



Holy Family Catholic School & Sixth Form

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# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



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# Holy Family Sixth Form results

- A Level VA progress: +0.25
- A Level Attainment:
  - A\*-B: 47%
  - A\*-E: 100%
- L3 BTEC VA progress: +0.45 (2018)
- L3 BTEC Attainment:
  - D\*-M: 95%
  - D\*-P: 100%



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# Holy Family Sixth Form: A Level results

## Progress score [?](#)

Above average 0.25

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## % of students completing their main study programme [?](#)

Number of students enrolled to study mainly A levels: 112



## Average result [?](#)

	Average result	Points
School / college	C+	33.17
Waltham Forest state-funded schools / colleges	C-	27.01
England all schools schools / colleges	C+	33.33

# Holy Family Sixth Form: L3 BTEC results

## Applied general qualifications (broad vocational qualifications)

21 students



Applied general are qualifications that provide broad study of a vocational area. They are designed to lead to higher education and they include areas such as performing arts, business and health and social care. See [technical and vocational qualifications](#) for more details. These figures are based on students who were entered for at least one applied general qualification. For further details, see the [16 to 18 Accountability Technical Guide](#).

### Progress score

Above average 0.45

[More score details](#)

### Average result

	Average result	Points
School / college	Dist+	41.61
Waltham Forest state-funded schools / colleges	Dist-	32.73

# A Level Student success

- **Karolina Gallagher** who gained A\*A\*A\*A in Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Maths. She has just completed her first year studying Bio-chemistry at **Oxford**
- **Drianna Blanc** who gained A\*A\*B in Psychology, Sociology and History. She has completed her first year of Law at **Bristol University**.
- **Joel Thevarajah** who gained AAB in Biology, Chemistry and Maths. He has accepted a place at **UCL** to study Biomedical Sciences.
- **Cara Moran** who gained grades A\*AAB to secure her place at **Oxford** to read English
- **Daniel Asare** who gained grades AAA. He is studying Aerospace Engineering at **Bath University**
- **Zebaish Shabaz** who gained A\*A\*C has just started studying Psychology and Sociology at the **University of Sussex**.
- **Manuela Sadik** who gained A\*AB is currently reading History at **UCL**.



## L3 BTEC Student success

- **Lian Nguyen** who gained a Dist\*Dist\* in Business, as well as a grade B in A Level Sociology. She is currently studying Business Management at **Queen Mary University**.
- **Amber Hall** who gained Dist\*Dist\* in Health and Social Care, as well as a grade B in A Level Psychology. She has accepted a place at **Kent University** to study Psychology.
- **Delia Muvangu** who gained a double Distinction grade in Health and Social care and a B grade in A Level Psychology. She will be studying Psychology and Sociology at **Northampton University**.
- **Max Risveglia** who gained Distinction grades in Creative Media and IT and will be studying Film at the **University of East London**
- **These results show that the Level 3 BTEC pathway allows access to good quality university courses**

# Why study at Holy Family?

- Excellent Post-16 results and a high success rate of entry to top universities.
- Outstanding pastoral support from a dedicated team with a sharp focus on the holistic growth of the individual student.
- A strong Catholic ethos with an emphasis on service to others.
- Growing numbers, but still small enough that we know each student as an individual. Smaller classes than GCSE in the vast majority of cases.
- Students are treated as young adults – with the trust and responsibility that that entails eg: Tutorials.
- We are truly comprehensive – in other words there is a pathway for you at Holy Family, irrespective of the grades you achieve. We will not turn you away if you do not get grade 6's and above!



