



ST FRANCIS XAVIER  
6<sup>th</sup> FORM COLLEGE

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At SFX we are proud of the abundance of support provided to our students.

*“Students benefit from very good and effective careers advice and guidance. They are knowledgeable on what they need to do to progress and the majority of students go on to higher education, further education, apprenticeships or employment.”*

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## PASTORAL SUPPORT

SFX understands and prioritises pastoral care and support. Our dedicated team is on call to help our students when it is needed. Every student will be allocated a tutor group and each tutor group belongs to a House headed by a member of staff who is there to offer further support and guidance.

## CAREERS GUIDANCE

The Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Programme is central to each student's programme of study and progression throughout his/her college education and is designed to match students' academic progression and enhance their career plans for the future. The programme includes:

- structured careers lessons for all students
- individual careers appointments (also open to parents)
- in-house and externally organised events including a Higher Education Fair every March
- careers workshops
- job search and interview skills training
- partnerships with employers, training companies and universities
- university course taster sessions, summer schools.

## CURRICULUM SUPPORT

The teaching staff at SFX College are experts in their fields. They specialise in the area they teach and go beyond their means to support you with your studies by offering:

- exam revision workshops after College and during the Easter break
- specialist course advice and guidance in 6th form education
- specialist support for pastoral needs of 16-19 year olds
- sports enrichment programme including football, basketball, zumba, hula, box-fit, ice skating, trampolining and rock climbing.

## SFX Oxbridge & Russell Group

If you have achieved outstanding GCSEs and are hoping to progress to highly selective universities then this is the programme for you. You will:

- study at least two facilitating subjects\*
- attend additional stretch and challenge classes
- complete the Extended Project Qualification to develop your critical, reflective and problem solving skills and to support your application to university

\*Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, English Literature, Geography, History, French and Spanish.

## Prospective Healthcare Professional Group

Medical, dentistry and veterinary degrees are some of the most challenging and competitive degree courses. At SFX we have a dedicated medic, dentist and vet nurture group which supports students applying to these courses by assisting them in securing dedicated work experience placements, visiting lecture sessions in universities and running workshops and practice interviews.

# Our former students speak very highly of the support they received at SFX:

*“The teachers helped me to achieve the highest grade possible”*

Jannifer

**Studying:** Media & Comms, University of Greenwich  
**Course at SFX:** UAL Level 3 Ext Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology (Distinction)



*“I had help from the teachers whenever I needed it”*

Max

**Studying:** Ancient History & Classical Archaeology, University of Edinburgh  
**Courses at SFX:** Sociology (A\*) Religious Studies (A\*)  
Classical Civilisation (A)



*“The careers team & my teachers helped me secure my place on an accountancy apprenticeship”*

Joao

**Current job:** Accountant Internship at KPMG



*“The support continued beyond sixth form - I returned to find out about going into teaching.”*

Kike

**Studying:** Politics & International Relations, University of Kent  
**Courses at SFX:** English Literature (B) History (B) Government & Politics (A)



## STUDENT WELFARE SUPPORT

### College counsellor

The College counsellor offers a professional, confidential service to all students to help them deal with difficult feelings. You can self-refer or ask your tutor to refer you.

### Student welfare

We understand that your general wellbeing is central to your academic success. Whenever you need help or advice, there is someone to turn to. We offer a confidential, dedicated service to help manage your studies and deal with any issues you might have including for:

- looked after children and care leaver advice and support
- semi/Independent living
- homelessness
- finance and funding
- welfare benefits and counselling
- health (physical and mental)

## STUDENT SAFETY

The safety and welfare of all our students is of paramount importance here at SFX. The Designated Safeguarding Officer and Safeguarding team are trained to detect and manage any issues that may arise and continuously update our processes in light of emerging issues. All members of staff and governors receive safeguarding training on a regular basis. Through our tutorial programme we discuss safeguarding issues with all our students to ensure that they are aware of how to keep themselves safe.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bursaries/free college meals will be available in 2018 – 2019 but are subject to Government funding and will be assessed on an income basis.

**“Support staff and teachers work well together to assist students who need extra help... as a result, students who need extra help achieve at least as well as their peers and make good progress.”**

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## ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Learning support is available if you have either a disability including a sensory impairment or a learning difficulty for example, Dyslexia or Asperger's Syndrome, please be assured that you will receive tailor-made support from trained specialists who receive continuous updates in their training. Support is available in the following ways:

- in-class individual support
- workshops
- special exam arrangements



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