



NORTH BRISTOL
Post 16 Centre

Welcome

Welcome to the North Bristol Post 16 Centre prospectus. Our Centre is unique, located close to the city centre, with learning communities based at two highly successful schools: Cotham and Redland Green. At NBP16, we are proud to offer a large range of courses including A Levels, AS Levels, BTECs and the Cambridge Pre-U. These are offered, alongside our Level 2 Foundation Programme, to ensure that every student can find a pathway of courses that will allow them to reach their full potential. Every year we are pleased to welcome a large number of students from schools across the city (and beyond), making ours a diverse and friendly community.

This prospectus will give you an opportunity to begin discovering the experience that the Centre can offer you for the next two or three years of your education. We are proud that, year on year, our students make excellent progress from their starting points. This reflects our inclusive and expert provision as a leading large provider of comprehensive Post 16 education.

At North Bristol Post 16 Centre, you can expect to experience much more than an examination treadmill. Our community is diverse and is built on a mutual respect between staff and students. We have a broad enrichment offer and an exemplary pastoral provision. For each student, the journey is unique and the support we offer ensures that careers guidance, enrichment and wellbeing are all at the heart of the experience.

By joining us, you will be joining a community of like-minded students and staff who believe that, through hard work, collaboration and creativity, they can fulfil their ambitions both inside and beyond the classroom. We are very pleased that you are considering us for the continuation of your studies and look forward to meeting you and supporting you with your next step.

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5 Great Reasons to Study With Us

1 Excellent teaching and results: We have excellent, highly qualified teachers who are passionate about their subjects and are experts in teaching your age group. Our outstanding student progress, year on year, shows our commitment to all students, regardless of their starting point. Each year, our students remark on the value of the support they have had from teaching staff and how this individual support has had a very real impact on their enthusiasm and progress in the subject.

2 A diverse curriculum offer: We offer over 40 different courses, with a range of A Level, Pre-U and BTEC options available. The vast majority of students are able to study their first choice of subjects. Our Level 2 Foundation Programme is also there to support learners who have not yet reached the entry criteria for Level 3 study.

3 Putting our students first: The best interests of our students are at the heart of everything we do; we work hard to support our students in developing positive mental health throughout their studies, as well as equipping them with these tools for the future. Our leadership and support structure are designed to ensure that every student is known and their wellbeing and academic needs are met. If anything does start to go wrong, we will act quickly to support you and get things back on track.

4 Superb location and facilities: Situated close to the city centre, we are served well by public transport. Our two sites are very close together and it is easy to walk between the two. We aim to try and keep your movement between lessons to a minimum, to help you get to know other students and staff well. We have modern and well equipped facilities including study space, P16 cafeterias and a range of bespoke learning facilities including science labs, art spaces, IT suites, and performing arts facilities.

5 Developing experience and aspiration: As a Centre, we believe in providing all our students with a broad range of opportunities to participate in activities and experiences that you may not normally have access to. In addition, there are regular opportunities to hear from a diverse range of speakers to help you explore pathways for the future. This ensure that each students is supported and equipped to pursue ambitious future pathways. We have a huge (and growing) number of enrichment opportunities and an expert tutor team who will support transition aspirations, including the UCAS process.



“My teachers have motivated me and pushed me forward in my education, they never gave up on me and for that I give them my utmost respect and gratitude.”

Enrichment, Support and Personal Development

At both learning communities of the North Bristol Post-16 Centre, we are very proud of the student support structures we have in place.

As a student here you can expect the following support:



A dedicated personal tutor who will meet with you regularly and help you take responsibility for your own progress. Tutors also deliver a full tutoring programme covering academic skills, wellbeing and advice on next steps.

Core programme. A series of talks and workshops delivered throughout both years by a range of organisations covering personal safety, university life, health and wellbeing, employability and many more.

“Everyone is so friendly and always willing to help”



Academic mentoring and support. Both learning communities have dedicated academic mentors who are there to help students build up the skills you will need for success. Regular workshops are held on different topics, and one-on-one support is provided where necessary.

High quality enrichment activity. Ranging from Medics' societies to sports teams and discussion groups there is a wide range of enrichment activity available to complement your academic programme of study.



“I feel like I have been treated like an adult, all situations are handled seriously and I have found all members of staff really helpful with any problems I've had.”



Wellbeing Support.

We know that doing your best can be a challenge and a very proud of the range of different resources and links we have available to support your wellbeing as you progress through your Post-16 education.

Dedicated Post-16 Learning Resource Centres.

Both learning communities contain “The Hub” - a well stocked study space and library in which students can work independently and develop essential research skills.

Careers support and guidance.

