

A-levels no longer need to be confined to **school** **classrooms** and **school** **bells.**

From September 2015 students will have the opportunity to study an A-level in a university environment at the University of Essex.

V16



University of Essex

Sixth forms in partnership
with the University of Essex

If you choose to study at one of the six partnership schools, you could have the chance to experience university life one day a week. As well as experienced teaching from teachers within the six schools, you will also experience university style lectures and seminars from leading academics which will include fascinating research relating to their subject.

You will immerse yourself in the **living and learning environment** at the **University campus** and also use facilities to make your studies unlike any teaching you have had before. Modern Language students will use the **language translation lab**; Law students will take part in **mock trials**; the opportunities are endless. In year 13, you may be based in the University departments for your lessons - just like an undergraduate student. **You will learn how to work like a university student**; university sessions will educate you to not only learn how but also to challenge why.

VI6 is not just about learning; you will be able to use the facilities on campus including breakout spaces in our new **Tony Rich Teaching centre, coffee shops** and **restaurants** and become part of the University community. Current University of Essex students will join you for breaks to share their experiences and answer any questions about university life.

Working together, VI6 partnership and the University of Essex are opening up a new and exciting way of learning...

**Don't just think outside the box,
leap out and jump up and down on it.**

Partnership Schools:

Clacton County High School
Clacton Coastal Academy
Colne Community School and College
Harwich and Dovercourt High School
Philip Morant School and College
Thurstable School



**For more
information,
see your Head
of Sixth Form**



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University of Essex VI6 Programme

September 2015

The subjects offered are:

- Economics
- French
- Geography
- Further Maths
- Law
- RE
- History of Art

Operation

All teaching will take place at the University of Essex on Tuesdays in 2015-16, with a second day allocated when current Year 11s move into Year 13.

Free Bus transport to the Essex Campus will leave from Thurstable at 8.35am, and will return to Thurstable at the end of the day. The teaching day at the University will run from 10am to 4pm.

Subjects will be taught by two teachers, representing the strongest combined teaching force from the six partner schools in their subjects. In the first year, Thurstable staff will be teaching Geography and RE.

Applying for a VI6 Place

All courses are aimed at students gaining B grades or above, and all candidates must have at least a C grade in GCSE English and Mathematics,

Students can only take one VI6 course as they are taught at the same time. Think of it as an Option Block all taught in one day per week.

Students who have already applied to Thurstable Sixth Form who would like to amend their options to include a VI6 course should email Mrs Cowling.

Students who have not applied to Thurstable Sixth Form and would like to take a VI6 course need to apply to Thurstable Sixth Form, and choose a VI6 course in the options section of the application form.

How it Will Work