Franklin College is a friendly, supportive and high achieving college – we are here to help you succeed. Take a look at the Study Programmes in our course guide, keep up-to-date by reading the news on our website and social media and take the opportunity to visit one of our Open Events to find out how we can help you reach your potential. I hope you find the following information helpful in planning your future.

I look forward to welcoming you to Franklin College.

Trevor Wray, Principal
At Franklin, staff and students work together to create a mature learning environment that is supportive, exciting and challenging.

We expect all of our students to work purposefully during their time at College, but we also expect them to enjoy themselves. In addition to academic and vocational courses, you will also include in your Study Programme some of the enrichment opportunities from the wide variety that we offer. These include our successful Career Academies as well as sport, art and culture, volunteering opportunities and our Honours Programme. We take great pride in the reputation we have established as specialists in sixth form education and our aim is to enable every student to achieve more than they thought possible.

You’ll find that Franklin College is extremely well-resourced to meet the needs of our students. Our subjects are taught in areas specifically designed to meet the requirements of post-16 study, and we’ve invested over £6 million in our buildings and facilities in recent years.

Our success and popularity are built upon our commitment to providing our students with the best possible learning environment, and the highest possible standards of support and guidance. When you apply to join Franklin College, you will find that we devote a great deal of time and expertise to helping you match your needs and aspirations to the wide range of courses we offer.

Every year, about 90% of Franklin College students who apply for higher education gain a place at their first choice university. Our extensive links with local and national employers have resulted in students being very successful when looking for employment, higher and degree level apprenticeships, and further training. The maturity, education and skills that our students acquire during their time at Franklin College give them the edge to achieve a successful and fulfilling future.

We are proud of our students and their achievements (both academically and personally). We aim for a culture of respect and a mature, inclusive, and friendly environment. Our outstanding success has been recognised by Ofsted amongst others. Our vision is to build further on this success to ensure the best possible future for our current and future students.
I’m Kyle and I have been a Franklin student for the last two year’s studying: Biology, Chemistry, and Maths at A Level. I chose to take these subjects as I really enjoyed them at school and had a great experience in these classes during Taster Days; I really got a feel for life at college and made my decision that Franklin was the place for me.

Taking these subjects, alongside brilliant enrichment activities such as ‘Career Academy’, I successfully applied to study Medicine at University. Career Academy was a fantastic opportunity which improved my confidence, vocational skills; and also my knowledge of health care professions through working with general practitioners on a four week placement. I was also privileged to be given the chance to visit Guys and St Thomas Hospital in London; to see the workings of such a prestigious hospital was great!

At Franklin College you have all of the resources and equipment you could need and have the opportunity to take part in enrichment activities whatever your interests. Tutors at Franklin really engage you in learning so you can achieve the best possible grades.

Have a look through this guide to find the subjects you are most interested in, those which fit well together and will help you achieve your ambitions. My decisions were confirmed by speaking to students and teachers at an open event I attended during Year 11. Talking to people from each subject area will allow you to get an insight into what you will learn and where your subjects may take you in the future, so come along!

Through the inevitable challenge you will face in the next stage of your education at Franklin you will get tremendous support from all staff. A welcome feeling is always present. I’m glad I chose Franklin.

More and more students are getting in touch to be part of our alumni society. If you would like to register your details and be part of future events or work with current students then please send a message with your contact details to: alumni@franklin.ac.uk
At Franklin College we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of our students. We have an experienced and qualified safeguarding team who can be contacted at any time. Our safeguarding and anti-bullying policies and procedures are available on the Franklin College website.

As a college we aim to:

• ensure that we practise safe recruitment when checking the suitability of staff, Governors and volunteers
• raise awareness of safeguarding issues through staff training
• ensure procedures are in place for identifying and reporting cases or suspected cases of abuse, and/or where a student may be at risk of harm
• establish a safe environment in which students can learn and develop, feel secure and are listened to
• support our students to develop a safe, healthy lifestyle
• ensure that students know there are staff in the College whom they can approach if they are worried
• promote fundamental British values in order to protect students from radicalisation.

Franklin College is committed to enabling individual students to achieve their full potential in a supportive and inclusive environment. We know that a diverse, dynamic student body, and team of enthusiastic, inspirational and highly qualified staff lie at the heart of a successful sixth form college.