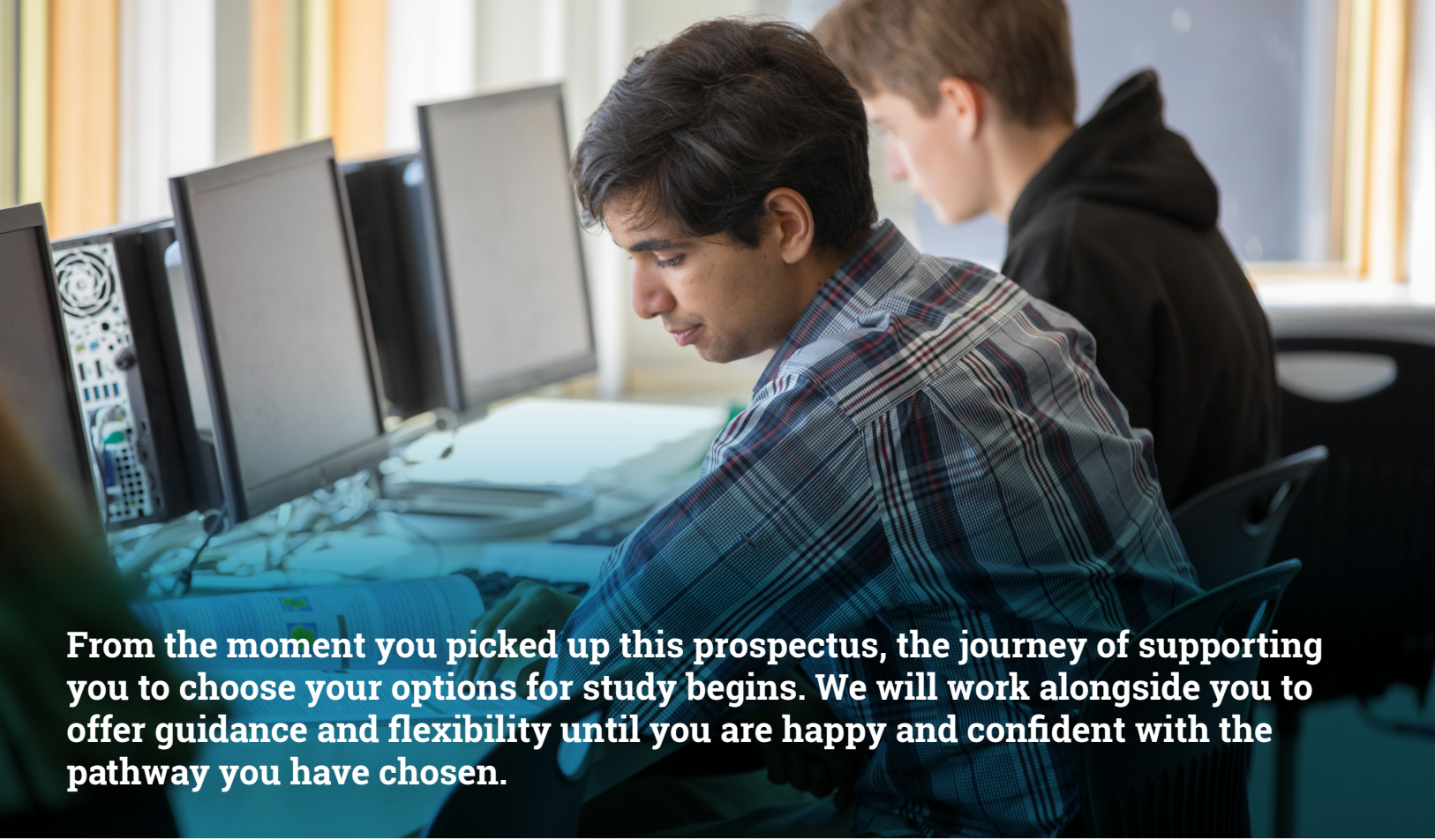
Students have access to one-on-one careers advice, as well as access to exclusive online information regarding opportunities. The process of Post 18 applications, including university, is begun during Year 12, and an organised programme of support ensures that all applications are of the highest possible quality.

Futures 18.

The Futures 18 programme is a two-day event comprising a day long conference and a day long intensive workshop to consolidate learning. This is unique to the North Bristol Post-16 Centre, and combines intensive work on employability and progression, with a wide range of different workshops delivered by employers, apprenticeship providers, universities, community organisations and wellbeing providers.

Making Informed Choices

All details contained in this prospectus were accurate at the time of going to print. The Centre is obliged to run courses in a cost effective manner, which will be influenced directly by the number of students wishing to study each course. If course viability is drawn into question, all options will be explored in an attempt to offer the provision in some way. As a final resort, the Centre reserves the right to withdraw any course. All decisions are made in the best interest of our student population as a whole.



From the moment you picked up this prospectus, the journey of supporting you to choose your options for study begins. We will work alongside you to offer guidance and flexibility until you are happy and confident with the pathway you have chosen.

