Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form



Welcome to Holy Family Sixth Form Open Evening

10th November 2022





Prayer

Praise be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,

May we see you more clearly, love you more dearly

And follow you more nearly, day by day.



Amen

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Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form A seven year journey: Year 7 to Year 13



Educating the whole person: from child to young adult





Why a school-based Sixth Form is a good choice

- ★ Staff have a clear understanding of progression from KS4 in their subjects & are well-placed to help students bridge the gap
- ★ Sixth Form team are extremely experienced in supporting post-16 progression - we understand the challenge of moving from Year 11 to Year 12
- ★ Sixth Form students in an 11-18 school have unique opportunities to develop their skills as leaders through supporting younger students



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Holy Family Sixth Form results 2022

A Level Attainment: L3 BTEC Attainment: A*-B: 52% D*-D: 56% A*-C: 80% D*-M: 94% A*-E: 100% D*-P: 100%





Student success - A Level

Pascal Marimootoo A*A*A Photography, Psychology & Product Design – currently on a gap year, applying for courses now

Eveline Jonkute A*AA in Psychology, Maths & Business Studies – University of Bristol to study Economics and Econometrics

Abiola Kushanu-Oniru A*AA in Product Design, Maths & Physics - University of Warwick to study Engineering

Sitara Arthur A*A*B in History, Politics & Sociology – University of Southampton to study Modern History and Politics

Tanya Cannon AAA in History, Maths & Politics - University College London to study History

Gabriel Lagrata AAA in Chemistry, Maths & Physics – University of Manchester to study Chemical Engineering

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Student success - Level 3 BTEC

Oriana Garry-Plinton - Double Distinction* in Health and Social Care – City University to study Psychology

Sashelle Cuffie - Distinction in Applied Science & Distinction*/Distinction in Health & Social Care – University of Northampton to study Mental Health Nursing

Rhoda Adu-Boahene - Distinction* in Performing Arts * double Distinction in Health & Social Care – Middlesex University to study Nursing

Vyanna Hardy - Distinction* in Performing Arts & Distinction in Media Production – Degree Apprenticeship in Media

Jamal Akani - Distinction in IT & double Distinction in Business – Nottingham Trent to study Computer Science

Daniel Boyko - Distinction in Sport & double Distinction in Business - UCFB to study Sports Management

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Why choose Holy Family Sixth Form?

High aspirations for all students with bespoke academic and vocational pathways

Excellent results that show very good levels of progress and compare well to other similar providers

Strong Catholic ethos and outstanding pastoral care

Wide range of courses with a pathway for all students

A clear emphasis on growth of the individual and service to others

Tailored careers advice and guidance

An excellent track record of high quality destinations including Oxbridge/Russell Group and higher apprenticeships

The majority of HF Year 11 students join our sixth form, as well as growing numbers of external students

We are large enough to have a wide curriculum offer, yet not so large that students get 'lost'

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Curriculum Pathways

We offer four main pathways:

- 1) Post-16 ASPIRE pathway: 4 A Levels, plus additional qualifications
- 2) 3 A Level pathway
- 3) Level 3 BTEC vocational pathway
- 4) Level 2 bridging pathway







Post-16 ASPIRE Programme



Aims to provide outstanding support and provision for high achievers at GCSE, aiming for Oxbridge/Russell group university entry.

This bespoke programme will be structured to ensure that students are encouraged to develop the highest possible aspirations for their academic achievement as well as providing a stimulating and rounded study programme to equip them with the necessary skills to apply, be successful and ultimately thrive at the UK's top universities.

Support will include, but not be restricted to:

- The expectation that they engage with high quality Super Curricular activities
- Taking additional subjects such as the EPQ
- Alumni mentor
- Opportunities to visit Oxbridge/Russell Group universities
- Academic Speakers
- Support in finding relevant high quality work experience or volunteer placements
- Bespoke support and advice on applying for top universities such as guidance on Personal Statement writing, SAQ, admissions tests, interview practice etc.
- Guidance on additional relevant opportunities such as The Sutton Trust and Uniq summer schools
- Partnership with Forest School to provide interview practice, academic speakers and further opportunities.
- Future Leaders Project via Ivy House

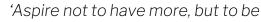
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Study programmes

Your time in sixth form is not just based on your core subjects...

