

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



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Mission Statement

St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls will offer a positive presence in Enfield with a comprehensive curriculum delivered in modern facilities, equipping students with the ability to meet the challenges of the 21st Century confidently and with high spiritual and moral standards,

We recognise that students, parents, staff and governors make up the school's community which will continually self-evaluate to improve itself effectively and efficiently in all aspects of its growth.

We are a fully inclusive, Catholic girl's secondary school meeting high academic standards, promoting spirituality, pastoral care and the Catholic community.

We recognise in all our relationships the dignity and value of each person showing one another mutual acceptance and respect.

'Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God.'

Introduction

St. Anne's is a Catholic girl's school founded to provide education for Catholic students. Students from other Christian denominations or Faiths are welcomed in making an application to join our Sixth Form; however in a situation where there are more applicants than places available, priority will be given to Catholic applicants.

Catholic Looked After children, Catholic children who have been adopted (or made subject to Residence Orders or Special Guardianship Orders) and other students currently in year 11 at our school who apply to our Sixth Form will have first priority.

Suitability to study courses

St. Anne's Sixth Form Centre offers a broad selection of A Level and BTEC study courses for students. Students must meet the entry criteria for courses that they enrol onto and must study the required amount of learning hours. Students from schools other than St. Anne's are admitted to the Sixth Form providing that they meet the entry criteria. Male students are not enrolled onto any courses with the exception of any individual collegiate arrangements made for a student(s) in relation to an individual subject(s).

Admissions Meeting

Prior to admission students will meet with the Assistant Head Teacher 16-19, Sixth Form Pastoral Manager or member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss their choice of study.

During this recruitment and discussion process a student may be permitted to join a course without having the specified entry criteria if it is believed that it is in her best interest.

Decisions relating to this will be agreed by the Headteacher.

Course requirements

In order for students to succeed in their studies, the Governing Body have agreed the following criteria for admission to the range of courses that we offer in St. Anne's Sixth Form Centre.

To study an A Level or Level 3 BTEC course, you must meet the subject entry requirements.

GCSE Mathematics and English Retakes

Students who have not achieved a Grade 4 in Mathematics and / or English may have the opportunity to retake the qualification.

Foundation 'Bridging' Courses (if available)

Mathematics

Students who join the Sixth Form as part of a 'Bridging' Level 2 foundation year who achieved a Grade 3 or less will complete a Level 2 Qualification in Functional Mathematics and Numeracy in Year 12 and possibly Year 13 (up to the age of 18) until the required grade for the qualification is attained.

English

Students who join the Sixth Form as part of a 'Bridging' Level 2 foundation year who achieved a Grade 3 or less will complete a Level 2 Qualification in Functional Language and Literacy in Year 12 and possibly Year 13 (up to the age of 18 until the required grade for the qualification is attained).

Enrichment Curriculum

All students study Core RE and masterclass lessons as part of a broader enrichment curriculum and are encouraged to choose a voluntary option for their contribution to the wider community.

Course Numbers

When considering the course requirements of each course offered, there is a necessity for practical reasons to limit the numbers of students enrolling onto courses.

- The maximum number of students to be enrolled onto non-practical subjects is 24 students per group.
- Numbers of students studying practical subjects are necessarily restricted by facilities and assessment requirements of the program of study:
- Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Applied Science have a maximum number of 22 students per group.
- Photography and Art, Fashion and Graphics classes have a maximum number of 18 students (Fashion and Graphics are taught in combined year 12 and 13 groups with a combined maximum of 18)

Criteria for oversubscribed courses

In the case of a Year 12 course becoming oversubscribed on enrolment day (which will coincide with 2023 GCSE Results' Day) and therefore being unable to accommodate all students, the following criteria will be considered in the order below:

Criteria 1: Students who meet or exceed the course grade entry requirement and who applied for the Sixth Form during Year 11 application.

Criteria 2: Students who meet or exceed the course grade entry requirement and who request a place at enrolment day.

Criteria 1 and 2 will be allocated to students who gain the highest GCSE results in relation to the subject entry criteria in descending order.

Criteria 3: Students narrowly missed the subject criteria but who have mitigating circumstances that suggest they will be able to cope with the academic rigour of the course.

Students who request places **after** enrolment day (2023 GCSE Results Day) 25th may be allocated a place if the subject has spaces remaining and they have met or exceeded the subject entry criteria.

Definitions

'Looked After Children' has the same meaning as in Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989 and means any child in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by them, for example, children with foster parents.