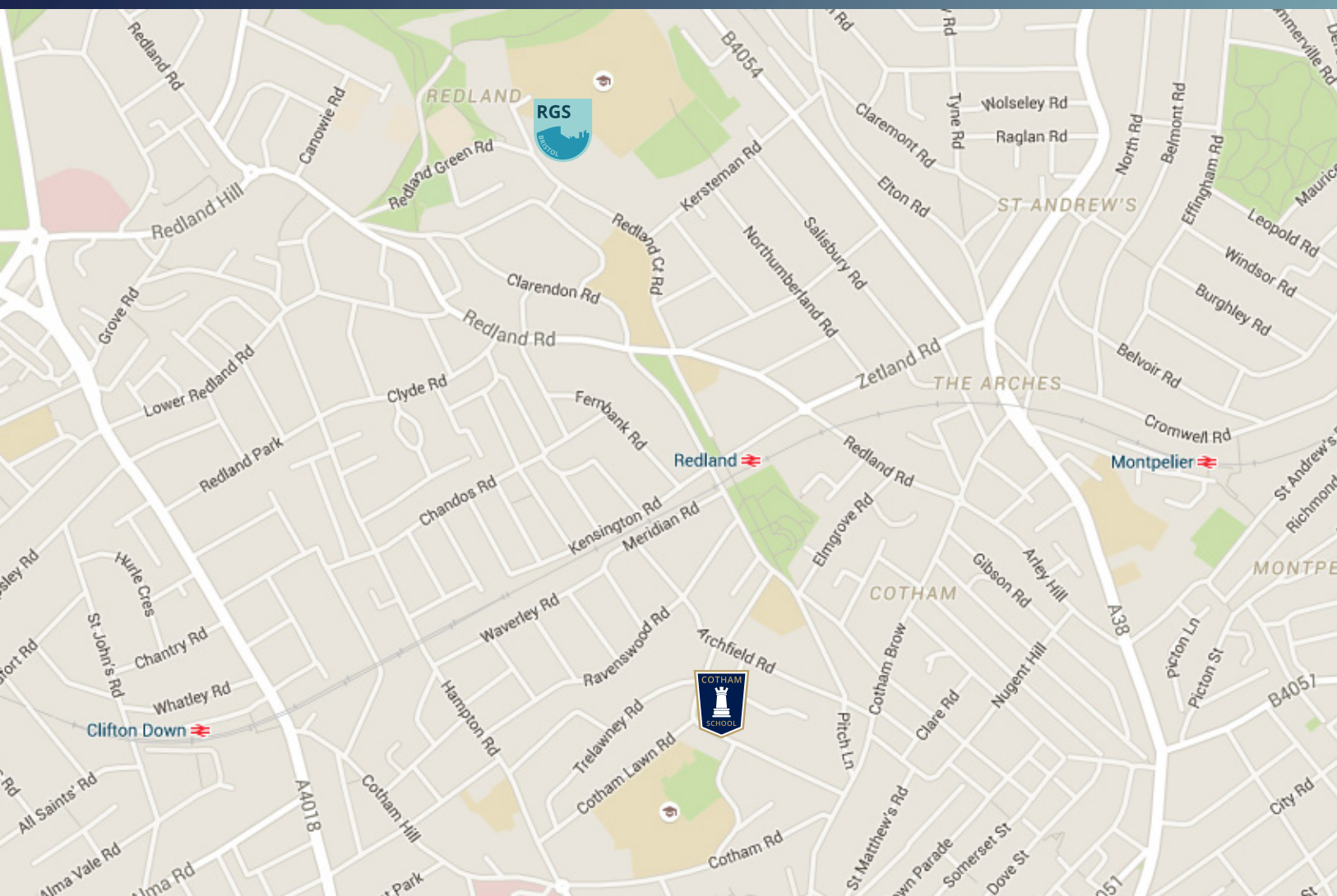
Things to consider when making your choices:

- What grades do you need to qualify for the course and do you expect to get them?
- Do you find the subject fun and will it make you happy to spend two years learning more about it?
- Does this course support your career hopes and aspirations or, if you don't know what to do, does it keep your options open?
- Are you committed to working hard at this subject, in and outside of lessons?

Most students study three courses, though we encourage you to look at the range of enhancement courses we offer at AS, Pre-U and EPQ to ensure that each student can get the most from their learning experience. In some cases, it is possible for students to pursue four A Level subjects.

Alongside your academic studies, you will participate in regular enrichment pursuits, as well as benefiting from our bespoke pastoral programme which incorporates personal and career development.

Please make sure you read the insert about this year's application process to gain a full understanding of the support you will receive in making these important choices.



“Everyone is here to learn
and have fun, which creates
a positive, motivated,
atmosphere”



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