Sixth Form
Small school. Big heart.

At Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, outstanding relationships are the beating heart of our school, providing the foundations for academic excellence and instilling confidence in our students to believe that they can achieve the highest aspirations for their futures.

A significant number of our students choose to go on and study at some of the UK’s top Universities and we are very proud that in 2017 100% of students that applied to University secured places onto undergraduate programmes, or progressed into their chosen employment sector.

Most importantly our students leave us well prepared for life beyond sixth form whether that be at University, enrolling onto an apprenticeship or securing employment.

At Dame Elizabeth Cadbury we support all of our students to lead happy and healthy lives, to aspire to a career that is fulfilling and that makes a real difference to their local community.

If you are someone with high ambition, if you are determined to do your best and persevere when things are challenging; if you want to be part of a small, caring but highly ambitious sixth form - then you are perfect for DEC Sixth Form.

We hold our open events in the Autumn Term - we look forward to meeting you there.
Believe

We are a highly inclusive sixth form. No matter what your career aspirations, we have a range of courses to suit your needs and ambitions.

We are a small sixth form: similarly we are a small school. We see this as a real advantage at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury because it means we know each and every one of our sixth form students.

We know what makes you tick, what you enjoy, what you find challenging and therefore we are there every step of the way to support you and help you to achieve your goals.

We appreciate that this is a time when our sixth formers are becoming young adults, and we understand the pressures that brings too, both academically and personally.

Every student receives excellent pastoral care as part of our sixth form, form-time programme.

Through form-time and weekly assembly’s students develop as well rounded caring and compassionate young people, as well as learning about key issues relevant to them, and to our communities both locally and nationally, in addition to national and international news issues.

The outstanding guidance they receive, the programme of outside speakers and visits, ensures a rich and diverse tutorial programme to give our students the support they need.
Commit

The additional enrichment experiences at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury provide opportunities for physical exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle, student leadership responsibilities as part of our prefect and anti-bullying ambassador teams, a Sports Coaching qualification, as well as opportunities to join the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Engaging with school life as a sixth former is of paramount importance. This is your chance to show Universities and future employers what kind of person you are, how reliable, charitable and committed you are to making a difference.

As part of your sixth form education you will also engage in work experience- we provide a package to ensure our students gain the best experience possible, to prepare them for their future.

We also strongly encourage our sixth formers to take responsibility for charity events, for running extra-curricular clubs and generally modelling to our main school pupils the level of dedication to their education and school life that we expect. We are passionate about ensuring our students are well-rounded individuals when they leave us at the end of Year 13.
Respect

Respect is of utmost importance in our school.

We respect each other, we respect ourselves and we respect authority.

We expect our students to be upstanding members of the school and local community at all times.

As sixth form students in our school we acknowledge that you have a key role in supporting the main school pupils and also in developing your own leadership skills—pupils therefore respect you as figures of authority in school.

With this comes the responsibility for our sixth formers to model the highest standards of behaviour and conduct around the school building, and is also why we have our sixth formers as prefects.

Prefects maintain our self-regulating and harmonious school community as well as having responsibilities at whole school events.

In line with this we operate a smart dress code for our sixth formers suitable for your level of authority within school.
Aspire

We are highly aspirational for all of our students and we aim to provide them with a wide range of life experiences to enrich their understanding of the wider world and broaden their aspirations.

Our main school enrichment programme is also offered to our sixth form - our annual trips to the USA and Europe enable students to soak up international culture.

We offer trips to Italy to learn how to ski and visit to key landmarks around the UK, enabling our students to enjoy new experiences during their time with us.

In addition to this we also have fantastic links with local and national universities enabling our students to visit and explore the courses they have on offer as well as links with national apprenticeship providers, allowing our students to make well informed decisions about their futures.

We commit to every student doing their best.
Our curriculum offer encompasses a range of A-level and Level 3 BTEC courses; we also offer Level 2 GCSE re-takes in English & maths.

Our curriculum is devised through a range of different pathways - to give you an idea of subjects that may combine effectively.

However, there is no requirement to stick to these pathways, and indeed you may choose to study across the pathways, choosing A-levels, BTECs or a mixture of both.

Please see our more detailed course information booklet for each subject, what it entails and the entry requirements.

- Health, psychology & sport Pathway
- English & Humanities Pathway
- STEM Pathway
- Business & Creative Pathway
- Coaching Award

We offer five hours of teaching time for each subject - ensuring you excel in your chosen subjects.

Entry requirements for each subject vary - please see our course information booklet for specific subject requirements.

The minimum entry requirement for a place at our sixth form is five grades at 4 or above, including English and maths.

However, if a student does not secure English and/or maths you can enrol to do re-takes in these subjects in addition to choosing Level 3 courses.