



The Clere School has an established record of students moving on to a variety of quality local colleges in Basingstoke, Andover and Newbury. One of the advantages of our location is that students have a significant range of choices in their next steps. We have positive links with local colleges, with Admissions and Liaison Officers visiting school assemblies and information events, and arranging applicant interviews here on site.

If you and your child are already considering the ambitious future that an education at the Clere could lead to, then please see the guidance below for further information about our local Further Education providers – and be sure to talk to our Year 11 students about their plans for the future.

Peter Symonds College, Winchester

Courses Offered: A-Levels, BTEC (Vocational), Cambridge Technical Qualifications (Vocational) and T Levels (Vocational). One of the highest performing colleges in the country with a large cohort heading off to Oxford or Cambridge each year.



Queen Mary's College

Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke

Courses Offered: A-Levels, Double/Extended Diploma and Extended Certificate Qualifications, Apprenticeships. A very friendly and caring college with a track record of academic excellence.

Andover College, Andover

Courses Offered: A Levels, BTEC (Vocational), T Levels (Vocational), Apprenticeships. A top class vocational studies college.



Sparsholt College, Hampshire

Courses Offered: Level 1 to Level 3 Vocational Courses. A specialist in further education in agriculture, land and environment.

Basingstoke College of Technology, Basingstoke

Courses Offered: Level 1 to Level 3 Vocational Courses and Diplomas, Apprenticeships. A friendly and accessible college with established commitments to quality apprenticeships.

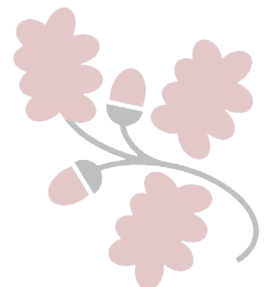


Newbury College, Newbury

Courses Offered: Level 1 to Level 3 Vocational Courses and Diplomas, Apprenticeships. A training specialist with an emphasis on developing skills.

St Bartholomew's Sixth Form, Newbury

Courses Offered: A-Level and BTEC Courses in a range of subject areas. An established sixth form with a package of induction support for students joining the school after GCSEs.





Q: Is it difficult for students to settle in to college when they don't know any of the other students or teachers?

One of the main benefits of students attending college is that they get to meet a wide range of different people, as well as continuing to study with some of their peers from their secondary school as the overwhelming majority of our students move on to college. This is an opportunity to foster independence and to meet a group of people with whom they have meaningful interests in common. Local colleges have specialist staff who can work with students who are anxious about the transition to college, including coming in to see them at The Clere. It is also an excellent opportunity for students to reinvent themselves and have a fresh start if they choose to.

Q: Won't my child have to travel a long way from home to go to college?

As you can see on the other side of this FAQ, we are very fortunate to have a wide range of colleges across all local areas. Many of the colleges provide dedicated student transport, not dissimilar to our own school transport arrangements. Some students do choose to travel a little further from home to attend a college which specialises in specific courses, and this is excellent preparation for life at university or in their future careers. Our Work Experience programme in Year 10 gives all of our students a taster of travelling to a location other than The Clere, and many relish the opportunity to gain their independence.

Q: I've heard that colleges aren't as academic as school sixth forms, is that true?

Local colleges offer a huge array of different qualifications, ranging from more traditional academic qualifications such as A-Levels to vocational courses, T-Levels and apprenticeships. The larger settings of colleges means that they can often provide a wider choice of subjects and courses across a variety of different levels so students can choose to apply to the college which best suits the pathway which they would like to follow. This can be as academic or as practical as they like! For those students wishing to apply to Higher Education at the end of their college experience, the UCAS process is just the same as for students applying from sixth form providers.

Q: What if my child chooses to attend The Clere and then decides they would like to go to a school-based sixth form?

Local sixth forms also welcome applications from students who have not attended their schools in Years 7-11, and students apply in just the same way as they would to college. So, if your child decides that they would prefer a sixth form experience rather than applying to college, that also remains an option.

