



***Discover
your potential***

Thank you for your interest in Melton Vale Sixth Form College.

It is my privilege to be the Head Teacher of Melton Vale Sixth Form College.

If you choose to come to MV16, you really will have the best of all worlds. As sixth form specialists, you will have teachers who are experts in their courses and who will pass on their passion and love for their subject to you.

As a college, we act as an excellent half-way house between school and university or employment. We treat you as adults and provide you with an environment that gives you the freedom to be yourself, but we also provide the support and structure that you need to flourish and develop. As a small college, we provide a warm and friendly community where staff get to know you and can tailor their support and advice accordingly.

Having worked in the sixth form college sector for many years, both here and at an outstanding Sixth Form College in Cambridge, I am passionate about sixth form education.

My role is an honour; we have two brief years to walk beside you as you explore your sense of self and your future aspirations and it is my responsibility to ensure that we open your eyes to more than you may have thought possible in terms of your dreams and your goals.

I hope you allow us to invest in you and I look forward to welcoming you to MV16.

Dr Nicki Dartnell
Head Teacher

“Leaders and governors foster a culture of ambition for all students.”

Ofsted Outstanding (March 2023)

Why MV16 is outstanding

In March 2023, we welcomed Ofsted into the college and we were delighted to be rated 'Outstanding' in all areas.

We are extremely proud of the feedback we have received. Opposite is a selection of statements from Ofsted's report.

"Teachers provide an excellent education that enables students to progress on to high-quality destinations."

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The curriculum

"Leaders have developed a broad and varied personal development curriculum. Students have access to a wide range of enrichment activities related to their progression aims."



Teaching and learning

"Teachers are highly skilled practitioners. They have extensive levels of subject knowledge, which they use well."



MV students

"Students are proud to study at MV. They rightly value the calm and purposeful atmosphere at the college and enjoy the freedoms that the sixth-form experience offers."



Wellbeing

"Students appreciate how effectively staff oversee and support their wellbeing."



"MV is such a friendly college and the supportive atmosphere helps me to push myself to the best of my ability."

Hattie (Student)

What's it like to study at MV?

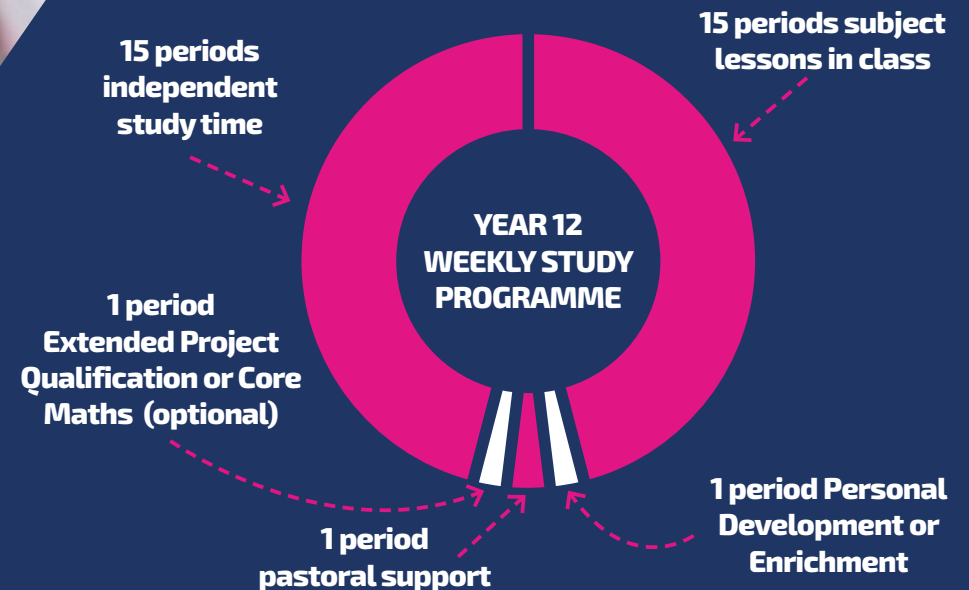
Studying at MV gives you the best of all worlds.

