

Every voice matters



CEDARS MARTIN
SIXTH FORM
Lionheart Educational Trust



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PROSPECTUS



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**“WE ARE
FIERCELY
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WELCOME

FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER AND HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

A very warm welcome to the Cedars Martin Sixth Form. We are part of the Lionheart Educational Trust, which is led by Beauchamp College, an outstanding college in Leicestershire with a well-respected sixth form.

Our vision for 'Academic Excellence and Holistic Development' means we are ambitious and aspirational for our students and staff, and fiercely committed to equality of opportunity. We expect students to strive for academic success, aiming for top performing universities and to go above and beyond to realise their full potential.

Students in the sixth form can expect to be taught by expert teachers in small groups where they will be supported and challenged to make rapid progress and meet exacting high standards. Students have access to excellent resources and facilities across two sites including the Palmer-Tomkinson Centre which is our Post-16 Hub.

The Cedars Martin Sixth Form is committed to the holistic development of every student. Both The Cedars Academy and Martin High School – which jointly lead the Sixth Form – have a small school ethos, where personalised learning and pastoral care is at the heart. This continues to be the ethos within the sixth form.

Our student support team also build strong links with the student's home, ensuring that there is support and understanding from all involved in their A Level journey.

By knowing each student, Cedars Martin Sixth Form works to instil confidence so that students make the most of their higher educational journey; by giving access to a variety of enrichment activities and always having someone to listen to when the pressure is on. It is this level of care that we pride ourselves on. We hope that as you read this prospectus, you get an idea of what Cedars Martin could offer you.



Laura Sanchez

Laura Sanchez
Executive Principal
Martin High School and Cedars Academy



Kelly Cragg

Kelly Cragg
Head of Sixth Form
Cedars Martin Sixth Form College

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS INTO YEAR 12

Five grade 4s (or equivalent), plus at least grade 4 in English Language or Literature.

Please see specific entry requirements for individual subjects.

All students will be expected to re-sit GCSE Mathematics and/or English Language if they have not achieved at least a grade 4.



SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBJECTS

AREA	SUBJECTS	REQUIREMENTS
Science	Biology Chemistry Physics	6 or above in Maths and two Sciences (preferably triple Science)
Maths	Mathematics	6 or above in Maths
English	English Language and Literature	5 or above in English Literature or English Language
All other subjects	History Film/Media Sport Studies Sociology Psychology	General entry requirements apply, including at least a 4 in the relevant subject if taken.

“THE SIXTH FORM IS THE STRENGTH OF THE SCHOOL. LEADERS AND STAFF HAVE HIGH AMBITIONS FOR STUDENTS’ SUCCESS. STUDENTS FEEL WELL SUPPORTED AND THEY MAKE GOOD PROGRESS IN ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT”

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COURSE LIST

WHAT COULD I STUDY?

Our A-Level curriculum is expertly crafted to not only build on existing knowledge and skills learnt at GCSE level in related subjects, but also to be refreshing, exciting and new. A-Level study is often both challenging and demanding, requiring a delicate balance of independent work and lesson time. With this in mind, we believe that passionate teaching nurtures an innate love for learning; both inside and outside of the classroom.

HOW DO I DECIDE WHAT SUBJECTS TO CHOOSE?

Our advice is to ensure that you choose courses that reflect your strengths and interests. This means that you need to do lots of research on what different courses entail and will demand from you. Speak to your current teachers, careers advisors, parents, friends and family to get different views but always remember that ultimately you are the one that will be doing the course and whose future it will impact on. Think carefully about what is best for you and your future aspirations.



CEDARS MARTIN SIXTH FORM HAS A RANGE OF A-LEVEL AND LEVEL 3 COURSES ON OFFER*:

Biology	Mathematics
Chemistry	Physics
English Literature and Language	Psychology
Film/Media Studies	Sociology
History	Sports Studies

FOR MORE DETAIL ON SPECIFIC
SUBJECT INFORMATION, SCAN HERE



**Cedars Martin Sixth Form College reserves the right to withdraw courses if not filled to their minimum capacity.*

SUPPORTING YOU

THROUGH YOUR SIXTH FORM JOURNEY

STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE

The Post-16 team are available throughout the day to provide students with access to information and advice on a wide range of issues, helping with any pastoral support you may require. The Post-16 team will be there to guide you through the process of applying for university or an apprenticeship and offer in depth support with course searches, personal statements and interview techniques. We are also committed to helping you find relevant work experience placements to aid your holistic development. You will have an assigned tutor who will deliver our tutor programme covering relevant topics such as work experience, UCAS, independent study techniques and presentation skills.