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# Catholic Ethos

- At Holy Family our Catholic ethos is embedded in our daily lives through:
  - Daily worship
  - Charity
  - Service to the school, local and wider community
  - General Religious studies and Interfaith programme
  - We are open access – students of all faiths, or none, are more than welcome to apply if you are supportive of our ethos





# Core curriculum offer: Level 3 subjects

- A Levels
  - Linear two year courses with external exams at the end of Year 13.
  - Some coursework elements eg: Art, Photography, Design etc.
  - Students choose 3 or 4 subjects depending on GCSE average.
- Level 3 BTECs
  - 2 year courses, mainly based on assignment work.
  - Less examined content than A Levels (approximately 30-40%).
  - Equivalent to between 1 to 2 A Levels, depending on subject weighting.
  - Students choose 2 subjects to study.
- Mixed programmes
  - It is possible to study a number of mixed combinations – these can be discussed at interview.



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# Curriculum offer: Bridging course

- The Holy Family ethos is to support students of all abilities.
- We therefore offer a bridging course for internal students who do not meet the entry requirements for Level 3 study by September 2019.
- The aim of this course is to allow students another year to prepare for their chosen pathway and to provide extra pastoral/careers support.
- The focus is therefore on either:
  - Re-sitting Maths and English GCSE's if a grade 3 is achieved, with a view to progressing to Level 3 study in September 2020.
  - Accessing stepping stone qualifications if grade 1 or 2 is achieved to progress to apprenticeships or further training in September 2020.
- Please do not hesitate to ask the sixth form team for more details on this pathway.



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# Entry requirements

- 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. These are explained in full on the Curriculum Offer document in your prospectus.
- Students who narrowly miss entry requirements will be considered on an individual basis, based on circumstance.
- General requirements for A Level are a **GCSE average of 4.8** or greater and **grade 5 in Maths and English GCSE**.
- General requirements for Level 3 BTEC are **GCSE average of 3.6** and **grade 4 in Maths and English**.
- Some subjects also have specific requirements eg: Maths A Level requires a grade 7 or greater in Maths GCSE.



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# GCSE Averages – examples

- **Example student who qualifies for A Levels:** Maths: 5, English: 5, Science double: 55, RE: 5, History: 6, French: 6, Resistant Materials: 6, Media Studies: 7 =  $50/9 =$  **GCSE average 5.6**
- **Example student who qualifies for L3 BTEC:** Maths: 4, English 4, Science double: 44, RE: 4, History: 5, French: 4, Resistant Materials: 4, Media Studies: 5 =  $34/9 =$  **GCSE average 3.8**
- **These entry requirements mirror other similar providers and in some cases are more lenient**



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# Study programmes

- Core curriculum of: Level 3 Academic/Vocational Qualifications or Level 2 Bridging course Continued Level 2 English and/or maths.
  - GCSE booster classes for November or May entry.
  - Functional Skills classes to focus on core skills.
- Additional supporting qualifications such as Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Core Maths and community based languages.
- General Religious Studies programme.
- Super-curricular activities.
- Community enrichment activities.
- Tutorials and extended registration/PSD drop down days.
- Timetabled study sessions.
- Opportunities for work placements, speakers and subject based trips.



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# Super-curricular activities

- Designed to complement and enhance both academic and wider life skills such as:
  - GCSE short courses / taster sessions in languages
  - Duke of Edinburgh award silver/gold
  - First aid
  - Debating
  - Health and Fitness
  - Cooking
  - Social Justice
  - Coding
  - Creative writing
  - University MOOCs



# Community based enrichment

- Silver surfers
- Learning Mentors
- Reading partnership
- Subject ambassadors
- Marketing and PR apprentices
- Sports coaching
- Whole school production
- Holy Family Family
- The Holy Family Prefect Team



# Summer activities week

- Community enrichment day
- University visits (Loughborough & Leicester residential, University of Sussex day trip)
- Alumni careers day
- UCAS and Apprenticeship day
- London cultural scavenger hunt
- End of Year retreat to Aylesford Friary





# The application process

- All applications are completed online – click the red Apply Now button on the Sixth Form section of the school website:



## Holy Family Sixth Form

*Save the date for our Sixth Form Open Evening,  
Walthamstow Site, Thursday 14th November,  
6.30pm*

 **APPLY NOW**



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# The application process

- Current Holy Family students will be provide with a user/password
- External candidates should initially follow the New Application route

**The Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form**

**NEW APPLICATION**

Use the button below to start a new application. You don't have to finish your application immediately. You can save it and continue later.