As a sixth form college, we provide an adult environment in which we prepare you for your onward progression, but as a small sixth form college we get to know you really well so we can tailor your experience to fit your goals and you as a person.

We offer the biggest range of A-Level subjects in the area, supplemented by some selected BTEC qualifications that complement our A-Level offering.

Lessons run from 9:00am to 3:25pm. If you haven't got a lesson, we have plenty of study space for you to use, or you can choose to be off campus if you wish.

Your subjects are your core qualifications and you will have five periods of these a week, and these are combined with other personal development and enrichment activities that you opt for that gives you a unique timetable that is tailored to you and your progression plans.



Ask the students...



Rhea

Which school did you come from?

Rushey Mead.

What subjects are you taking?

Chemistry, Biology and History.

What do you hope to do after MV?

After MV, I hope to pursue Medicine at university and then go on to complete further training to become a Paediatrician, as I would love to work with children in the future and help them get better!

What do you like about MV?

I love MV16 specifically for its constant support and encouragement, especially in terms of working towards your dream career. The help given is very personalised and teachers are more than willing to offer advice and aid when needed. I also appreciate all the wonderful extra-curricular activities on offer, ranging from the Latin/Classics Club to the amazing volunteering opportunities at Birch Wood — which really cemented my passion for Paediatrics.

Alice

Which school did you come from?

John Ferneley College.

What subjects are you taking?

History, Sociology and Media.

What do you hope to do after MV?

After MV, I want to go into the heritage sector to work in museums and archives, both researching and displaying artifacts. I would also love to continue in research and be able to become a historical advisor for TV and Film.

What do you like about MV?

The support that we get from the teachers here at MV, both in lessons and outside, is invaluable and they make the content of our courses engaging. We are also given so many opportunities to develop ourselves outside of lessons, like EPQs and Student Union.



Ophie

Which school did you come from?

Long Field.

What subjects are you taking?

English Literature, Sociology and Maths.

What do you hope to do after MV?

After MV, I want to go to university to do a degree in English Language and Literature, hopefully at Lancaster. I want to be an academic, and eventually a professor of English.

What do you like about MV?

I love the sense of community that is created at MV. All of the teachers and staff are really friendly and approachable, and there's so much support available for students. From open mics to our mock election, there's loads of things to get involved in.



Sam

Which school did you come from?

John Ferneley College.

What subjects are you taking?

Maths, Chemistry, Physics and BTEC Engineering.

What do you hope to do after MV?

I'm planning on completing a degree or degree apprenticeship in some field of engineering. It's important to keep as many doors open as possible so I'll be thinking about more flexible programmes with solid foundations.

What do you like about MV?

The teachers at MV are the best thing to me. If you need some help, want to know more about something or just want to talk, they're always there for you. Don't be afraid to ask!



Barney

Which school did you come from?

Priory Belvoir.

What subjects are you taking?

Maths, Economics and French.

What do you hope to do after MV?

Politics, Philosophy and Economics (BA) or a pure Economics degree (BSC) from the University of Birmingham (also considering Durham, Manchester and York for pure Economics). There are great strengths to both these courses, but slowly I am coming to a decision for the future.

What do you like about MV?

At MV, I can study independently in quiet secluded zones but also socialise with friends in the canteen areas at break and lunch. There are areas of college specifically designed to facilitate a variety of needs. All teachers are specialists in their subjects, which allows for a high quality education and student experience when it comes to the classroom.

There is excellent careers support and an emphasis on discovering and reaching your potential. At MV no aspiration is too high — teachers go above and beyond to aid.

Outside of academia, there is a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer throughout the week to contribute to a stable work-life balance, critical when adapting to the sixth form experience.



Holly

Which school did you come from?

Casterton Community College.

What subjects are you taking?

Maths, Art and Graphic Design.

What do you hope to do after MV?

After I leave MV, I hope to get into the University of Sheffield to study architecture, which will lead me into the field.

What do you like about MV?

One thing I love about MV is the safe and welcoming environment created by both the staff and the students.





Barnaby

Which school did you come from?