• As Investors in Diversity (Top 20 - 2016), we understand that we must be mindful of the diverse needs of those we work with and we have produced a Single Equality Policy Statement that underpins everything we do.
• We welcome applications for study and employment from all individuals, regardless of any protected characteristic (as defined in the Equality Act) and socioeconomic background.
• The Franklin College Single Equality Policy Statement and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan can be found on our website along with an annual report which is published each academic year.
• For further information on the College’s Single Equality Scheme and general equality, diversity and inclusion matters, please contact the Assistant Principal or email: equality@franklin.ac.uk

At Franklin College, we offer the widest range of A Levels, BTECs, CTECs and GCSEs in the area. Every year we help hundreds of young people take the next step in becoming who they want to be.
Level 1

You can start at Franklin College with few or no GCSEs and Level 1 provides an introduction to college study and on completion, you may progress to Level 2 courses.

This one year programme will provide a variety of experiences to give you more confidence to consider a choice of career options and move on to the next step. You will be supported in small groups and follow a well-structured timetable.

Maths and English are an important part of this Study Programme and you will be able to study them at an appropriate level in order to progress within college. Students who complete their Level 1 programme either go on to Level 2 programmes or seek work based training or employment.

Please email admissions@franklin.ac.uk for more details.

Level 2

Level 2 includes OCR Nationals, BTECs, CTECs and GCSEs.

You may already have achieved some D grades or above in a number of different GCSEs (or equivalent). A number of students come to Franklin College each year to try and improve or consolidate their results over a period of a year. You will likely study one BTEC or CTEC qualification, with English Language and Maths (at an appropriate level) to allow you to progress onto Level 3 study or seek work based training or employment.

Science GCSE can provide the necessary qualification for progression onto a number of careers and students with a grade D can opt to study towards a grade C alongside A Level courses.

Note – Students completing Maths and English GCSEs in 2017 will receive a number on the new GCSE grading system instead of a letter on the current grading system. A grade 4 and above will be equivalent to a grade C or above. For some subjects a grade B in Maths or English is currently required and this will be a grade 5 or 6 on the new system. For subjects where this change is relevant we have included both grading systems in the entry requirements for clarification.

Level 3

Level 3 includes A levels, BTECs and CTECs, students will have the opportunity to study 3 or 4 options.

You will already have achieved at least 5 GCSE passes (or equivalent) at grade C (grade 4) or above in 4 different subject areas (including English Language). Students who complete Level 3 programmes often go on to Higher Education, training or employment. All Level 3 qualifications earn UCAS points which contribute to university entry requirements and are valid for the rest of your life. Some of the Level 3 courses have particular entry requirements, so it is always wise to discuss this with staff at one of our Open Events or at your interview.

The Admissions Team will advise you at interview which programme is best suited to you and your intended career path. There will be further advice and support during Taster Days in the summer and at enrolment in August.

We explain things in a way you can understand...
LEVEL 3 STUDY PROGRAMMES ARE MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF QUALIFICATION

The diagram below should help you understand what different qualifications are worth.

Due to government reforms most A Levels will now be assessed only at the end of two years of study and predominantly by examination.

All A Levels will have either; external or internal examinations at the end of the first year, and external examinations at the end of the second year. Don’t worry about these changes as our staff are well prepared for them and will be able to explain them to you in more detail at Open Events, interviews and Taster Days.

There are many other options which will make up your Study Programme detailed in the following pages.

Students will study 3 or 4 options and a Study Programme can be made by mixing and matching subjects and qualification types. See options below.

The support from the staff is great. They were really friendly and helpful when I was choosing my options.
Enrichment will form a key part of your Study Programme so take a look and get involved!

GET ACTIVE
Sport
Competitive sports
Recreational activities
Sports Leader Award

GET CREATIVE
Arts & Culture
Theatre & drama
Music & dance
Art & photography

GET COMPETITIVE
Honours Programme
Stretch & challenge
Competitions & conferences
Academic mentoring

GET AHEAD
Career Academy
Science & Engineering
Business & Finance
Health
Logistics
Law

GET HELPING
Volunteering
Mentoring
College Student Union & Association
Voluntary work

GET SKILLS
Vocational Training
Health & Social Care
work placements
Apprenticeships & Traineeships
Journalism
Teaching Academy

GET INSPIRED
Tips & Visits
Cultural exchanges
Field trips
Subject visits

GET LEARNING
Additional Qualifications
Extended Project Qualification
Duke of Edinburgh Award
National Citizen Service

GET ENRICHED AT Franklin College
Lots to do
Franklin College is located on one site on Chelmsford Avenue, Grimsby.

