

Holy Family Sixth Form curriculum 2021

A Levels and Level 3 BTECs require a high level of prior knowledge and skills, as demonstrated through GCSE results. As a result, we advertise clear entry requirements for each course. Students who narrowly miss entry requirements will be considered on an individual basis.

A Level Curriculum offer

Students studying A Levels usually study 3 A Levels, plus an additional subject such as EPQ and Core Maths, alongside compulsory General Religious Studies, Study sessions and Enrichment

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 Interest in Business essential
Chemistry	4.8	5	6	77	Or Grade 7 in Single Chemistry
Design and Technology: Product Design (3D)	4.8	5	5	n/a	Grade 5 in Design related subject eg: (Graphics, Resistant Materials, Textiles)
Drama and 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 Language also required
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/Further Maths	4.8	5	7	n/a	Further Maths is not timetabled directly, but is supported on an individual basis
Physics	4.8	5	7	77	Or Grade 7 in Single Physics GCSE
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	Grade 5 in RE if 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.

IMPORTANT: Subjects which do not recruit enough students will not run in Sept 2021. Final decisions will be made about subjects with small numbers once enrolment is completed. Students would therefore be strongly advised to research one or two 'reserve subjects'.

Subjects above with a # next to them do NOT require a GCSE in that subject in order to take them at A Level

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Level 3 BTEC Vocational Offer

Students studying Level 3 BTECS usually study the equivalent of 3 A Levels (usually combining two BTECs together or a combination of BTECs and A Levels), alongside compulsory General Religious Studies, Study sessions and Enrichment

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

GCSE Points scores

To access both the A Level pathway and the L3 BTEC Pathway, students are required to gain a GCSE average as outlined in the tables above.

Level 3 study is challenging and requires an existing base of knowledge as proven by GCSE results.

Students can 'model' their likely GCSE average by adding up all their current predicted grades (in number form) and dividing by the total number of GCSEs.