- Additional supporting qualifications such as Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Core Maths and community based languages.
- General Religious Studies programme
- Super-curricular activities
- Tutorials/PSHE & Pastoral support
- Future Focus sessions
- Timetabled Study sessions
- Personal/Social & Community enrichment activities









Personal/Social Enrichment

Designed to complement and enhance both academic and wider life skills such as:

Duke of Edinburgh award First aid Sports clubs Debating Mindfulness

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Health and Fitness Inclusion and Diversity Yoga Cooking Social Justice Gardening

Community Enrichment

Silver surfers Learning Mentors

Reading partnership

Subject ambassadors

Marketing and PR apprentices

Sports coaching

Community action day

The Holy Family Prefect Team



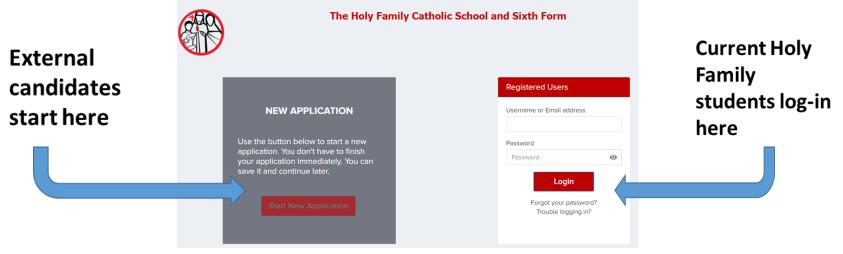




Application process

All applications are online - please follow the links on the school website to sixth form - admissions

Current Holy Family students will be emailed log-in details



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Option Blocks



- These form the basis for creating the timetable for September 2023
- Students applying for **A Levels** should choose a minimum of 3 subjects and should choose one option from each block (A,B,C,D) only.
- Students with a GCSE average score of 6.5 or above have the option of starting on 4 A Levels. This will be discussed at interview and enrolment.
- Students applying for **Level 3 BTEC** subjects should choose one subject from BTEC Block A and one subject from BTEC Block B.
- Those choosing **BTEC Health and Social Care** should choose this subject only as it is a 'triple award' counting as three A Levels

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Option Blocks - A Levels

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E	
Art	Drama	Biology	Business Studies	GCSE Maths	
Biology	French	Chemistry	English Lit	EPQ	
Geography	Politics	D&T (Product Design)	Maths	Core Maths	
History	Maths	Economics	Physics	Further Maths	
Photography	Religious Studies	Film Studies	Psychology		
Psychology	Sociology	Sociology	Spanish		
Computing		Classical Civilisation			



Option Blocks - Level 3 BTEC

BTEC Block A (Double/triple	BTEC Block B	Additional
awards)	(Single awards)	
BTEC Business (double)	BTEC IT (single)	GCSE Maths
BTEC Health & Social Care	BTEC Sport (single)	Functional Skills
(triple)*		Maths
BTEC Media Production (1.5)	BTEC Performing Arts (1.5)	

*Health & Social Care is a triple award so should be the only subject chosen





Entry requirements - A Levels

A Level Subject	GCSE Average required	GCSE English Language	GCSE Maths	GCSE Science	Other GCSE requirements
Art and Design (Fine Art OR Photography#)	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	Grade 6 in Art (Fine Art) Portfolio for Photography
Biology	4.8	5	6	77	Or Grade 7 in Single Biology
Business Studies#	4.8	5	5	n/a	Grade 5 at Business if taken Interest in Business essential
Chemistry	4.8	5	6	77	Or Grade 7 in Single Chemistry
Classical Civilisation	4.8	6	n/a	n/a	Interest essential
Computing	4.8	5	6	n/a	Grade 6 in Computing GCSE is taken
Design and Technology: Product Design (3D)	4.8	5	5	n/a	Grade 5 in Design related subject eg: (Graphics, Resistant Materials, Textiles)
Drama & Theatre Studies	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	Grade 6 in Drama
Economics#	4.8	6	6	n/a	Interest in Economic issues essential
English Literature	4.8	6	n/a	n/a	Grade 6 in English Literature also required