Long Field.

What subjects are you taking?

Art, Textiles and History.

What do you hope to do after MV?

Post-18, I hope to head to De Montfort University in Leicester to complete my one-year Art Foundation to get a further expanded knowledge of what I am keen to do in my career as a creative. After this adventure, hopefully, I should be headed to London College of Fashion to study Fashion Design and Development.

What do you like about MV?

I love MV16 due to how accessible teachers are for advice and help, this has really helped to find areas that I need to develop. For example, how to develop my designs in Textiles and how to work on essay structure in History.

Vincent

Which school did you come from?

John Ferneley College.

What subjects are you taking?

Business, Maths and Economics.

What do you hope to do after MV?

After college, I intend to study for either a university degree in Business Management or a degree apprenticeship. Both alternatives are interesting, and I'm considering which will best suit my career goals and learning style.

What do you like about MV?

I really enjoy my time at MV16 because of the productive and encouraging learning environment. The teachers are enthusiastic and devoted, going out of their way to ensure that we are well-prepared for our exams. The college also provides a variety of extra-curricular activities and enrichment programs, allowing me to explore my interests and learn new skills outside of the classroom.



Immy

Which school did you come from?

Uppingham Community College.

What subjects are you taking?

Chemistry, Geography and Psychology.

What do you hope to do after MV?

After MV, I hope to go on to do a degree in Environmental Science with a year abroad, as I was torn between a gap year and university and thought this is the best decision for me to do both!

What do you like about MV?

One thing I love about MV is how supportive the teachers are and readily available to help you. This has been especially helpful in each of my subjects and I have really benefited from them and their advice.



Grace

Which school did you come from?

Catmose Community College.

What subjects are you taking?

English, History and Media.

What do you hope to do after MV?

After MV, I am hoping to pursue a degree in Music and Music Technology at the University of Nottingham, and hopefully pursue a career in music as a film music composer.

What do you like about MV?

One thing I love about MV is the opportunities I have, especially open mic. I also appreciated the amount of great support I had from the college, especially all my individual teachers for each subject.



Hannah

Which school did you come from?

John Ferneley College.

What subjects are you taking?

Biology, Chemistry and Maths.

What do you hope to do after MV?

After MV, I want to study Biochemistry at a Russell Group university with the intent to work in a lab within the research industry/academia.

What do you like about MV?

MV is great at offering personalised support for all. For me, that was the Aim Higher Group, who push you to be the best possible version of yourself, making your aspirations feel possible. I also enjoy the community at MV. The diversity has created a range of different clubs to get involved with, giving you the chance to meet classmates and teachers you wouldn't otherwise have.



"My child has thrived at MV. He has always been a conscientious student but his teachers at MV have inspired him to push his skills and knowledge and to believe in himself."

Parent



"I love the bright and positive atmosphere at MV."

Danny (Student)

Social Sciences

The scientific study of human society and social relationships.

Social scientists study how societies work, exploring everything from the triggers of economic growth and the causes of unemployment to what makes people happy. Subjects studied will develop your communication and critical thinking skills, both vital for today's employer market.

Subjects you can study in the Social Sciences:

- **A-Level Psychology**
- **A-Level Sociology**
- **Applied Diploma in Criminology**
- **BTEC/AAQ* Health and Social Care**
- **BTEC Psychology**

*Qualification type subject to government review

Case Study

Jessica Seddon (Class of 2020)

Studied Biology, Psychology and Chemistry and then continued with a degree in Psychology at the University of Newcastle.

Jess says: **"When things change unexpectedly, it is scary... but you will discover new things that interest you and everything will sort itself out if you are patient."**



Case Study

Caitlin Dennison (Class of 2019)

Attended MV in 2017–19 studying English Literature, Sociology and Psychology, and then on to university in York.

Today, Caitlin is an Associate Lecturer in Nurse Education.

Caitlin's top tip: **"Trust the process — you will find the right career. Everything will work out in the end and the hard work will be worth it!"**



Humanities

The study of subjects such as geography and history.

