities that are the envy of many Sixth Form establishments. This year we have greatly invested in our Sixth Form Centre with fantastic new facilities and a brand-new purpose-built extension, giving us high tech teaching facilities and a brand new ICT suite solely for Sixth Form use. We are proud to have a laptop scheme in place to support our students to work with the latest technology whilst studying with us.

We are a small Sixth Form, all students are well known by staff and students and everyone is valued as individuals. The Sixth Form team consists of a Head and Assistant Head of Post-16, a tutor team and a Sixth Form Administrator. We are also supported by Andy Edwards, the Director of Post-16 provision across Redhill Academy Trust. The Sixth Form team, alongside our experienced tutor team, are able to provide outstanding pastoral guidance and support. Our aim is to ensure that every student leaves Colonel Frank Seely Academy having reached their full potential (both academically and personally) during their time with us. Students are closely monitored and supported by us to enable them to not only achieve excellent results, but to also grow into a person who will successfully take their place in society. For the majority of students this will mean continuing on to higher education, although we have high-quality impartial careers advice available to all of our students. We have very high expectations in terms of academic rigour, attendance and attitude – and parents play a key role in helping us work with students to achieve this. This partnership is vital and ensures that students remain focused throughout their studies.

Students in our Sixth Form are encouraged whilst they are members of the Sixth Form to participate in and contribute to wider-academy life by taking part in enrichment opportunities and, they are not only students but role models to younger students throughout the school. If you require any further information, or would like a tour of the Sixth Form, please do not hesitate to contact us via the main reception. We look forward to meeting you all.

Vicki Faulkner
Head of Post-16

Why come to
Colonel Frank Seely Academy?

Colonel Frank Seely Academy has made a significant investment in the redevelopment of its Post-16 facilities, creating a new learning environment.

This is a modern and exciting learning space which was designed by the students to meet their needs. It is of the quality and style found at Universities and something quite unique to a Sixth Form of our size. The centre has designated spaces for different types of study, including a library area and a new ICT suite with printing facilities.

Students also have access to a range of facilities across the site including Science labs, Art rooms and Design Technology workshops, and an opportunity to sign up to Growing Greater Futures laptop scheme which will take student study skills to the next level.

Colonel Frank Seely Academy is centred on an ambition to be the best and this applies to students and staff. Therefore, even more important than the physical resources are the staff who work here, all of whom are passionate about giving you the advice and support you need to achieve your full potential. The quality of the teaching staff is the most consistent reason that students give for joining our Sixth Form. Specialist resources and a lower than average teacher to student ratio ensure that results are good, enabling a considerable number of our students to go on to university.

Students are treated as individuals in a more adult learning environment and will be encouraged to take personal responsibility for their own learning, development and progress.

With our positive, friendly and proactive approach to Sixth Form life, Colonel Frank Seely Academy offers the perfect springboard to work or higher education.

> "Staying on at CFSA Sixth Form was one of the best decisions I could have made. I was supported in choosing my A Level subjects and throughout my study, with encouragement and confidence."



"I like the fact that class sizes are small and that I get individual attention."

High standards,

High expectation

We take academic achievement and standards seriously. This means all students have to be prepared to make studying a priority. Students will be joining a community of like-minded people who are determined to achieve the very best grades they can – and we will expect everyone to do the same.

Good attendance and punctuality are just as important in the Sixth Form. A strong attendance record is an absolute requirement for continuing with any course.

The Sixth Form Student Council play a major role in the life of the Academy. This dedicated team of students meet regularly with the Sixth Form team to discuss a range of day-to-day issues, which contributes to the effective leadership and management of the Sixth Form. This group is crucial in providing a voice to our students, we work together to raise money for charity and organise social events.

We encourage all our students to aim as high as possible, this includes extra support for those students applying to Oxford and Cambridge.

Community

- Shared learning spaces for years 12 and 13
- Active role in leadership of younger students
- A place where students are cared for and given a sense of belonging
- Students are encouraged to meet as a group to have breakfast, connect with friends and be welcomed by staff



Leadership and

Enrichment Opportunities

Students are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their education, training or employment by the four core aims that are embedded throughout the Sixth Form:

- **Achieving Success**
- **Careers and Aspirations**
- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Being a Global Citizen**

Our leadership and enrichment provision supports these aims, examples of which include:

- House Captains for each house
- Sixth Form Student Council
- Team building
- Study skills workshops
- National Citizen Service
- Work experience programme
- Enrichment residential trip to London
- Volunteering opportunities via our Morocco trip
- Comprehensive assembly and pastoral programme
- Careers programme including events and visits
- Get into Teaching programme through RTSA
- Paid work opportunities within school
- Strong leadership programme
- Broad enrichment opportunities through the Stella programme
- House system promoting collaboration
- Lea Green weekend visit – team building/character building

The House System

Students will be assigned a Sixth Form house when they enrol with us. Our houses are known as Clumber and Sherwood. Throughout the year, students are given opportunities to collect points for their house. This may be through house competitions and challenges or through modelling an exemplary attitude to their learning.

