

A high performing Sixth Form with excellent results in the heart of Knutsford.



“Leaders and staff encourage the pursuit of excellence for all students.”

Ofsted 2021

100% A Level pass rate | Highly specialised teaching
Personalised learning & UCAS guidance | Strong community

Welcome to Knutsford Academy Sixth Form



A special welcome is extended to students from schools across the region. Our main priority is for every student to achieve their full potential regardless of their background or ability.

I am immensely proud of our Sixth Form. We have extraordinary students and a dedicated and talented group of staff. Our expectations are high, we insist on exemplary conduct and encourage all students to do their very best in all they do, including being involved in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Over the last three years our Sixth Form has had a 100% pass rate at A Level, with 40% of grades at A or A*. This sees us as one of the top performing Sixth Forms in the country. Cheshire Studio School also boasts a similar record with a 100% pass rate at Level 3. We have an enviable track record in preparing our young people for their next steps in higher education and the world of work, strengthened even further with our Studio School, which has a strong vocational focus.

Karen Key, Knutsford Academy Headteacher



Providing personalised support at every step of the journey is crucial to our Sixth Form. Because our average class sizes are smaller, teaching and learning is tailored to each student's needs. We are a strong community, where students thrive socially as well as academically preparing for whatever the next step may be. At the same time as creating a warm, welcoming culture in which students feel 100% supported, we respect their desire to be treated as young adults, and encourage independence, expression and choice.

Students who choose our Cheshire Studio School (CSS) route will find it offers a wide range of Level 3 qualifications, including our highly successful Football Academy; a unique programme that combines a passion for football with academic progression.

A key difference within CSS is the extra focus placed on vocational support for students, to ensure they are equipped with employability skills ready for apprenticeships and the world of work.

May Hawkins, Head of Knutsford Academy Sixth Form



Refurbished Sixth Form Centre

We have recently invested in an extensive refurbishment of our Sixth Form Centre and classrooms. Students can complete their independent tasks in a modern study area complete with quiet zones, PC workstations and facilities for using their own devices. The spacious Common Room has its own Cafe where students can socialise during their break times.



Student Profile

Name: Isabel Eaves
Attended: North Cestrian School, Altrincham
Studying: A Level Politics, History & English
Aspires to: Study Government & Politics at university



Student Profile

Name: Thomas Auld
Attended: Knutsford Academy
Studying: A Level Drama, Biology & History
Aspires to: A career in Performing Arts.



The Academy Sixth Form

High quality teaching and personalised learning

The Academy Sixth Form offers a broad curriculum of over 30 traditional academic subjects at A Level which are all taught by experienced and specialist teachers. Lessons, resources and feedback are of the highest quality and tailored to the individual student. Most subjects are taught by a team of the same two teachers through Years 12 and 13.

Specialised Teaching

in small average class sizes.

Individual Support

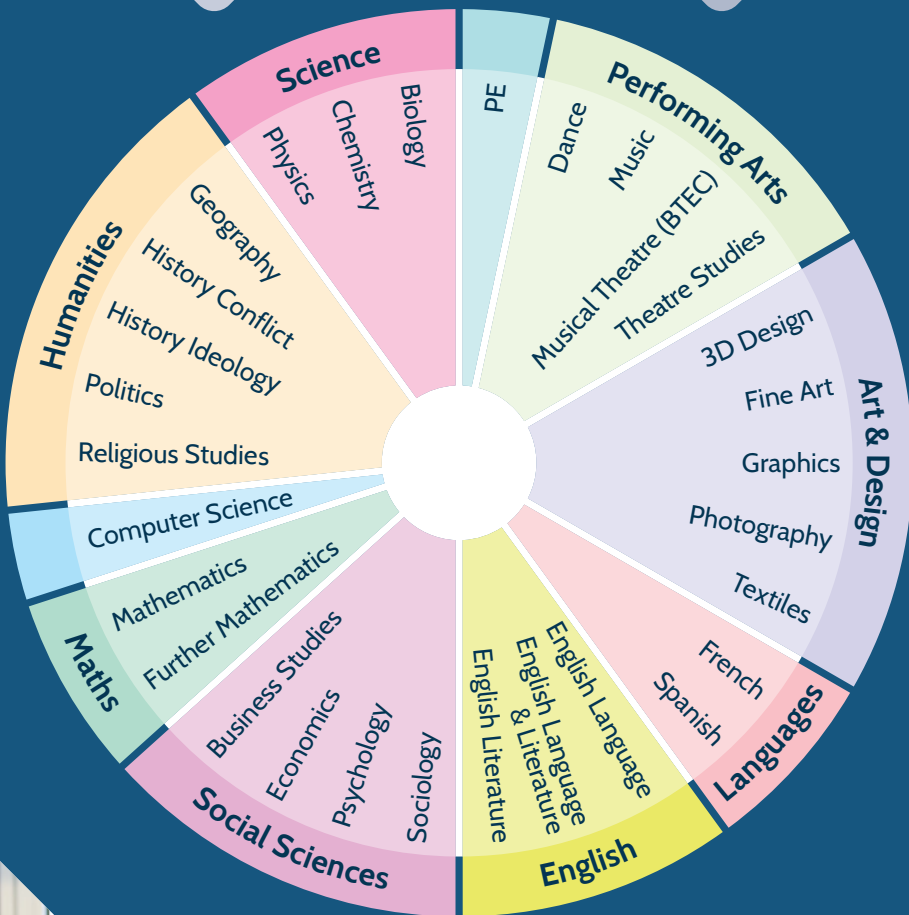
from a personal form tutor and pastoral programme.