**Start Application**

**Registered Users**

Username or Email address

Password

Remember Me

**Login**

Forgot your password?

External candidates start here

Current Holy Family students log-in here



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# The application process

- Please complete all sections of the form accurately – some helpful hints:
  - Please upload a formal passport sized photo
  - It is vitally important to inform us of any medical, dietary, SEN or other needs
  - For **external students** the ULN, UPN & UCI numbers are essential (current Holy Family students – we have these already)
  - Current predicted grades should be accurate and confirmed by your referee
  - Please carefully follow the instructions regarding subject choices (you should only choose one subject from each of the option blocks – more on this later)
  - Once you have entered your grades, subject options will be tailored to your current predictions

# Important issues

- We would strongly advise that students calculate a predicted GCSE average from their most recent Mock exam results.
- This should be used as a guide as to the most suitable pathway in sixth form. These averages will be discussed at interview.
- **All offers made are conditional on meeting the entry requirements of specific pathways.**



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# Option Blocks

- These form the basis for creating the timetable for September 2019.
- 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.
- At this stage you can also register interest in EPQ or Core Maths in Block E
- Students with a GCSE average score of 6.5 or above would be advised to start 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.
- There is the potential to study a **mixed programme** of A Level and L3 BTECs. Students must still qualify for A Levels in order to study a mixed programme. In this case please choose one A Level subject in Block C alongside the B<sup>+</sup> choice in Block A.



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# Option Blocks – A Levels

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E
Drama	Art (Fine Art)	Biology	Biology	EPQ
Geography	Business Studies	D&T (Product Design)	English Literature	Core Maths
History	Government & Politics	Economics	Physics	
Maths	Photography	Film Studies	French	
Psychology	Religious Studies	Maths	Psychology	
Chemistry	Sociology	Sociology	Spanish	

Clashes in the options blocks – please raise these at interview – we will do our best to accommodate clashes but this is not always possible.

Home spoken Languages (eg: Polish, Portuguese, Russian etc.) are not in the option blocks, but there is an option in step 1 of the form to indicate that you would be interested in studying these

# Option Blocks – L3 BTEC

## Level 3 BTEC / Mixed Programme Blocks

Block A	Block B	Block C (A Levels)
BTEC Business	BTEC IT	Biology
BTEC Health & Social Care	BTEC Science	D&T (Product Design)
BTEC Media Production	BTEC Sport	Economics
		Film Studies
		Maths
		Sociology

Subjects in BTEC Block A are the equivalent to 1.5 or 2 A Levels.

Subjects in BTEC Block B are the equivalent to 1 A Level.

Students should select one choice from BTEC Block A and one from either BTEC Block B or A Level Block C

# Entry requirements – A Level

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	66	Or Grade 6 in Single Biology
Business Studies#	4.8	5	5	n/a	Grade 5 at Business Interest in Business essential
Chemistry	4.8	5	6	66	Or Grade 6 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 Lang and Lit
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 Native speaker.
Geography#	4.8	6	5	n/a	Grade 5 in Geography if taken Preferred 6 in Maths
Government & Politics#	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	Prior knowledge of Politics and political systems is essential.
History	4.8	5	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	6	66	Or 6 Grade in Single Physics GCSE
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 Native speaker.



# Entry requirements – L3 BTECs

Subject	GCSE Average required	GCSE English Language	GCSE Maths	GCSE Science	Other
Business (BTEC Diploma) <i>(Equivalent to 2 A Levels)</i>	3.6	4	4	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Health and Social Care (BTEC Diploma) <i>(Equivalent to 2 A Levels)</i>	3.6	4	4	44	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
ICT (BTEC Extended Certificate) <i>(Equivalent to 1 A Level)</i>	3.6	4	4	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Media (BTEC Sub Diploma) <i>(Equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)</i>	3.6	4	n/a	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Science (BTEC Extended Certificate) <i>(Equivalent to 1 A Level)</i>	3.6	4	4	44	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Sport (BTEC Extended Certificate) <i>(Equivalent to 1 A Level)</i>	3.6	4	4	44	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken

# Interviews and offers for sixth form

- 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).
  - 2) Pending conditional (Internal students will be required to complete the 'Passport to Sixth Form').