Humanities subjects take real world global issues and study the impact on society and what we might have learnt along the way.

You will have ample opportunity within the Humanities to debate and discuss controversial issues and will develop your communication skills as a result, alongside many others.

Subjects you can study at MV:

- A-Level Business
- A-Level Economics
- A-Level Geography
- A-Level History
- A-Level Politics



Case Study

Kyan Atkins (Class of 2017)

Studied Business, Geography and Product Design at MV16 and is now a Product Manager at the London Stock Exchange Group.

Kyan says: **"The Degree Apprenticeship route was possibly one of the best decisions for me in my personal circumstances, but its important to always keep as many options open as possible."**



Case Study

Lucy Twitney (Class of 2022)

Lucy joined Melton Vale in 2020 to study A-Levels in Geography, Sociology and Spanish. Today, Lucy is a student at Cambridge University studying for a degree in Geography.

Lucy's best piece of advice is: **"Don't worry if you are not sure what you want to do yet!"**



"What I like about MV is that there are facilities that cater to all students' educational needs."

Dylan (Student)

STEM

The systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical and natural world through observation, experimentation, and the testing of theories against the evidence obtained.

Studying a science give you valuable critical thinking skills and help to build creativity that can lead to new innovations, alongside developing problem solving skills. The skills learned during your STEM study have real world application and can be useful in any field of work.

Subjects you can study at MV:

- **A-Level Biology**
- **A-Level Chemistry**
- **A-Level Computer Science**
- **A-Level Environmental Science**
- **A-Level Further Mathematics**
- **A-Level Mathematics**
- **A-Level PE**
- **A-Level Physics**
- **A-Level Product Design**
- **Level 3 Mathematics** (this can be taken as an additional course)
- **BTEC/AAQ* Engineering**
- **AAQ* Information Technology**
- **BTEC Sport and Exercise Science**

*Qualification type subject to government review

Case Study

Geraldine Kirk (Class of 2021)

Came to MV in 2019 to study Biology, Chemistry and Maths and is now currently studying Veterinary Science and Surgery at the University of Nottingham.

Advice from Geraldine: **"Don't panic and try your best. You can do it!"**



Creative Arts

A diverse range of human activity, and resulting product, that involves creative or imaginative talent expressive of technical proficiency, beauty, emotional power, or conceptual ideas.

Come and join the region's most successful, exciting and ambitious creative arts department. With a wide range of disciplines on offer, you will arrive as a student and leave as an artist and or designer.. On average 80% of our creative arts cohort continue their creative journey in higher education or employment. We have alumni across the length and breadth of the UK from Central Saints Martins in London, to The Glasgow School of Art.

Did you know 93% of 16–18-year-olds say studying a creative subject impacts positively on their mental health and well-being and the creative industry makes a staggering contribution of nearly £13 million to the national economy every hour!

Creative subjects you can study at MV:

- A-Level Art
- A-Level Graphics
- A-Level Photography
- A-Level Textiles



Case Study

Alberto Serio (Class of 2018)

Entered MV to study Photography, Business and Media in 2016. Graduated from MV in 2018 and continued with studies at the University of Manchester. Alberto is now Brand Marketing Supervisor at The Walt Disney Company, Entertainment.

Top tip from Alberto: **"Consider apprenticeships!"**



"The MV environment fosters independent working and time management. With the support on offer, this sets students up well for post-18 plans."

Eve (Student)

Communications

The study of languages and their influence on culture.

These are academic courses with ambitious and varied contents, which will develop students' general cultural understanding, self-confidence and intellectual curiosity of language within a wide range of contexts. The subjects open doors to all progression pathways, including medicine and law.

Subjects you can study at MV:

- **A-Level English Language and Literature**
- **A-Level English Literature**
- **A-Level Media Studies**
- **A-Level Spanish**



Case Study

George Icke (Class of 2021)

Studied English, Media and Geography at MV, followed by a BA in Broadcast Journalism at the University of Salford.

George now works as a National Newsreader and Reporter for Radio News Hub, and also as a freelance journalist.