Strong Community

welcomes all students and provides opportunities to thrive.

Curriculum

Students have the flexibility to select up to four subjects in Year 12 and then choose to focus down to three in Year 13 if they wish. Each main subject has nine teaching hours which are complemented by daily form tutor sessions and an hour of PSHCE weekly.



Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 5 including Maths and English plus minimum grade 6 for each selected subject (minimum grade 7 for Maths & Further Maths).

Personal and Leadership Development

There are many excellent extra-curricular enrichment opportunities available to students, such as our renowned Performing Arts productions, Duke of Edinburgh Award, clubs and societies, overseas study trips and volunteer work in the community.

UCAS and Career Guidance

We offer personalised study and careers advice for all Sixth Formers during their time with us. Form Tutors guide students through the UCAS application and interview process, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence for them to move forward and achieve their dreams.

We encourage students to take an Extended Project Qualification, focusing on a topic that is beneficial to their chosen career pathway. We provide specialised admissions programmes for Oxbridge and Medical schools, and are a preferred Cheshire Sixth Form for Oxford University, through their Target One admissions programme. We also enjoy close ties with Cambridge and Manchester universities.



Student Profile

Name: Bea Moore
Attended: King's School, Macclesfield
Studying: A Level English Literature, History & Psychology
Aspires to: Study Psychology at university.



Cheshire Studio School

Cheshire Studio School (CSS) sits within Knutsford Academy Sixth Form and offers a wide range of BTEC and Level 3 qualifications, which complement our A Level offering. Students opt into three or four subjects at BTEC, Level 3 or A Level and receive the same highly specialised teaching, career guidance and individual support as Academy students.

Curriculum

CSS students follow one of three study pathways:

BTEC & Level 3

Applied Tourism
Business & Entrepreneurship
Criminology
Finance
Health & Social Care
Media (A Level)
Music
Musical Theatre
Sport

Blended

Two or more Level 3s
One or two A Levels.
This flexible pathway allows students to blend courses according to specific subject progress.

Football Academy

BTEC Sport
Competitive fixtures
Football training
Soccer Scholar USA links
One additional BTEC or A Level

Student Profile

Name: Mackena Bradshaw
Attended: Stretford Grammar School
Studying: BTEC Sport and A Level Economics in the Football Academy
Aspires to: Secure a football scholarship in America.



Entry Requirements

Level 3: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 including Maths and English
A Level: 5 GCSEs at grade 5 including Maths, English and grade 6 in the selected subject.

Football Academy

A unique programme that combines a passion for football with academic progression.

Our hugely successful Football Academy sits within Cheshire Studio School. This is a unique opportunity for students with a passion for football to gain a high level of UEFA B-standard coaching and football industry qualifications, alongside academic Sixth Form studies.

We work closely with Soccer Scholar USA, which has enabled many students to take football scholarships in America.