# FAQs – why do you place so much emphasis on Maths and English GCSEs?

- Other than the fact they are vital for career progression (Universities and employers take the grades very seriously)...
- ...the government has made it compulsory for students Post-16 to continue to work towards a grade 4 if they do not gain this at the end of Year 11.
- We offer intensive revision classes for GCSE re-sits and stepping stone qualifications for those under grade 3.
- Re-sitting maths and English while studying a full Level 3 programme is extremely difficult and can result in underachievement across the student's study programme.
- Maths and English skills underpin all Level 3 subjects – they are also the best predictor of success at Level 3 and beyond.



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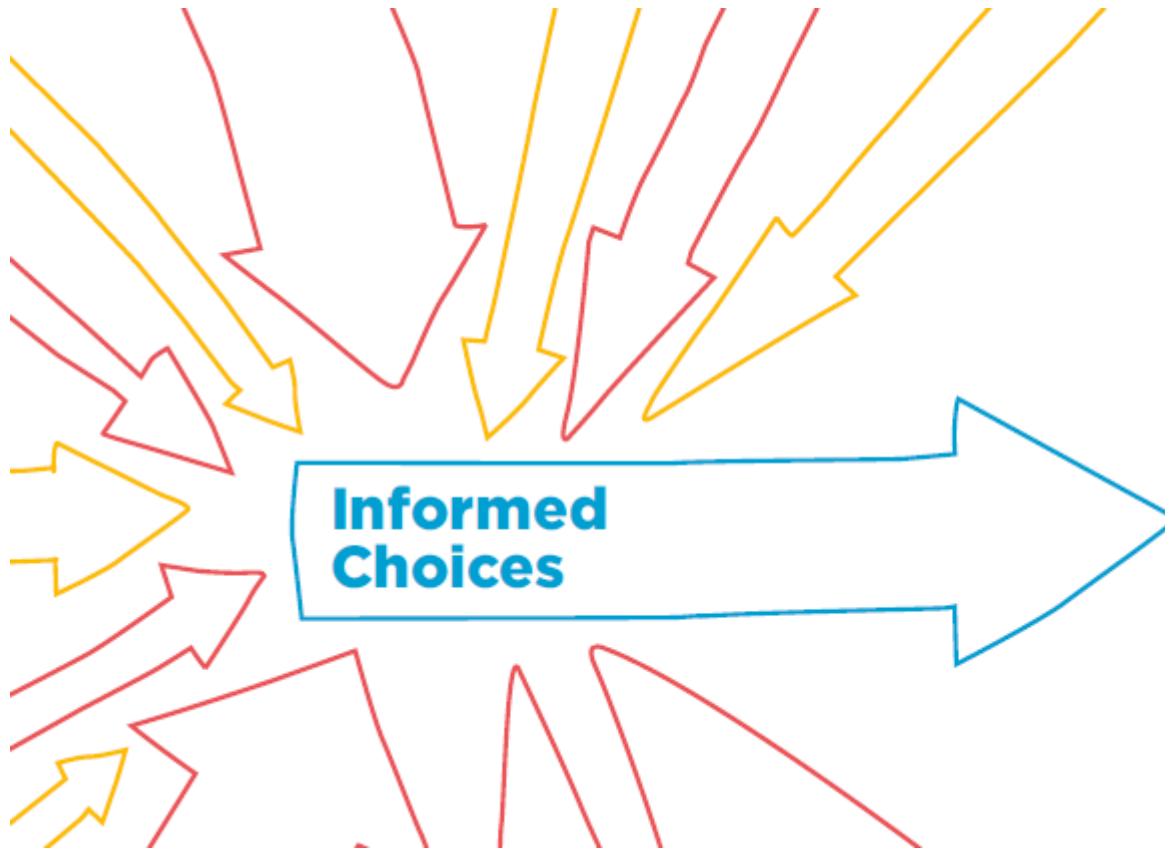
# FAQs – what are the best subject combinations?

