

New approach to learning

THE ideas people conjure up at a mere mention of British boarding schools vary from visions of Hogwarts to green expanses with cricket fields and the sounds of bat hitting ball.

Cardiff Sixth Form College (CSFC) is different – it is not part of the established heritage. Rather than having a long history, it aims to make history. It does not dwell on past successes but drives towards future successes.

CSFC prefers looking forward rather than backwards by preparing students to succeed in a rapidly changing, modern world.

CSFC was born out of Eastern and Western philosophies and continues to honour these foundations. It aims to foster a disciplined approach to working, while embracing creativity and curiosity in an interactive learning environment.

By combining the best of British education with the educational work ethic of Asia, the college is a far cry from the Asian “exam factory” schools, while still providing students with the opportunity to reach their potential.

CSFC provides a broad and rich education experience to its students, as well as a large range of super-curricular and extracurricular activities.

The college encourages students to engage in competitions, develop critical thinking and creativity. It organises a variety of work placements and volunteering opportunities both in the United Kingdom and abroad.

College co-founder and director Yasmin Sarwar elaborated, “Our formula is simple; promote a teacher-led, curriculum-focused approach, with above average contact teaching time.

“We’ve created such a strong culture of expectation among students and teachers that everyone is aiming for 100% in every exam.”

The other element in CSFC’s success story is the high expectations and support parents have for the college and its principles.

Parents invest heavily in their child’s education and most students feel responsible to make use of this



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opportunity, as well as having their own innate ambition to succeed.

This year, almost a third of Cardiff Sixth Form College cohort gained entry into the top four UK universities.

CSFC’s students also successfully apply to most prestigious universities in the world, including Harvard and Hong Kong University.

“Preparing students for top universities in the UK and overseas is an essential part of our provision,” explained Yasmin.

“Without this, excellent A-Level results cannot be translated into the university offers that students deserve,” she said.

Yasmin said the root of her students’ outstanding academic

achievement is due to the ethos and “climate of expectation” existing within the college – a definite Asian flavour.

“The difference is once they are with us, we consider them all to be A* students from the outset, and we treat them as such.”

Such a current of self-belief and ambition could be the reason 94.6% of this year’s 158 A-Levels students achieved A* and A grades.

Yasmin believes success can be achieved, whoever you are and wherever you come from.

With a reputation for outstanding educational achievement, excellent facilities and enriching extracurricular activities, Cardiff Sixth Form College (CSFC) focuses on individual care and inspires

students to make the most of their unique talents.

The college has built its reputation on enabling students to gain entry to elite universities. Thus, this year, over 50 students received offers for Medicine, 21 from Oxbridge (including six for Medicine, seven for Engineering), 19 from London School of Economics, 15 from University of Warwick, 13 from Imperial College London.

A number of students chose to study at Hong Kong University or Chinese Hong Kong University.

For the third consecutive year, in 2015, CSFC ranked No.1 in the UK by A-Levels results cited in *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*.

The college also won three

Crystal awards from The Education Advisers as Top UK Co-Educational Boarding School, Top Independent Sixth Form College and Top Independent School.

Located in the vibrant city of Cardiff, a city awarded the highest “feel good factor” in the UK Survey of best places to live, CSFC prides itself on the strong bonds its students form while participating in a wide variety of extracurricular activities in a friendly environment. This prepares students for a well-balanced, modern life. CSFC offers scholarships on tuition fee to high-flying Malaysian students.

■ For more information, look out for the advertisement in this *StarSpecial*.