By Bicycle: A designated bicycle storage area with video surveillance is available.

By Car or Motorcycle: After students reach the age of 17 they often have the use of a car or motorcycle for travel to college. There is substantial monitored parking available on site. We ask students to park in the college car parks and not on public roads around college.

By Train: Franklin College is accessible by rail and bus services, routes from Barnby and Barton-upon-Humber are used by a number of students, many of whom live in villages with stops along the way.

By Bus: The College provides its own direct bus services for a minimal fare per journey, for current routes see page 21. If these routes are not accessible you can also use the local bus services.

The Admissions Team will be available to give all prospective students up-to-date information about courses, college activities and student support, including financial support.

The Admissions Team will also handle your application to Franklin College and keep you informed every step of the way. You will have a one-to-one interview, either in school or at Franklin, to help you to put together a suitable study programme.

Students in North East Lincolnshire can apply to any Post 16 education and training provider through Lincs2. Your school will help you with this, but if you get stuck, just give us a call on 01472 875 004.

An electronic application form is available on the College website or a paper form can be requested by calling 01472 875 004 or emailing admissions@franklin.ac.uk

5 easy steps...

Open Event Apply Interview Taster Days Enrol
We are now running five return bus routes to help students get to Franklin College.

**Lincolnshire Wolds route**
Market Rasen, Nettleton, Caistor, Irby and Laceby.

**Lincolnshire Coast route 1**
Legbourne, Gayton Top, Withern, Alford, Sutton-on-Sea, Mablethorpe, Theddlethorpe, Saltfleet and North Somercotes.

**Lincolnshire Coast route 2**
Grainthorpe, Marshchapel, North Cotes, Tetney, Humberston, New Waltham and Scartho.

**The Humber Bank route**
Barton upon Humber, Barrow upon Humber, Goxhill, Wootton, Ulceby, South Killingholme, Immingham, Stallingborough, Healing, Great Coates and Wybers Wood.

**Louth Route**
Louth, Fotherby, Utterby, North Thoresby, Holton le Clay and Waltham.

All the individual bus stops on each of the 5 routes can be found on the following pages.
Students pay a small contribution in either direction.

College bus routes are constantly reviewed in order to provide the best possible service for our students. It is possible routes or timetables can change. For up-to-date information on transport options please visit our website at www.franklin.ac.uk/student-support/transport

Information accurate at the time of printing.
Franklin College is the only Academy or college within the local area that offers students the opportunity to take part and join a prestigious national programme called Career Ready.

Career Academies give students fantastic opportunities with a focus on gaining key employability skills that employers are looking for and gives them vital experience with business professionals to help them achieve their career goals. We offer five Career Ready, Career Academies in Business, Law, Science & Engineering, Health and Logistics.

Franklin College is very proud of the Career Academies and have recently won two national awards. Cameron Barber a Business Career Academy student won the Sir Winfried Bischoff award, giving him an all-expenses paid trip to New York plus a £250 cheque and £500 per year bursary whilst he is studying at university. Franklin also won the Santander Career Academy of the Year for outstanding contribution to raising the aspirations of students and offering invaluable experience whilst being part of the Career Academies.

In their first term, students can apply for a place in one of the five academies. Successful students will be given access to workplace visits, nationally and locally, a one-to-one mentorship with a professional from within their chosen area, master-classes with guest speakers and a 4-6 week internship at the end of the first year.

It is recommended that students should study certain core subjects and be enrolled on a full time study programme in order to be part of an academy. For more details on our Career Academies – including recent events, trips and visits, please see the Franklin College website.

In addition to the Career Ready Academies we have also developed our own teaching academy, which could offer you opportunities to gain valuable experience of teaching and mentoring.

For more information about Franklin Career Academies, ask at interview, or email: emma.swinburn@franklin.ac.uk

For more information about UK Career Ready, visit www.careerready.org.uk
We are offering an exciting health programme thanks to a partnership with Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Diana Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby.

