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Welcome to ...

A dedicated sixth form college **A different way of studying** **A unique community**

For decades our college has been providing a stimulating and comprehensive education for students in our local community, for students from the wider county and abroad. The combination of effective teaching from an experienced group of staff, outstanding pastoral care using a university-style system of individual meetings and a dedicated post-16 site means that Dereham Sixth Form College (DSFC) continues to be a popular choice for students. Although our students achieve excellent results, we make sure that the focus is on more than just exams. We are proud of the strong community at DSFC and the close working relationship between students and staff. We provide comprehensive and individually-tailored careers advice that challenges you to be the best version of yourself, both here and in your life after DSFC.
We also have a wide and varied super-curriculum run by a combination of students and staff which includes a wide variety of clubs and activities.

We pride ourselves on the care and guidance we provide for everyone who is interested in joining us, right from the moment you first make contact. As well as attending our Open Evening, you are always welcome to contact us for an informal conversation and tour.

Jonathan Atkin

Director









Great teaching, great results

You will be taught by an experienced and dedicated team of subject specialists. Our students consistently achieve higher results than the national average. These results have enabled past DSFC students to gain places at prestigious universities, as well as places on highly competitive apprenticeships and employment opportunities. Our students' achievement in their examinations reflects their hard work and tenacity.

Our commitment to providing the best learning experience is constantly evolving. We take time as a college to reflect on and implement the best ideas and research in education to ensure you are getting the most support possible for your studies.

You will have access to a dedicated programme for students wishing to apply to Oxbridge or medicine and those who may need to sit other pre-university tests. If your ambition is to go into a degree-level apprenticeship, you will have access to potential employers and apprenticeship providers through our well-established careers programme.

Courses

We aim to help you access the most appropriate programme of study for you and to support you through those courses, enabling you to achieve a successful outcome at the end of your two years at DSFC. Students will study three A-levels, although in some circumstances there is scope to select more than three. The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is also offered to all Year 12 students during the first year. Some students achieving a majority of 7/8/9 grades at GCSE may wish to study four subjects. These subjects will often link closely with your future career plans. We will help you to choose the right courses based on your abilities and future goals.

The general minimum entry requirements are 6, 5 and three 4s at GCSE. Specific course entry requirements are given within the individual course pages on our website which you can access via the QR code.

Dereham Education and Soccer Academy (DESA) was founded in 2013 in partnership with Dereham Town Football Club. It is a bespoke programme that allows you to study a Level 3 BTEC in Sport alongside A Levels, whilst being based at Aldiss Park, the home of Dereham Town.









English and Media
English Language and Literature
English Literature
Media Studies

Humanities
Business
Economics
Geography
History
Philosophy

Languages
French
Spanish

STEMM
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Maths
Further Maths
Physics

Social Sciences
Criminology
Early Childhood Development
Health and Social Care
Law
Psychology
Sociology

Sports
Sport (DESA)

Visual and Performing Arts
Art, Craft and Design
Architecture
Fine Art
Graphics
Photography
Performing Arts

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is offered to all Year 12 students.


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Book of the Week
How can I help you today?
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How will you support me?

You will have university-style 1-2-1 meetings with your tutor throughout the year as part of our pastoral programme. Regular tutorial sessions focusing on a range of post-16-specific guidance, including study skills, UCAS and careers guidance and life skills will prepare you for being an effective 21st century citizen. You will also have timetabled study periods to support your learning.

The Librarian delivers a programme of information literacy/research skills designed to support you in developing your independent learning. The focused content will help you bridge the gap between GCSE and sixth form study, as well as prepare you for university-level research skills and lifelong learning.

You will most likely achieve your full potential if you are happy and well supported. DSFC offers bespoke support all the way to help remove any barriers to your success. Our Learning Support Department has helped students with a varying range of Special Educational Needs achieve great success with us. Students have overcome a number of challenges including visual and hearing impairments, physical disabilities, autism, dyslexia, social anxiety and depression. They have gained the confidence and independence they wanted to move on to the next stage in their lives and achieve their goals.

Beyond study

We offer so much more than academic qualifications. Enrich your College experience and get involved with an extensive number of subject-related opportunities. There are also trips to visit Cambridge and London as a whole year group, the opportunity to complete your Gold Duke of Edinburgh and join trips to places such as Peru and Tanzania. Within college, you can join, or help to run, a wide range of student-led clubs and activities.

Lead your way to success and join the College Senate. Represent the entire student body and be the voice of change. Have your say in how DSFC is run as well as the events we hold and the external partnerships and community work we are involved with.
You can choose from a variety of committees to serve on, from Wellbeing, Teaching and Learning, Charity and Events, Eco and Communications.










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How do I get to DSFC?

You can apply for subsidised transport via Norfolk County Council as long as you live within the catchment area for DSFC, which includes Litcham, Swaffham and Watton. Find out more at http://norfolk.gov.uk/38278.

At the time of printing, buses operate from areas such as Great Massingham, Rougham, Litcham, Little Dunham and Beeston bringing students into Dereham. The Excel bus service operates from King's Lynn to Dereham (calling at Middleton, East Winch, Narborough, Swaffham, Necton, Little Fransham and Scarning). Central Connect operates several routes stopping in Dereham including from Norwich, Swanton Morley and Watton. Full details of routes, timetables and a journey planner are available at https://norfolk.gov.uk/39779. There are bus stops directly outside the college gates or a short walk away.





How to apply

October - December - APPLICATIONS - Student who wish to apply for a place need to fill in an application form using the ‘helpyouchoose’ application service. Most high schools will guide you through this process or you can simply go online and fill in the application form independently. If you are applying from outside Norfolk, please use the application form that will be available on our website.

February / March - INTERVIEWS - Your application will be followed up by an invitation to interview. These interviews sometimes take place at your high school or you may be invited to DSFC. The interview will last 10 or 15 minutes and will focus on ensuring you are suited to sixth form study and on helping you select the most appropriate programme of study.

March / April - OFFERS - Conditional places will be offered to successful applicants.

May - INFORMATION - If you accept your conditional offer, you will be sent information to ensure a successful start to your sixth form studies.

July - TRANSITION DAY - You will be invited to attend our Transition Day which allows you an opportunity to familiarise yourself with DSFC, experience a lesson in each of the subjects you have chosen and to meet the staff and fellow students with whom you will be spending the next two years.

August - ENROLMENT DAY - On the day you receive your results, you can complete our online enrolment form.




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