



COMMONWEAL

# Welcome to Open Evening

## Wednesday, 11th September 2019





# Robert Linnegar

## Headteacher



# What is it like being a student at Commonweal? Academic achievement

**Chas Drew**  
Deputy Headteacher



## Academic achievement

- Academic achievement for all
- A community school: genuinely comprehensive
- A personalised approach
- Acceleration for the highest attainers
- Intervention and support at all levels
- Expertise with students with SEND
- Very little student turnover
- Experienced and expert staff



## Key Stage 4 Exam Results 2019

- 70% Grade 4+ in English
- 72% Grade 4+ in Maths
- Excellent results across a wide range of subjects
- 25% 3 or more grade 7+
- 100% achieved GCSE level qualifications
- Excellent destination data

## Key Stage 5 Exam Results 2019

- 99.5% A level pass rate
- 45% grades A\* → B
- Excellent destination data



## Curriculum: Key Stage 3

- Strong core of English and Maths
- 17 different subjects
- Humanities, Sciences, Languages
- PE, Creative technology, Expressive Arts
- Specialist teaching



## Curriculum: Key Stage 4

- Core of English, Maths and Science
- 26 different subjects
- Academic and vocational courses
- Specialist teaching
- Choice





## Curriculum: Key Stage 5

- 34 different courses
- Academic and vocational courses
- Specialist teaching



# Global Learning

'The Golden thread through our curriculum'

Global Learning is about preparing our young people go out into the Global World we live in and be successful. Part of this is being prepared to go out into the Global Marketplace and having the skills and qualification to get good jobs. It is also helping them understand the world, keep themselves safe, look at issues critically, be empathetic and preparing them to challenge and contest the inequalities and unsustainable nature of the world as it is at the moment.



# What is it like being a student at Commonweal? Enrichment opportunities

**Nick Bartlett**  
Assistant Headteacher



## Enrichment

- Clubs
- Trips
- Experiences
- Fixtures
- Performances
- Leadership opportunities
- Community work
- Global Learning
- Learning outside of a traditional setting



# What is it like being a student at Commonweal?



# What is it like being a parent or carer at Commonweal?



# What is it like being a student at Commonweal? Pastoral Support

James Woods  
Assistant Headteacher



## Pastoral Support

- We strive to ensure that all students feel safe, secure and confident in school
- We have a well established and experienced Pastoral Team leading our 4 'Houses'
- The Tutor provides daily support
- There are leadership opportunities for students- they have a real voice





## Pastoral Support

“Students express pride in their school. They appreciate the help they are given by staff. The great majority of students happily accept ‘The Commonweal Way’ which is a statement of tolerance and respect for others”

Ofsted 2017



# Transition process

**Ali Merk**

Assistant Headteacher



# Transition at Commonweal

Academic Pathway

Year 5 Highest Attainers

Year 5 Boys Writing (Andy Cope)

Year 5 Girls Science

Primary Curriculum Links

Supportive Pathway

Bespoke support

SEMH support

Planning Live

Liaison between Primary Schools and Commonweal



## Year 6 Transition Days

- 3 days in Summer 2020
- Routines of Assemblies/Lessons
- Taster lessons – English, Maths, Science & MFL
- CATS/PASS survey
- Activity Days



# Application process



# Application Process

- All applications in by 31st October 2019
- Secondary applications are online from Swindon Borough and need to be returned to the Borough
- Performing Arts Supplementary application from school website returned to Liz Daryan at school

## Academic Excellence. Performing Arts.

We are passionate about learning. We develop character, compassion and service. We are a leading, established school with a 90-year history. We aim for our young people to look back on an educational experience which had inspired and challenged them. We are Commonweal.