George's advice to you: **"Don't panic if you don't know exactly what you want to do — you are in the majority, not the minority."**

Case Study

Hannah Skelton (Class of 2022)

Hannah studied A-Levels in Biology, Geography and Spanish at Melton Vale before graduating in 2022.

Today, Hannah is studying Earth and Planetary Science (Geography) at the University of Manchester, and is about to enter a placement year in Nuclear Consultancy.



Life beyond lessons

Discover your passion.

Education at post-16 is about more than passing qualifications.

Our goal is to prepare you for higher education or employment by providing you with a host of extra-curricular opportunities throughout your two years with us. In doing so, we support you to develop critical and creative thinking skills, whilst developing you as an effective independent learner.

- Netball
- Basketball
- Football
- Chess and backgammon clubs
- Environment group
- Creative crafts
- Women's group
- Classics club
- Debating club
- Table tennis
- Interact
- Brain food
- University Challenge quizzes
- Volunteering
- Inclusivity forum
- Eco-school ambassador
- Volleyball
- Creatives club
- Maths club and Senior Maths challenge
- Aim Higher group
- Greenpower club
- College newspaper
- Youth Stemm Award
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Student Union

The college has an active Student Union who organise events for the students. They have their own office on the Ground Floor and link up to tutor groups through form reps, who have an opportunity to attend a student union forum once a half-term.

Form reps take on a remit for either the environment or inclusivity. Both are extremely important areas within the college and we have just signed up to apply for the EcoSchool Award, with the student council spearheading the application.



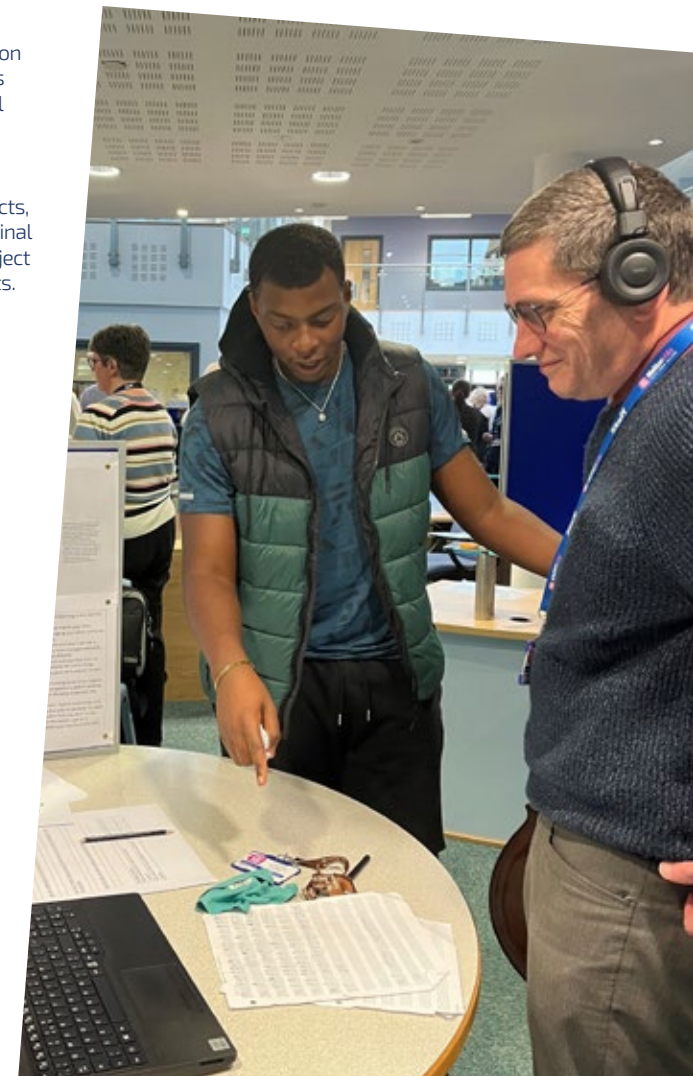
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Whilst at MV, you will have the option to take up an EPQ qualification. This qualification allows you to gain real independence and maturity whilst opting to pursue a topic of your choosing. From developing skills in CAD software to design new products, to investigating what makes a criminal and everything in between, the project is personal to you and your interests.

