Welcome

A Message from the Principal

I am very pleased to welcome you to our new pocket prospectus, and delighted that you wish to find out more about our College. Joseph Chamberlain is a fantastic place to study and I am incredibly proud to be the Principal of a college that has such high aspirations and expectations for all of our students. Our dedicated staff are here to guide you on your path to the future, whether you have your sights set on employment or Higher Education.
OUR SUCCESS

We have a 99.4% A-Level and 98% BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas pass rate, and are the only college in Birmingham and Solihull to be rated Grade 1 Outstanding by Ofsted.

In the vast majority of A-Level subjects, our pass rate is 100%. We have seen a further increase in the number of students achieving high grades, with nearly half of all grades at A*, A or B. We have a record number of students joining the most competitive university courses at Russell Group universities such as the University of Birmingham and the London School of Economics.

WHY CHOOSE JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN COLLEGE?

8 reasons you should choose Joseph Chamberlain College.

INSPIRATIONAL

Our teachers are experts in their subjects and deliver inspirational lessons which ensure you make rapid progress.

HIGHEST PASS RATES

Our 99.4% A-Level pass rate is the highest on record for JCC and has been the highest in Birmingham and Solihull for five years running. 98% of our BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma students successfully pass their qualifications.
We are only ten minutes from the city centre and are easily accessible from all over Birmingham and Solihull.

You will join a happy, caring and supportive community of staff and students who value the wide range of backgrounds, beliefs and cultures of everyone at JCC.

You will have the opportunity to take part in ‘JCC Extra’ – our fantastic programme of extra-curricular activity, designed to develop your skills and help you secure the best possible future.

We offer all of our students excellent individual support outside lessons so that you reach your full potential.

90% of our second year students who applied to university successfully achieved their places.

Every student has their own Personal Progress Tutor who will be there to support you in a variety of ways during your time with us.

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**Pastoral Support Enrichment Opportunities**

- Monitoring attendance, punctuality and behaviour
- Regular target setting to ensure maximum achievement
- Guidance and support on UCAS and employment
- Delivering an effective tutorial programme to support academic and personal development
- Offering counselling, additional learning support and a careers advice

"Students value the excellent group and individual support they receive between learning sessions from their teachers and learning coaches."

*Ofsted 2017*

As well as supporting you academically, we are also committed to developing you as a well rounded young adult. Our enrichment programme is JCC Extra.

- Access to Careers in Health
- Chess Club
- Computer Games Club
- Debating Society
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Film Making Club
- Interfaith Society
- International Relations Society
- JCC Science Academy
- Languages Society
- Legal Society
- Photography Event Club
- The Theatre Society
- VOICE Magazine

OVER 40 ACTIVITIES ON OFFER!
Enthusiastic and well-qualified teachers are skilled at using a wide range of teaching strategies to inspire students and encourage them to progress and develop extremely high levels of knowledge of their subjects.

The proportion of students on A-level courses who make good or better progress and who successfully achieve grades is outstanding, with just over half of the cohort securing high grades at A*, A or B.

There is a culture of harmony and respect that permeates all aspects of the college community.
AS & A-LEVELS

GCE A-Level courses are mainly assessed by examination and often have a coursework component which usually (but not always) counts towards the final grade. You will probably study four subjects in your first year. In your second year you will continue with three of these subjects and achieve three full A-Levels.

- Arabic
- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Computing
- Earth Sciences (Geology)
- English Language
- English Language & Literature
- English Literature
- Further Maths
- Film Studies
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Studies
- Media Studies
- Philosophy, Religion & Ethics
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Photography
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Urdu
VOCATIONAL COURSES

These are two-year courses which give students the qualification they need to go on to university or find employment. They are assignment based and each course is equivalent to three A-Levels.

- Applied Science
- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Children’s Play, Learning & Development
- Creative & Digital Media Production
- Health & Social Care
- ICT
- Performing Arts (Acting)
- Sport

Applied Subsidiary Diplomas are similar to traditional A-Levels and are equivalent qualifications. They are made up of two parts: the Certificate (AS-Level equivalent) which you do in the first year, and the Diploma (A-Level equivalent) which you do in the second year. All Subsidiary Diplomas can be combined with other AS/A-Level choices.

- Applied Human Biology
- Applied Science
- Business Studies
- Certificate in Financial Studies
- Computing
- Criminology
- Health & Social Care
- ICT
- Law
- Physical Education & Sport
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

OUR ENTRY CRITERIA FOR AS-LEVEL ARE:
6 x Grade 4s, including a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language. GCSE Maths must be at Grade 3 or above. One Grade 4 can be replaced with one BTEC Level 2 which is graded ‘Merit’ or above.

OUR ENTRY CRITERIA FOR BTEC LEVEL 3 ARE:
A minimum of 5 x Grade 4s, including a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language. GCSE Maths must be at Grade 3 or above. A BTEC Level 2 that is graded ‘Merit’ or above will count as one Grade 4 equivalent in up to two instances.

In addition to the above, many subjects have additional specific entry criteria. Our website will have the latest information on this.

OUR ENTRY CRITERIA FOR LEVEL 2 BTEC ARE:
5 x Grade 3s, including a Grade 3 in GCSE English Language and a Grade 2 in GCSE Mathematics.

Check website for the most up to date information.

APPLICATION

All applicants will be offered an interview with advice on subject choices.

Offers will be subject to:
• Predicted GCSE grades
• A good reference from school/college
• Good attendance & Punctuality (At least 95%)

Online applications via the website
90% of applicants have successfully gained places at university
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‘Raising Aspirations for Successful Futures’