FINANCE

The Government introduced a Post-16 Bursary Scheme to enable schools and colleges to provide some financial support where a student's financial circumstances are a barrier to their learning. Cedars Martin Sixth Form has joined together with other sixth forms in Leicestershire to provide the Leicestershire Sixth Form Bursary Scheme. We plan to offer our 16-19 bursary again in 2025 (subject to confirmation of funding). This help is available to students who want to study at Cedars Martin.

A guaranteed bursary is available to young people who are:

- In care and care leavers
- In receipt of income support
- On free school meals
- Disabled and in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance.

**Further information on the 16-19 bursary is available through the admissions process.*

CAREERS

Cedars Martin Sixth Form students benefit from having a Lionheart Educational Trust careers advisor who will deliver a one- to-one service and work alongside the Advice, Guidance and Progress team to provide a range of services to aid progression throughout your time here and beyond. These services include securing employment and apprenticeships, one-to-one interviews and help with CVs. The team will also facilitate work experience, careers fairs, A-Level and Vocational taster sessions, and trips to colleges and universities.

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UCAS

Starting at the end of year 12, we offer ongoing advice and guidance to our students who are considering the transition to higher education. Students will be helped to make informed decisions about their choice of Post-16 course and the implications this will have on their choice of higher education institution and course. We also offer advice and assistance with UCAS and UCAS Progress applications, personal statement workshops, a higher education information evening and an annual trip to the UCAS convention.

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HOW MUCH STUDYING AM I EXPECTED TO DO?

Studying for a Post-16 course is demanding and in order to be successful you will be given 9 study periods per week to complete revision and homework. You will also be expected to match the timetabled hours with study outside of college.



A TASTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

We work together with one of the area's top universities - De Montfort in Leicester - to give our students an insight into higher education through high quality talks across a range of topics, and visits to their campus.



BEYOND STUDY

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sixth Form for us is not just about the qualifications, it is also about preparing you for post 18 – whether that is University, an apprenticeship or job. We offer a range enrichment activities to ensure our students leaves with the skills and confidence to enter an interview and stand out from the crowd. Such opportunities include coaching, volunteering, Duke of Edinburgh and residential trips. Also, being a small college gives students more opportunity and ownership over the running and organising of events and clubs. For example, our social committee organises charity events such as a Macmillan Coffee morning, and Sixth Form socials.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

A number of our students take the opportunity to pursue their own personal study during Post-16 and gain an additional qualification. They research a question, produce a report and then give a presentation to a panel. The EPQ is led by the Vice Principal, Zak Allard – moderator with the exam board for this qualification.



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READING & MATHS SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

We offer our students the opportunity to support younger students with their maths and literacy skills during tutor time. There are also opportunities for students to support children in our feeder primary schools in developing their maths and literacy skills.



I HAVE A PART TIME JOB, HOW MANY HOURS PER-WEEK SHOULD I WORK?

We recognise that some of you work part-time. We recommend you should work for no more than 10 – 12 hours per week. Anything more than that could be detrimental to your studies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

To enable our students to enhance their UCAS applications for university we help and support them to gain valuable work experience placements. These have included NHS placements for nursing and midwifery and placements within primary schools and local businesses.



ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide and varied range of extra-curricular activities including:

- Duke of Edinburgh
- NCS
- School Productions
- Interform sporting competitions

DO WE HAVE A STUDENT CARD?

You are provided with an ID card on a lanyard which must be worn at all times when on site. It provides access into the sixth form centre and main school buildings. It is also used to pay for lunch and snacks in the canteen, to borrow books and equipment from the library, and to access the printers and copiers. You will also need it when sitting your exams.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Each year we vote in a Student President who represent the student voice and play an integral role in the success of the college.

