



Northstowe
Sixth Form College



“Where we
know you and
value you”



Post 16 Information 2026/27

Known and valued



Welcome to Northstowe Sixth Form College

We are really pleased that you are considering Northstowe Sixth Form for your next step.

Choosing your Post 16 place of study is an important decision, you need to find the place where you feel that you fit the best.

Our sixth form opened in September 2024, and our specialist built sixth form centre is built for 400 students. In our first year, we started the sixth form with 50 Year 12 students. This year, we have enrolled another 65 students. Whilst we hope that many of our current students will stay with us, our sixth form is open to any student who fulfils the entrance requirements for the courses they wish to study, and we look forward to welcoming students from beyond our main school catchment area. We currently have students from 11 different schools.



We would very much like you to be one of the growing number of students (around 100) that join us in September 2026. Whilst we are a new sixth form in Cambridgeshire, we have been building expertise and skills by recruiting sixth form specialist teachers. So, whilst Northstowe Sixth Form is new in design, with new students and new buildings, our staff are very well versed in sixth form teaching, pastoral care and delivering successful outcomes.

If you come to Northstowe Sixth Form 'We will know you and value you'.

We pride ourselves on knowing our students and this will be at the heart of your sixth form experience. Knowledgeable and experienced subject teachers, who go the extra mile for you in your lessons, and a pastoral team who will be there to guide and support as well as celebrate your successes.

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Do have a look at our website, there is lots of information to help give you an idea of what our sixth form looks and feels like. We are adding to it all the time, so do keep looking back. If you want to talk to us about the Sixth Form, do get in touch with us at

SixthForm@northstowe.education.



Claire Mills | Principal of Northstowe Learning Community



Flip Toley | Head of Northstowe Sixth Form College



Our Courses

As a prospective Northstowe Sixth Form student you can select from a combination of A Level and vocational courses to build your study programme. We believe we offer a good range of courses to suit all.

You can choose to study 3 courses, which can be either A Levels, vocational courses or a mix.

We offer resits for any students who have not achieved at least a Grade 4 in Maths and English Language.



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Build YOUR study programme

Route 1	Advanced Level	Advanced Level	Advanced Level
Route 2	Extended Certificate = 1 A Level	Extended Certificate = 1 A Level	Advanced Level
Route 3	Extended Certificate = 1 A Level	Advanced Level	Advanced Level
Route 4	Extended Certificate = 1 A Level	Extended Certificate = 1 A Level	Extended Certificate = 1 A Level
Route 5	Diploma in 'Dance' equivalent to 3 A 'Levels		

GCSE Re-sit



Courses

A Levels

We offer a range of advanced level subject qualifications. Our A Levels lead to a variety of post-18 options including university, apprenticeships, further study or employment.

Biology



Chemistry



Physics



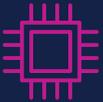
Maths



Further Maths



Computer Science



Geography



History



Philosophy



English Literature



Psychology



Sociology



Art and Design



Music



Product Design



Business and Economics



Modern Foreign Languages



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Vocational/Extended Certificate/Diploma

Vocational qualifications are designed to meet the needs of specific job sectors and employers, as well as leading to university, further study and apprenticeships. We offer BTEC and AAQs (Alternative Academic Qualifications) which are equivalent to one A Level.

Health and Social Care



Performing Arts



Sport



Applied Science



Dance



Extended Diploma in Dance, equivalent to 3 A-levels, will require an audition.



GCSEs

Maths and English GCSE classes for those who require a resit or are aiming for a higher grade.

Maths



English Language



Our Entry Requirements

Our standard entry requirements are 5 GCSE subjects at a minimum of Grade 5 or equivalent.

Students wishing to study A Levels will need to achieve Grades 6 or 7 or equivalent in the majority of their chosen subjects.

Students wishing to study vocational courses will need Grade 5s or equivalent in their chosen subjects.

Subject choices may be affected by GCSE Maths and English results.

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Why Northstowe Sixth Form?



'I wanted a fresh start and it's a small College'



'Offers me the subjects I wanted'



'I didn't want the commute, and the drive into Cambridge. Longstanton bus stop is only a short walk away'



"Students are welcoming and staff are supportive in making me feel safe and happy"



'I like how the respect goes both ways. I also like the responsibility that we're receiving.'



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Alongside the academic study programme, we also expect all students to choose one of four possible enrichment activities. These will be timetabled and the expectation is they will be part of every student's curriculum who chooses to study at Northstowe Sixth Form. Enrichment activities allow students to extend their experience beyond their chosen subjects. All will help develop key skills and confidence. Each individual is different so we offer a wide range of choice.

EPQ

EXTENDED
PROJECT
QUALIFICATION
(AQA)

Where you are able to develop further an interest you have outside of lessons or from a topic you are interested in. You produce a report answering a question on your chosen area. Alternatively you may produce an artifact. This award is highly recognised by universities and will earn you UCAS points.