2021/2022 Squad

- NWCSL* Champions
- Cheshire County Cup Champions
- JT Tournament Finalists, Memphis

*North West Colleges' Sports League

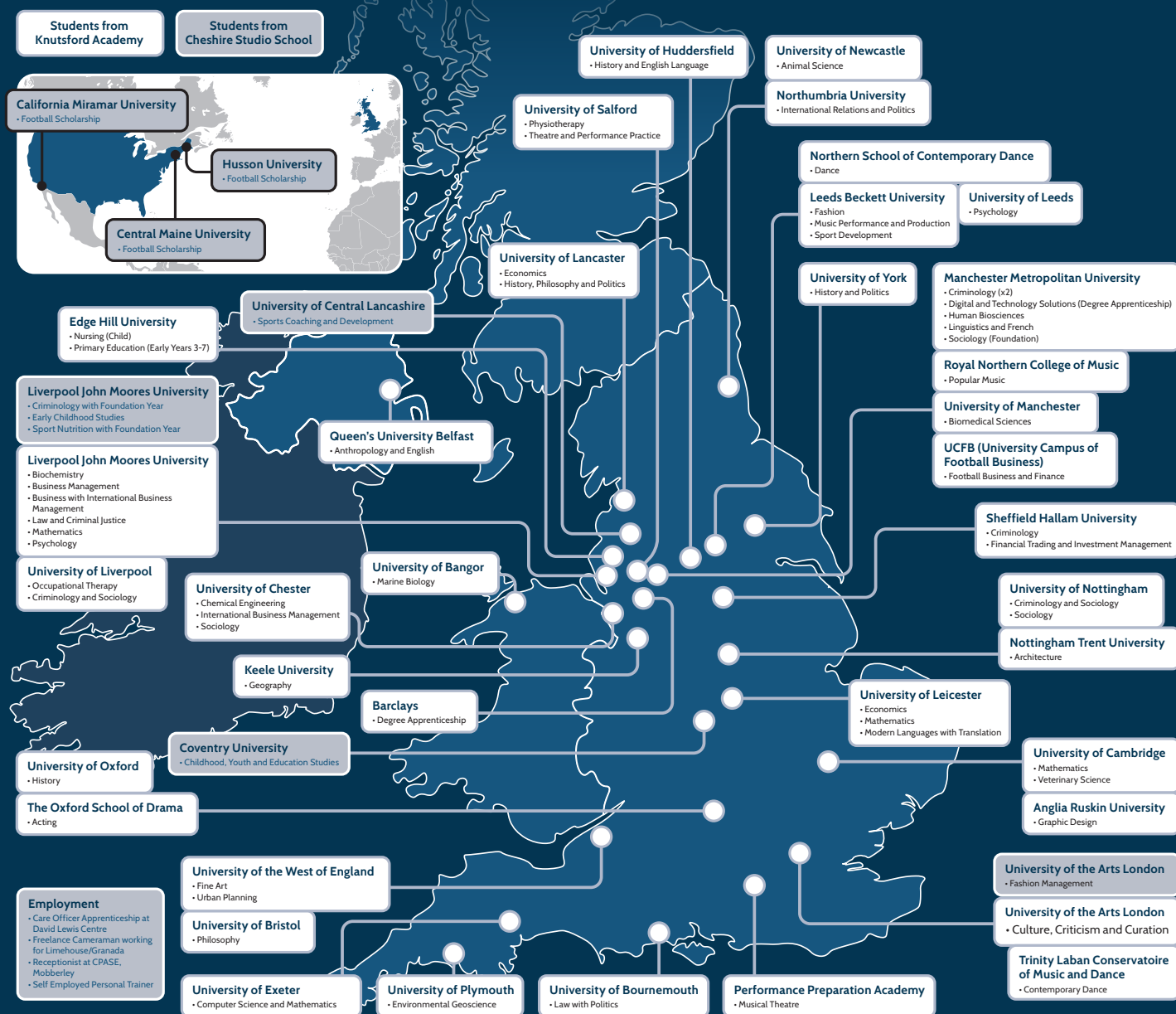


Employability Programme

A key difference for Cheshire Studio School students is the enhanced vocational support offered to them during their time here. We work hard to ensure their employability skills are as high as possible, ready for the world of work. All students have access to work experience placements, an Employability & Personal Effectiveness Qualification, as well as careers and UCAS guidance.



Student Destinations



Admissions

We welcome applications from students attending schools across the local area.

To apply for a place at the Academy Sixth Form, Cheshire Studio School or Football Academy, visit www.knutsfordacademy.org.uk

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