The Allied Health Professionals (AHP) programme will have a limited number of places each year for students who are interested in pursuing a career in healthcare professions including: radiology, speech and language therapy, outpatients, medical physics, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and possibly pharmacy.

The students will study three Level 3 qualifications at Franklin College, attend dedicated enrichment sessions for developing key employability skills and spend two days each week on a placement at Grimsby hospital.

Enrichment sessions will include a broad range of topics including patient care and empathy, understanding infection control, safeguarding adults and children, fire safety and resuscitation among others in preparation for employment in the NHS.

Placements will provide experience in a variety of hospital settings including a year in therapies and a year in clinical support, working alongside practising health professionals. All students will have a NHS mentor during their placement to assess progress and offer support.

Students should apply to College in the normal ways and note their interest in the AHP programme at their interview.
Finance
Franklin College works alongside support agencies to help students with financial concerns.

Bursary Fund
Franklin offers a 16-18 Bursary scheme which provides financial support to help students overcome specific barriers to participation so they can remain in education. Whilst details are yet to be finalised for 2017/18, it is expected that the scheme will offer financial support in the form of transport subsidies and/or weekly payments to students to help them continue in education.

Free Meals
Students may be eligible for free college meals dependent on their household income (currently up to £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit). This may be subject to change.

Child Care Support
Care to Learn (for students aged 16-19) is intended to help young parents, defined as those under the age of 20, to continue in and return to, education after the birth of a child. The scheme can provide up to a maximum total amount of £160 per child per week.

19+ Discretionary Learner Support Fund
This fund offers financial assistance to those students who are already 19 years of age when they enrol. Details will be issued upon enrolment.

For more information about support, please see our website under ‘Financial Support’

Student attendance is closely monitored and students must be able to account for all absences. Whilst we aim to celebrate the achievement of those students whose attendance is exceptionally good, it should be noted that poor attendance is something we take seriously as it will usually lead to lower levels of success in final assessments. Poor attendance may result in the involvement of an Assistant Principal and parents/carers.

Holidays
Holidays should not be booked during term time. To aid your planning, all students will be given a copy of provisional term dates for 2017/18 at interview.

Dates
Check our website for an up-to-date calendar with the key dates throughout the year: www.franklin.ac.uk

Consultation Evenings
Consultation Evenings are a chance for parents/carers and students to meet tutors, Progress Coaches and other staff and discuss a student’s progress and achievement. These are held twice a year.

We welcome feedback and communication from any parent or carer with any issues to discuss
How do I know which courses I should take?
Start by looking at the level you should be applying for (see pages 12-14 for an explanation of these). From here you can see which courses are available to you and what will fit well with your career aims.

I have additional support needs; will Franklin College be able to help me?
Yes. At Franklin we have experience in supporting students with a wide range of physical disabilities and learning difficulties. College staff receive specialist training in this area and we will do our best to meet individual needs. All Franklin students are eligible to receive extra support from the Learning Skills Team. Support can include anything, from help with one off study problems to one on one support sessions and workshops in spelling and punctuation. Whatever your needs, we will support you through your studies to ensure that you achieve your full potential at Franklin.

When do I apply?
Now! The sooner you apply the sooner we can process your application and arrange an interview with you. You will find an application form in this course guide or you can apply online at: www.franklin.ac.uk or via Lincs2 (North East Lincolnshire students).

Will I be given any help in choosing my programme?
Yes. Tell us what you are aiming for, and we will help you choose subjects that will strengthen your application. Advice from the Admissions Team, teachers, Progress Coaches and our career advisors will ensure that you get the most out of what Franklin can offer you.

What if my GCSE results are not what I was expecting?
Here at Franklin College, we offer a telephone advice service on 01472 875 005. You can telephone us if your results are not what you expected them to be. If you have already been offered a place at Franklin then it will still be open to you. It may be that you need to spend an extra year at college to improve your grades before moving on to a Level 3 programme, many students take this route and still achieve the goals that they set for themselves.

If I still have some questions, who do I speak to?
You can email any questions to admissions@franklin.ac.uk or telephone 01472 875 004 and speak to a member of the Admissions Team.

Will there be someone to help me if I have a problem at college?
Yes. Individual and small group tutorials are an essential part of your College programme. During that time, you will be able to approach your Progress Coach with any problem and be confident that it will be dealt with sensitively. The college has a student counselling service, which provides access to one-to-one counselling where required.