It presents a fantastic opportunity to stand out from the crowd and to develop a new skill or talent. The bonus is that it is equivalent to half an A-Level (A* can be achieved) and many universities now give alternative, lower offers to those students that complete an EPQ.

Universities know that the project provides evidence that the transition from college to university will be a smooth one as students will already possess many of the skills needed to flourish.

Within our staff team we have extensive expertise at supporting students with the qualification, including experience of leading moderation at national level for the exam board, so we really can provide the best possible advice for success.



"All students receive highly effective personalised careers information and guidance."

Ofsted Outstanding (March 2023)

Life after MV16

Discover your future.

At MV16, we are expert at providing bespoke advice and guidance to help you determine your next step. We have extensive links with employers and universities and every year we hold an employer fair which over fifty exhibitors attend.

We are proud of our students' success in securing places on competitive degree apprenticeships, including Dyson, Mars, Samworth Brothers, JCB, KPMG, and Price Waterhouse Coopers.

For those of you who plan to go on to university after your A-Levels, we are expert at helping with that too. One of just six Unifrog champions in the country, in recognition of the extensive support that we provide to students through its use, we offer individualised guidance with your UCAS applications.

Our alumni mentoring programme is unique in the sector. Currently over 60 alumni are matched with Year 12 students to provide support and advice with their chosen progression route.

Students are matched with an alumni who is working or studying in the student's chosen field.

This exceptional programme was recognised by the Sixth Form College Association Awards, achieving first place in the Enrichment and Employability category.



Winners of Enrichment and Employability Award

In recognition of the MV's extensive alumni engagement programme, which matches past students with current students according to career goals, to provide mentorship and advice with applications and onward progression.

MV community

Discover your voice.

At MV, we are small enough to foster excellent community spirit. We are proud of the tolerant and inclusive environment that defines the experience here at MV, with our students taking an active part in shaping their college, through formal means such as inclusivity forum or form reps, or informally through lunches with the Head Teacher.

Our catering team are a central part of the community and often theme their menu according to the celebrations taking place.

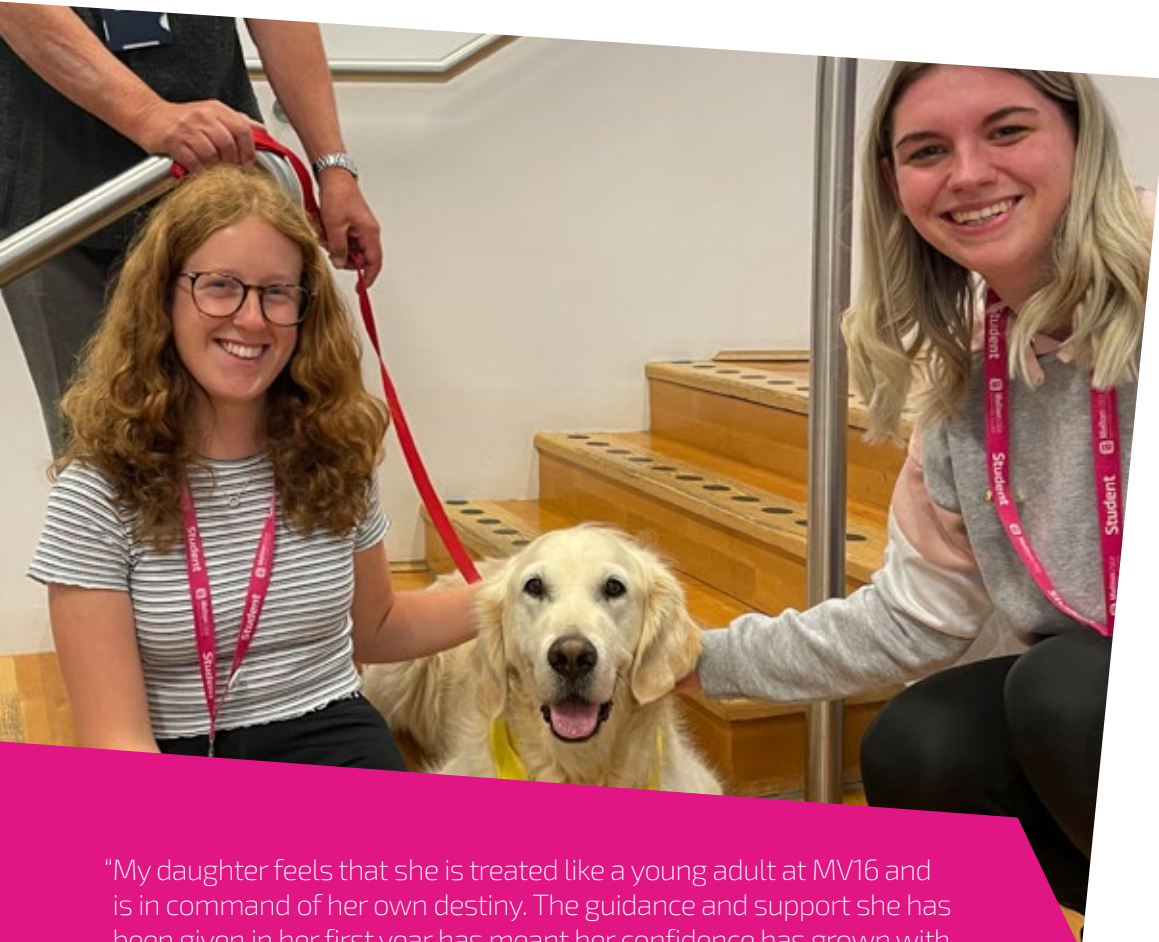
At the end of every half-term an open-mic is held where students and staff come together to perform and the Year 13 leavers' prom is a highlight of the summer term.



