

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



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Admissions Committee

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Introduction

St. Anne's welcomes boys and girls into the sixth form.

St. Anne's is a Catholic girl's voluntary-aided secondary 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.

Students transferring from Year 11 need to re-apply and must meet the requirements for the courses for which they have applied. Please see Sixth Form entry requirements for the relevant year of entry. Applications from external students including boys are welcome and places will be offered up to maximum capacity.

Applications should reach the school by the published closing date, and in the case of over subscription the same criteria will apply as for Year 7.

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 enroll onto and must study the required amount of learning hours. Students, male and female, from schools other than St. Anne's are admitted to the Sixth Form subject to availability of places providing that they meet the entry criteria and when interviewed it is felt that they will learn well in our Sixth Form environment.

Admissions Meeting

Prior to admission, students will meet with the Assistant Headteacher 16-19, Year 12 Pastoral Manager or member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss their choice of study.

Course requirements

In order to enter the Sixth Form, you must meet the minimum entry requirements. The same academic entry criteria will apply to both current and new joining students.

To study an A Level or Level 3 BTEC course, you must meet the subject entry requirements. Some subjects have specific entry requirements in addition to the Level 3 minimum entry; please check these requirements carefully.

Students will be fully supported in making their choices and will receive high quality information, advice and guidance.

In choosing courses, students should not only consider what they enjoy and what they are good at, but also the right combination of subjects for their chosen degree or career. Students must take into account their predicted grades and whether they are sufficiently high for them to take the study of those specific subjects further.

Not all subjects require you to have studied them at GCSE.

Please note that the School has the right to withdraw courses if the minimum capacity number of students have not enrolled.

GCSE Mathematics and English Retakes

Students who join the Sixth Form who achieved a Grade 3 or less in English or mathematics will be required to retake English Language or mathematics in Year 12 and possibly Year 13 (up to the age of 18) until the required grade 4 is attained.

Students who achieved a Grade 4 in Mathematics and / or English may have the opportunity to retake the qualification.

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 20 students per group.
- Photography and Art, Fashion and Clothing and Graphics classes have a maximum number of 16 students (Fashion and Clothing and Graphics are taught in combined year 12 and 13 groups with a combined maximum of 16).

Criteria for oversubscribed courses

In the case of a Year 12 course becoming oversubscribed on enrolment day and therefore being unable to accommodate all students, the following criteria will be considered in the order of priority detailed below:

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

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 who do not meet the subject criteria but for whom it is decided will be able to cope with the academic rigour of the course. In these cases attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning in Year 11 will be scrutinised also.

Students who request places **after** enrolment day may be allocated a place if the subject has spaces remaining and they have met or exceeded the subject entry criteria.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONITORING AND REVIEWING:	Annual
DATE REVIEWED:	Summer 2023
DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	Summer 2024
RESPONSIBILITY:	Governing Body