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Film Studies#	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	Grade 5 in Media subject if taken at GCSE
French	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	7+ at GCSE and/or home speaker.
Geography#	4.8	6	5	n/a	Grade 5 in Geography if taken Preferred 6 in Maths
History	4.8	6	n/a	n/a	Grade 6 in History
Maths	4.8	5	7	n/a	Grade 7 in GSCE Maths.
Maths (Further)	4.8	5	8	n/a	Further Maths is timetabled separately but MUST be taken with Maths and requires at least a grade 8 at GCSE
Physics	4.8	5	7	77	Or Grade 7 in Single Physics GCSE. Advised to combine with A Level Maths
Politics#	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	Prior knowledge in Politics and political systems is essential.
Psychology#	4.8	5	5	55	Interest in Psychology essential
Religious Studies	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	Grad3 5 in RE is taken at GCSE
Sociology#	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	Grade 5 in Sociology if taken at GCSE
Spanish	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	7+ at GCSE and/or home speaker.



Entry requirements - Level 3 BTECs

Subject	GCSE Average required	GCSE English Language	GCSE Maths	GCSE Science	Other
Business BTEC (Equivalent to 2 A Levels)	3.6	4	4	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Health and Social Care BTEC (Equivalent to 3 A Levels)	3.6	4	4	44	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
ICT (BTEC) (Equivalent to 1 A Level)	3.6	4	4	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Media (BTEC) (Equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)	3.6	4	n/a	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Performing Arts (RSL) (Equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)	3.6	4	n/a	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Sport (BTEC) (Equivalent to 1 A Level)	3.6	4	4	44	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken



Interviews and offers

All applicants will receive an interview – this is not something to be worried about BUT please ensure you come ready to discuss why you are applying for your chosen subjects.

Any offer that is made takes into consideration:

- Your Practice/Mock exam results
- Your current teacher predictions
- Your attendance and punctuality
- Teacher reference

There are two levels of offer:

- 1) Firm conditional (a firm offer based on meeting the specific entry requirements for subjects).
- 2) Pending conditional (Where there are concerns over any of the above points)

FAQs

- Why are there strict entry requirements for subjects?
- Why are Maths and English so important?
- What are the best subject combinations?
- Why are the option blocks designed this way?
- Can Level 3 BTEC get me to university?
- What if I really have no clue what to pick?



Help and guidance

- Speak to subject specialists
- Speak to current students
- Contact the sixth form team
- SEND and Careers at the rear of the hall tonight

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- University entry requirements (Grades and Post-16 options)
- Information on Apprenticeships

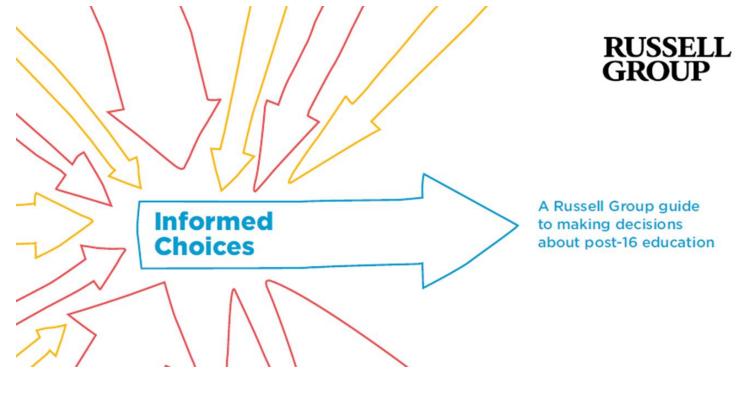
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Important dates

- Applications open
- Internal Taster day choices
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- Application deadline
- External Interviews
- Internal Interviews
- Offer acceptance deadline
- Transition work starts
- GCSE results day
- Enrolment 25th

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- Late enrolment

November 11th **Before Christmas** January 25th February 3rd March 8th w/b March 13th May 5th w/b June 26th August 24th August 24th /

By appointment



What next this evening

Optional tours

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Ask lots of questions - make informed decisions

Subject information flyers

Please feel free to contact us with any questions

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We hope you find the evening useful!