Celebrating
Pride 2023



Support services



"My daughter feels that she is treated like a young adult at MV16 and is in command of her own destiny. The guidance and support she has been given in her first year has meant her confidence has grown with all her subjects. It has been a great pleasure watching her blossom from a child into a young adult and believe the environment MV offers has played a huge part in this. As parents, we feel by the end of her time there she will be more than ready for life after MV."

Parent



Taking the step up to sixth form is exciting but we recognise that it can also be challenging at times. Our experienced and caring staff are available to provide advice and support whenever you might need assistance.

Wellbeing

Our dedicated Safeguarding and Welfare Officer is available whenever you need a listening ear. This may take the form of a quick catch up at the beginning of the day, or a more tailored regular support session if you need time to talk through your concerns.

Our newest addition to our wellbeing team is Monty the Golden Retriever. Monty is a registered therapy dog and will be making guest appearances on a regular basis!

Student Wellbeing Ambassadors

Our Student Wellbeing Ambassadors have been trained by Access All Areas. They wear a pink and gold lanyard and are available for students to drop in for a chat about anything that may be bothering them. They have their own office in a quiet part of the college to provide a listening ear.

SEND Support

First and foremost our SEND team provide assistance for students with special educational needs but they never turn anyone away from their door and frequently build strong relationships with other students, looking out for their welfare where needed.

Next to their baseroom is a suite of quiet working rooms that are available for them to work one to one with students, or for students to retreat to for some quiet working if they need a break from the hustle and bustle of the college. Students with Education and Health Care Plans will have a dedicated key worker from the team. Our SENCO works with all teaching staff to develop teaching & learning to ensure that lessons are inclusive for all students, irrespective of their needs.

Supported Study

We recognise that not all students adjust to the demands of advanced learning as quickly as others. Members of the teaching staff have time allocated in their week to support students who have been identified as needing some supervised study sessions, to help them prioritise their learning and assist in developing their organisation and time management skills.

Accessibility

The college is committed to meeting the needs of people with disabilities and recognises that a disability can affect people in different ways. We encourage you to let us know when you apply to us so that we can discuss how best to support you.

How we can help

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome the specific financial barriers to participation they face so they can remain in education.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the government's 16 to 19 bursary fund guide.

