



## **Comberton Village College – Admissions Policy for September 2012**

Applications for admission to Comberton Sixth Form should be sent directly to the college, using the common Cambridge Area Partnership application form, by the published deadline. These forms are available from all schools within the CAP\* or directly from Comberton Sixth Form. Forms should be sent directly to Comberton Sixth Form whether or not an applicant attends a CAP\* school.

### **Entry Requirements**

Comberton Sixth Form is a level 3 centre. We offer a range of courses under three learning pathways:

- Level 3 BTECs
- Level 3 AS and A2 levels, leading to award of the AQA Baccalaureate
- Level 3 Pre-U Qualifications

For more specific details, please see the prospectus via the website [www.combertonsixthform.org](http://www.combertonsixthform.org) or contact the college on 01223 265470.

### **Level 3 BTECs**

The minimum requirement is 5 GCSE passes at C or above, preferably including Maths and English.

### **Level 3 AQA Baccalaureate - AS and A2 levels**

The minimum requirement is 5 GCSEs at grade B or above, with a grade C in Maths and English. In addition, students should have a minimum B grade in the subjects they wish to study at AS/A2. Some subjects may have additional specific entry requirements; please refer to the prospectus for further information.

### **Level 3 Pre-U Qualifications**

Due the additional demands of these qualifications, the minimum requirement is 5 A\*/A grades at GCSE.

Exceptions to the above may be made in highly exceptional circumstances.

### **Comberton Sixth Form Sports Academies**

Comberton Sixth Form is offering Sports Academy places to outstanding athletes in the following areas:

- Badminton
- Cricket
- Golf
- Judo
- Rugby
- Squash

To be accepted into a Sports Academy, students will need to be able to demonstrate excellence in their chosen sporting area. This may involve assessment by the relevant lead professional coach.

### **Admission Number**

The Year 12 cohort is expected to be up to 185 students and the minimum number of external applicants to be admitted will be 50. Please note that the availability of places in certain curriculum subjects may determine if the oversubscription criteria detailed below are applied.

Entry to Comberton Sixth Form will not be determined by a formal interview, but an informal guidance meeting will be held to advise students on appropriate course selection and expectations. A written reference will be sought from the current school as to the suitability or otherwise of the course and level being considered.

### **Oversubscription**

The revised School Admissions Code allows the opportunity for over admission if the demand for available courses can be met (see section 1.43), the College reserves the right to apply the admission criteria below where the permitted flexibility is likely to prejudice the efficiency and effectiveness of Comberton Sixth Form's provision.

Those students who have a statement of special educational needs which names Comberton Sixth Form will be admitted.

The admission criteria to be used in the case of oversubscription of first choice applicants are as follows:

- Students looked after by a local authority under the provision of the Children's Act 1989.
- Students with a sibling at Comberton Village College at the time of admission.
- Students who attend CAP\* schools or who currently live with their parent(s) in the Local Authority defined areas served by these schools.
- Students who make an application from outside the CAP\*.

### **Oversubscription in a Category**

Priority will be given to students living nearest to Comberton Sixth Form, as measured by a straight line. The distance, for admissions purposes, is measured using the straight line distance from the centre point of the home to the main student entrance to Comberton Sixth Form. For families who live outside the area covered by the Cambridgeshire mapping system, distances are determined using a combination of local maps and on-line resources.

Parents and students have a right to appeal against any decision refusing a Sixth Form place in a school with a Sixth Form. Appeals must be heard by an independent panel within 40 school days of the appeal being lodged.

### **\*Cambridgeshire Area Partnership Schools**

Bassingbourn Village College, Bottisham Village College, Chesterton Community College, City of Ely Community College, Coleridge Community College, Comberton Village College, Cottenham Village College, Impington Village College, Linton Village College, Manor Community College, Melbourn Village College, Parkside Community College, Sawston Village College, Soham Village College, St Bedes School, Swavesey Village College, The Netherhall School, Witchford Village College.