DofE Gold

DUKE OF
EDINBURGH
GOLD AWARD

This internationally recognised award is a large but rewarding experience. There are five sections to this award: Physical, Volunteering, Skills, Expedition & Residential. They can be completed at NSF or within the community. You can take part in this course without having completed the DofE Bronze or Silver Award. We have our own school Mountain Leader and qualified assessor.

Sports Leaders

LEVEL 3 AWARD
IN SPORTS
LEADERSHIP

A nationally recognised qualification. You can lead small groups of people in sport and recreational activities. The qualification teaches key leadership skills such as organisation, planning, communication and teamwork. It is fun and practical, and provides you with the opportunity to work at local sports festivals, local clubs and primary schools.



Core Maths

Core Maths is intended for students who have passed GCSE Mathematics at Grade 4 or better, but who have not chosen to study A Level Mathematics. It is a two-year course and is ideal for students who are taking Psychology, Geography or Science, where Maths plays a key part of the course.



Gold Arts Award

Gold is the highest level of Arts Award, giving young people insight into life as an arts professional. It challenges young people to develop their arts practice, lead an arts project, investigate topical arts issues and get involved in the arts world. Worth 16 UCAS points, it's also a great boost to university and job applications.





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Passport for Life

At NSF, our Passport for Life sits at the heart of our pastoral programme. Through weekly tutor sessions and half-termly academic mentoring, we not only support every student individually but also help them grow into well-rounded, academically prepared young people. This combined approach nurtures wellbeing, leadership, and personal growth, ensuring all students are equipped for life beyond sixth form.

Our Values

Our values play a huge role in the ethos and success of our sixth form. Assemblies, tutor sessions, and academic mentoring all focus on these key values.



Opportunities

At our sixth form, you will be known and supported as an individual. A qualified mental health practitioner and a dedicated careers professional are here to guide you throughout your journey.

All students are offered work experience in Year 12, with strong links to the growing Northstowe business community and Cambridge Science Park. For those considering careers in teaching, social work or health, unique opportunities are available on our campus.

Beyond the classroom, students take an active role in shaping sixth form life. Our student-led tuckshop raises funds that directly support additional activities and experiences, ensuring everyone benefits from a wider range of opportunities.



Academia
and your
chosen
subjects



Enrichment,
Personal
development
and Leadership



Citizenship,
Community,
Health and
Wellbeing



World of
work, Career
progression
and next steps

By embedding our values into pastoral support, assemblies, and academic mentoring, students are provided with opportunities to explore careers, develop leadership skills, and broaden their future prospects.



Fitness

Opening in January 2026, P&E Sports Lettings Ltd will open a brand-new Gym and Activity Studio on site, offering state-of-the-art facilities for students and the wider Northstowe community. This exciting development is designed to support fitness, wellbeing, and community connection.

Design images show the exciting new facilities, featuring:

- Strength & Weights: Full dumbbell range, Olympic benches, resistance machines, & lifting platforms.
- Cardio Zone: Treadmills, bikes, rowers, SkiErgs, & a dedicated spin studio.
- Functional Training: Turf track, rigs, kettlebells, medicine balls, power bags, and more.
- Group Training Area & Classes: Space for circuits, HIIT, Boxercise, Yoga, Pilates, Abs Blast, Spin, Total Body Blast, and more.

Students will be able to enjoy exclusive reduced membership rates:

- £20 per month for full gym access
- £30 per month for gym access plus fitness classes



Northstowe Sixth Form is located on the guided bus route with new roads linking Northstowe with Bar Hill. There will not be the need to commute into Cambridge or join the long lines of students waiting for the guided bus if you come to NSF. Buses run frequently, with routes into Cambridge departing up to every 10 minutes, and routes to Swavesey, St Ives and Huntingdon running up to every 20 minutes.

You can also cycle or walk on dedicated cycle paths and walkways. There are sixth form only cycle racks that are accessible all day.



Getting to and from Northstowe Sixth Form has never been easier with the free **Tiger Bus Pass**. Open to all students under 25, the pass allows you to travel on the bus for just £1 per journey anywhere within the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority region. Applying is simple: just complete the online form, upload a photo and proof of age, and your pass will be sent to you. Show your pass when you board and enjoy affordable, flexible travel across the region.



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You should consider Northstowe Sixth Form because:

- We deliver focused pastoral support and mentoring: **‘We will know you and value you’**
 - We will ensure that on average our class sizes will be **no larger than 15 students**
 - We will work with you to create a **bespoke and personalised curriculum**
 - We have **specialised subject expertise** in all areas of our sixth form curriculum
 - We will **offer opportunities** for you to be part of a growing community both inside and outside the school. This means offering you opportunities to work with our primary and secondary schools, scientific and engineering organisations and local businesses
- **We are located on the guided bus route**, and you will not need to commute into Cambridge
 - **You will be part of Meridian Trust who operate other sixth forms across Cambridgeshire** and you can attend joint sixth form events such as maths workshops, geography lecture series and science competitions. You can work online or face to face with other sixth form students expanding your network and developing your skills
 - **We have a qualified mental health practitioner, a career guidance professional** and tutors who care about you, who will know your name and who will value you



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