Students also take on leadership roles such a Social Chair and Fundraising Chair

SOCIETIES

These are self-run by students. Societies have included a cheese club, film club, crochet club, cooking club and a community club who organise events within the community.



ABOUT CEDARS MARTIN

PROVIDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITH HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT IN A MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

FACILITIES

Our dedicated sixth form building offers students an opportunity to feel separate from the 11-16 school yet benefit from some of the state-of-the-art learning spaces on the wider campus.

Sixth form students enjoy two dedicated IT suites, beautiful open spaces including an outdoor auditorium, newly renovated science classrooms, the iconic Palmer Tomkinson tiered auditorium, dedicated study areas including silent study, and a multi-million-pound investment in sports facilities.

Students have their own kitchen to prepare their own snacks and access to the school canteen, which serves a range of hot and cold foods.

These facilities ensure students have access to up-to-date and purpose built curriculum areas where they have every opportunity to excel.

TRANSPORT

We encourage students to adopt a healthy lifestyle by walking or cycling to college, however we do offer dedicated parking for students who have passed their driving test. Storage is provided for student bicycles too. We offer a free minibus service to those in Anstey, as there is no service bus between there and Birstall. This picks up each morning from The Martin High School and returns at the end of the day.

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE?

Although Cedars Martin Sixth Form does not have a uniform, the dress code plays an important role in contributing to the ethos of the college and wider school, therefore, we expect students to dress in smart casual attire.



STUDENT PROFILES

HEAR WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY

BHAVIK

I was completely new to Cedars Martin in Year 12, so I was a bit nervous when I started. However, I found I made friends really easily, and the community and staff were really caring and supportive. I especially enjoyed my Sociology classes, and I'm now aiming to pursue a degree in Sociology and Criminology. The encouragement from my peers has given me the confidence to pursue my dream! We get a great balance of support and independence here and teachers are supportive of your ambitions. I know that at Cedars Martin I'm on the right path to achieving my goals.

TOBY

I was new to Year 12, but had friends who already attended Cedars Martin so I was really excited about joining them. I absolutely love the independence you get here, I'm able to develop my own ideas and projects and come back to my teachers if I need any support with them. History's my favourite lesson and I hope to study it at University. There is also a range of extra-curricular activities to get involved in. These activities, such as student council and DofE, are a great way to make friends and build on my personal statement in Year 13. I've got great relationships with my teachers and peers and I couldn't imagine being anywhere else.

PRIYA

I've been at Cedars since Year 7, so I felt very comfortable and excited to start Sixth Form here at Cedars Martin. The facilities are really modern and we have a large outdoor space so it's a great environment to come into every day. The communication I have with my teachers is brilliant – I know if I have a question or problem, I can approach them directly and they'll always find the time to help me. The support network at Cedars Martin is fantastic and the support team are personable, friendly and caring. I'm not sure what my next steps will be, but I know that my time at Cedars Martin will prepare me well for any route I wish to take.

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OUR TRUST

THE LIONHEART EDUCATIONAL TRUST WAS FOUNDED IN APRIL 2014 IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROVISION IN THE EAST MIDLANDS.



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TRUST

Our aim is to provide a range of educational experiences that are challenging, equitable, enjoyable and are able to break down any barriers so that all can succeed. This involves seeking to create lifelong learners and offer outstanding provision for our 4-19 year olds.

Our educational mission is simple; any young person from any background deserves an equal chance to be successful in whatever they choose to do. The Lionheart Educational Trust is committed to supporting young people to open doors to their futures and to feel confident that they can thrive in a competitive and ever-changing world.

We pledge this commitment through limitless enthusiasm and optimism to provide a platform for each young person's light to shine brightly. To fulfil our pledge, we commit to the 3 Ps: Pupil Centred, Positive and Professional. We know that promoting this positive and proactive approach that celebrates success unites school communities and breaks down barriers to learning.

As our journey continues, we believe that it is our moral imperative to continue to work closely with a range of educational providers so that as many young people can benefit from the high educational standards we set ourselves. For more information, please visit our Trust website at www.lionhearttrust.org.uk







“Leaders in the sixth form have established an effective curriculum... Sixth-form students have high aspirations for their next steps in education.”

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