A message from the

House Captains



"Hello - we are proud to represent the Sixth Form at Colonel Frank Seely Academy. We will endeavour to support the students in both the Sixth Form and the lower school, ensuring every student feels like they can approach us.

Our aim is to improve Sixth Form life for all its students and help to involve all Sixth Formers in the wider school community. A large part of our role is the organisation of Sixth Form events and chairing student council meetings. Alongside these, we run charity fundraisers to support the local community.

For all of us, staying on in the Sixth Form has enabled us to maintain established relationships with both our teachers and our peers. Sixth Form life has also exposed us to so many opportunities like work experience and mentoring, proving that every student is seen as an individual by staff. We sincerely believe that this Sixth Form is the perfect learning environment for anyone eager to work hard and achieve their highest potential grades. We hope that you will join us."

Post-16 Subject List

A Level

- Art
- Biology**
- Business Studies
- Chemistry**
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- English Language
- English Literature
- Extended Project Qualification
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics**
- Media Studies
- Music
- PE
- Level 3 Performing Arts
- Philosophy
- Photography*
- Physics**
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

* *may be taught off-site at another Redhill Academy Trust school*

** *Grade 6 required at GCSE*

Entry Requirements

Redhill Trust minimum entry requirements for Post-16 study:

All students must attain five 9-4 grades at GCSE (or BTEC equivalents) with a grade 4 in English Language or Mathematics. Individual subjects will require a specific grade in a particular subject at GCSE (see course booklet). A Grade 5 is required in subjects students are wanting to study.

All students will be expected to choose 3 A Levels which they will study for 2 years (the exception being students who study 3 A Levels plus Further Mathematics) Students no longer sit an AS exam at the end of Year 12 but will sit all examinations at the end of Year 13.

All students will be interviewed by a member of the Sixth Form team. This will enable them to make an informed choice about the best subjects to suit their individual needs. Parents are welcome to discuss these choices with the Sixth Form team following the interview.

"I already knew the teachers and felt confident to ask them for help when I needed it."

A message from

Redhill Academy Trust

Dear Parents,

I would like to warmly welcome you to the Colonel Frank Seely Academy Post-16 prospectus.

As CEO of Redhill Academy Trust, I believe strongly that successful schools have five key values;

- High expectations of all students
- Valuing & celebrating academic achievement
- A commitment to equality and diversity
- Consistently good and focused teaching
- Widening students' experiences through a range of co-curricular activities, including sports, music and the performing arts.

These five values continue to guide the development of Colonel Frank Seely Academy.

Working with Mrs Pearson and the whole staff, my priority is to support the students and ensure that academic outcomes remain consistently high. I now believe that the Academy has become the first choice for all parents and children in the local area.

Andrew Burns
CEO, Redhill Academy Trust

A message from Mr Andy Edwards,
Trust Director of Post-16

I am the Trust Director of Post 16, and I work closely with each of the teams across our seven Sixth Forms. This allows us to share ideas and collaborate to provide you with an exceptional Post 16 experience. This means that when you join one of our Sixth Forms you are also part of a much wider community, dedicated to supporting you to achieve your ambitions.

Working together brings you many benefits; it enables our sixth forms to share the very best lessons, resources and extra-curricular sessions; it allows us to run exceptional programmes such as our Oxbridge preparation scheme, Medicine mock interview days, our Year 13 Moving On Day to prepare you for independence, our Stepping Up days and many apprenticeship and careers events.

We also lead one of the largest HE+ hubs in the UK - this is a partnership with the University of Cambridge and offers some unique and exciting opportunities to our students.

I look forward to meeting you all and supporting you to achieve your ambitions.

Andy Edwards
Trust Director of Post 16

What to do now

Read through the detailed information on specific courses in the separate course details.

Once you have made your decision, apply on-line via the Sixth Form section of our site:

www.cfsacademy.org.uk





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