There are two types of 16 to 19 bursaries:

Bursaries for defined vulnerable groups of up to £1,200 a year.

Discretionary bursaries which institutions award using policies they set, in line with the ESFA funding rules.

Who is eligible for 16-19 Bursary Funding?

All bursaries

For both types of bursary, students must meet the eligibility criteria set out in paragraph 3 of the ESFA 16 to 19 Bursary Fund Guide 2024 to 2025 academic year.

Bursaries for young people in defined vulnerable groups

For vulnerable groups bursary, students must meet the eligibility criteria set out in paragraph 4 of the ESFA 16 to 19 Bursary Fund Guide 2024 to 2025 academic year.

Discretionary bursaries

The ESFA permit institutions to set their own eligibility criteria for discretionary bursaries. In all instances, even where you meet the criteria below, the award is based on actual financial need. Students must explicitly set out their needs at application stage.

Free School Meals

When you start at MV16, you will need to reapply to Leicestershire County Council if you were entitled to Free School Meals at your previous school — this will continue whilst we await formal confirmation of the entitlement.

How to get to us



By bus

MV16 is well connected with surrounding towns and rural communities by public bus networks. These are public routes operated by Arriva and Centrebus. See our website for links to the timetables.

Please contact the service providers if you have any issues with the buses.

By car

If you are traveling by car, you can plan your route online. Please use the postcode LE13 1DN.

For safety reasons, if you are being dropped off, you must use the drop-off point in the main car park at the front of the college.

The main college car park is manned in the morning and afternoons, students must display a parking permit to be admitted in and permits are available from Reception. Students should park in the MV marked bays in the front car park. Disabled parking is available at the front of the building.

By rail

Melton Mowbray station has direct rail links to Oakham, Stamford and Leicester. Visit our website to check times and availability.

When you exit the station, walk past the council offices then turn right, walk over the footbridge and up Burton Road. MV16 is at the top of this road, approximately 20 minutes walk away.

Help with transport costs

Each local authority has a policy setting out how they support post-16 students with the costs of transport. Please refer to your local authority's website for more details.

Additionally if you can demonstrate a financial need you may be able to get support from the MV16 bursary fund, see our website for more information.



How to apply

We understand that choosing the right college is a very difficult decision — we would encourage you to come and meet us before making a final decision.

The Head Teacher or one of the leadership team is always available to meet you.

By meeting one of the team, you can talk through any questions you might have and we can provide you with all the latest

news regarding the exciting enrichment activities that makes MV16 such a unique college.

The actual application process for a Year 12 place at MV16 is very straightforward. You can apply directly for Year 12 places through our website by scanning the QR code opposite with your smartphone.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

General college entry requirements

In order to study A-Levels at MV16, you need to have achieved a grade 4 or above in both GCSE Mathematics and English, plus three other GCSE or equivalent qualifications at grade 5 or above.

Subject-specific entry requirements

Subject	Entry requirements
A-Level Sciences	Minimum grade 6 in a related science subject
A-Level Economics	Minimum grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics
A-Level Computer Science	Minimum grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics
A-Level Environmental Science	Minimum grade 5 in GCSE Science or Mathematics
A-Level Mathematics	Minimum grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics
A-Level Further Mathematics	Minimum grade 7 or above in GCSE Mathematics
A-Level English Literature	Minimum grade 6 in GCSE English Literature
A-Level Spanish	Minimum grade 6 in the language you wish to study
A-Level PE	You should be competing at club level or above for the coursework component

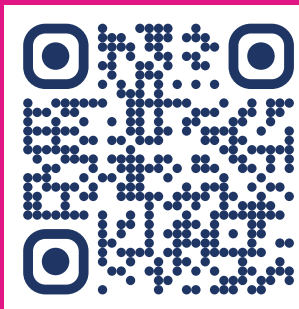
All other subjects require the general college entry requirements only.

Apply online

We are currently accepting applications for September for Year 12 students. You can apply for a place at MV16 directly through our website:

mv16.org.uk/apply

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please email admissions@mv16.org.uk.





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