[About Commonweal](#)



# Welcome to Commonweal School Open Evening

## Wednesday, 11 September, 2019 - 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Mr Robert Linnegar, Headteacher, will give a short presentation in the Sixth Form (C6) Auditorium at 6pm (with a re-run at 7pm). Thereafter, please feel free to walk around the school and to visit any rooms that are open. Teachers and students will be pleased to answer any questions you may have. The accompanying plans of the school should help you to find your way around, but if you are lost, do not hesitate to ask for help.

### MATHEMATICS

ROOMS 026 & 027: Displays of teaching materials and students' work plus a range of games/activities for students to interact with. Demonstration of interactive whiteboards and independent learning resources such as MyMaths. Information about courses currently available at Key Stage 3/4/5.

### ENGLISH

ROOM 018: Students' work will be on display together with outlines of schemes of work at KS3 and KS4. There will be a chance to 'win chocolate' through the writing of an Open Evening story.

### SCIENCE

ROOM 123: Science  
ROOM 124: Science

There will be a variety of interactive Science demonstrations in each Lab and also a 'crime scene investigation' for younger visitors to get involved with – solve the clues using science to find the murderer from the Senior Management Team!

### HUMANITIES

ROOM 204: Geography  
ROOM 205: Religion, Philosophy & Ethics  
ROOM 203: History

There will be a display of students' work, resources, games and activities in each subject area.

### COMPUTER SCIENCE / iMEDIA

ROOM 212 – Puzzles, games and robots!

GRAPHICS/MEDIA ROOM 012: A range of presentations and students' work and Badge making.

### LANGUAGES

ROOM 101: Students' work and textbooks will be on display with outlines of schemes of work at KS3 & KS4.

The Modern Foreign Language (MFL) Team will be there to answer any of your questions. You are invited to have a drink and a snack too in Café Europa! A biontöl!

### EXPRESSIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

#### MUSIC

ROOM 08 will be open for students and parents to see Year 12 performances taking place.  
ROOM 09 will be available to see what the Music Block offers with Curriculum outline and instrumental lesson information.

#### DRAMA

ROOM 623: There will be a read through / workshop of National Theatre Plays for 2020.

#### DANCE STUDIO

KS4/KS5 students will be in the Dance Studio doing rehearsal practice for the courses they are on e.g. GCSE or Performing Arts CTECH.

#### ART:

ROOM 125: We have a presentation of past students' work and different Art activities.

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Girls in the Old Gym / Boys in the C6 Gym

Basketball/Table Tennis plus a fitness leader board – New Gymnasium. Trampoline/Table Tennis – Old Gymnasium. Mr Staff and the PE Team will be available to answer questions on Core PE as well as the expanding examination PE including Swindon Town Football C6 (STFC6)

#### CATERING

ROOM 127: Catering experience students and parents will have the opportunity to try some freshly made soup. Students will be able to try icing cakes and bread shaping.

#### GIFTED & TALENTED

ROOM 028: Display of resources and 'hands on' thinking skills activities.

#### FACULTY OF CURRICULUM SUPPORT

THE HUB: Mrs Fidan (SENDCo) and Mrs Clifford-Budden (Assistant SENDCo) will be available to answer

any of your questions and discuss the SEND process at Commonweal School.

#### FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

ROOM 102: 6.00-8.00pm: Information display on topic areas covered in Social Science and the subject areas offered at GCSE and in the Sixth Form (C6). Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Plummer will be available to answer any of your questions. There will be a display of Duke of Edinburgh Award information.

#### LIBRARY

The School Library is on the first floor and looks forward to giving you a warm welcome. You will be able to log on to our Eclipse Library system on the computers and also participate in activities to challenge you – Treasure Hunt, Word Search and Design a Bookmark.

#### ADMISSIONS:

Any enquiries concerning Admissions to Commonweal – Mrs Liz Daryan (Head's PA) in Heads of Year office close to the Sixth Form (C6) Auditorium.

#### COMMONWEAL SIXTH FORM (C6)

Parents and Students opportunity to explore the Sixth Form (C6) Building.



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