- Our best advice is for students to choose subjects that interest and motivate them.
- There are some combinations of subjects which are essential for some careers eg: Chemistry plus other sciences for Medicine.
- Other career paths require clusters of similar subjects – we can advise more on this either formally at interview or informally at any time – please contact us if you have any questions.
- If you are not sure on a career path refer to point one above!
- Subject combinations will be discussed at interview.
- Russell Group Universities often require a minimum of two facilitating subjects (Search for Informed Choices – Russell Group).



# Informed Choices

**RUSSELL  
GROUP**



A Russell Group guide  
to making decisions  
about post-16 education

2016/17  
Fifth edition

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# FAQs – can Level 3 BTECs get me to university?

- The overwhelmingly simple answer is yes!
- And we know this because we send many students each year to university with multiple Dist and Dist\* grades (the equivalent to A and A\* grades at A Level).
- Over 70% of university courses give offers using the UCAS Tariff, which includes a wide range of different course types
- They are highly valued by employers – we know this because they tell us so!
- They are suited to students who have a particular vocation in mind and/or who prefer less examined content.
- Recent govt. reforms have made L3 BTECS more academically rigorous with up to 40% examined content in some subjects.



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# FAQs – can I take a subject that I didn't do at GCSE?

- The following A Level and BTEC subjects do NOT require the equivalent to have been taken at GCSE.
- They do however require a deep interest and commitment to them!
  - Art & Design (Photography)
  - Business Studies
  - Economics
  - Geography
  - Film Studies
  - Politics
  - Psychology
  - Religious Studies
  - Sociology
  - BTEC Business
  - BTEC Health and Social Care
  - BTEC Media
  - BTEC IT
  - BTEC Sport



# FAQs – What can parents do to help?

- Emphasising the importance of The Year 11 Practice/Mock exams – these are crucial in determining the type of offer that students will gain especially in terms of effort/attitude to learning.
- Ensuring students have a quiet study space.
- Making sure students are organised.
- Encouraging students to take rest breaks!
- Give guidance and help in choosing subjects BUT recognising that it is the student's choice in the end.
- Help students research career areas eg: University/Apprenticeships and career options.
  - [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
  - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>



# What next this evening?

- Tours – if you are not currently a Holy Family student or would like a tour anyway, please stay seated and the prefect team will take you to specific subject areas.
- Please see the map/guide sheet for where subjects are based tonight.
- Make sure you ask lots of questions across the evening to allow you to make informed decisions.
- Please pick up the **subject information flyer** from each room for subjects you are interested in. These are on the website in soft copy.
- Please do visit the sixth form block where there is further information on careers guidance and SEN support.
- Please ask a member of the sixth form team for any general questions



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# Important dates

- Internal Taster day sign up
  - Year 11 parents evening
  - Internal Sixth Form Taster day
  - Deadline for applications
  - Interviews (Internal)
  - Interviews (External)
  - All offers sent out
  - Pre-enrolment drop in sessions
  - GCSE results day
  - Enrolment
  - Late enrolment: by appointment with Mr Delf (via email)
- PSD sessions in November
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- w/b Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Within two weeks of application
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> / Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August



# Contact details

- Please either call the Walthamstow site on: 020 8520 0482
- Or email us:

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(Sixth Form administrator)



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# Thank you for coming!

- For an optional tour please remain in your seats.
- Please visit the subject areas you are interested in and ask lots of questions!
- Please take the opportunity to visit the Aquinas Centre (Sixth Form Block) where there is information on:
  - Careers guidance at Holy Family
  - SEN provision at Holy Family
- In addition to the advertised subjects, please visit the music room to find out about Music A Level or BTEC

We hope you find the evening useful!



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