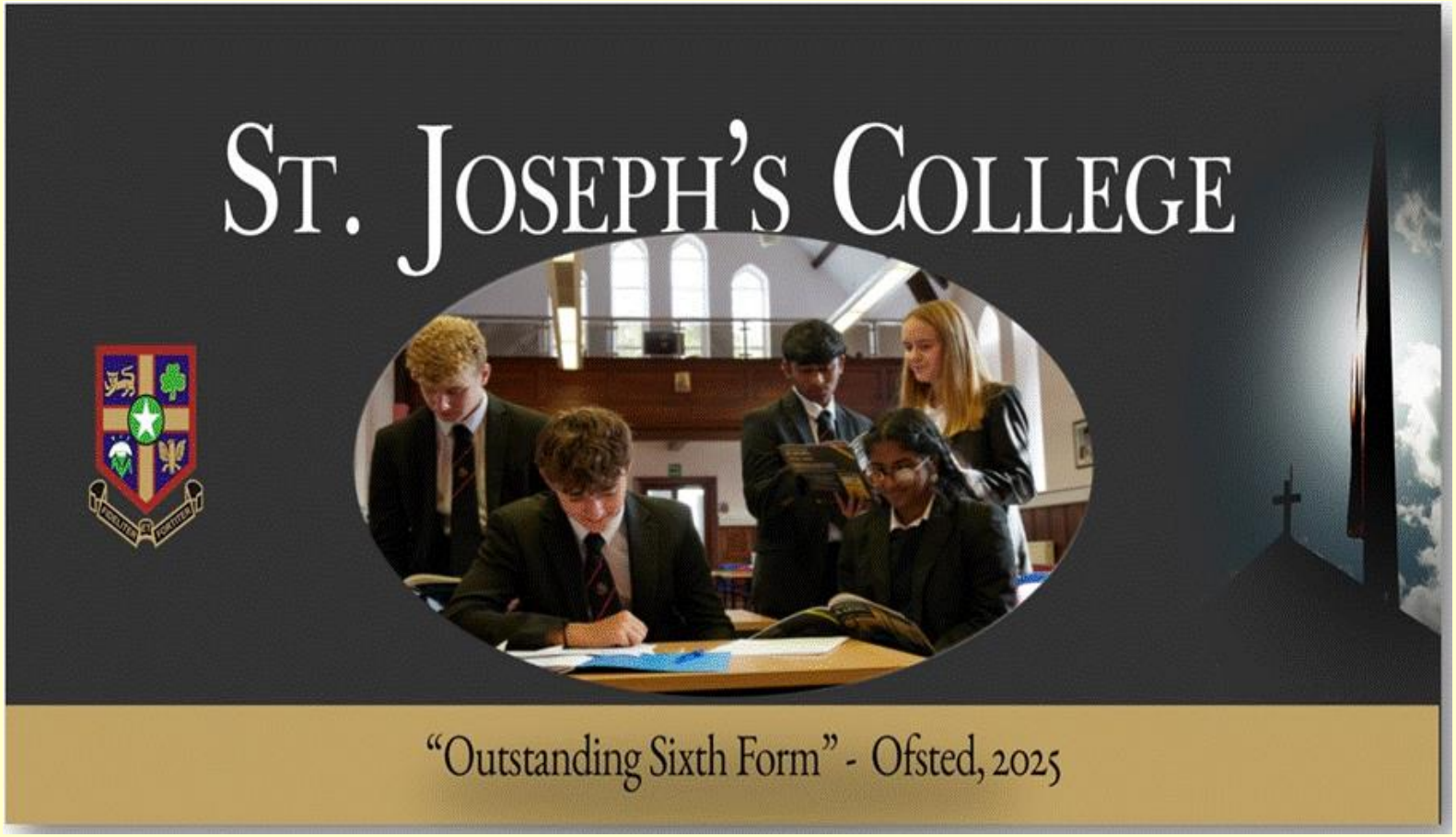
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Who are we?

- Catholic school that currently has ~1,100 students with ~350 in Sixth Form (180 currently in Year 12)
- A school community rather than an FE college where all students are known
- A diverse community from schools across Stoke, Staffordshire and beyond (27 schools in our current Year 12 cohort)
- No faith requirement for entry into the sixth form – we welcome students of all faiths and no faith
- We offer a traditional academic route – predominantly A level with a small number of BTEC Level 3 courses
- We have the highest expectations

Why come to Sixth Form at St Joseph's College?



- Excellent academic record
- Exceptional pastoral support
- Wide ranging opportunities beyond the curriculum
- Outstanding preparation for life beyond sixth form

"Students are exceptionally well prepared for their next stage in education, employment or training" OFSTED 2025

Dedicated Sixth Form Facilities

- Two purpose-built sixth form buildings
- 12 state-of-the-art classrooms
- 6th form-only dining room
- Two dedicated sixth form study areas with mentoring
- Computer suite and laptops






Fideliter Building
Sixth Form Centre









Academic Curriculum

Year 12 Curriculum

- 3 A Level subjects
  - 4 A Level option only in exceptional cases
  - We do not offer AS courses as standard
- Supervised study periods
- Core RE programme
- Enrichment
- Extended Project Qualification (optional)
- Core Maths (for specific courses)

Academic Curriculum cont/.

- **All subjects taught by expert subject teachers to provide academic challenge**
  - Embedded 'Teaching for Excellence' framework
- **Regular testing and assessment throughout the year**
  - Supported with 'Learning for Excellence' framework
  - Investment in online support such as 'Uplearn'
- **Predicted grades for UCAS based on assessments during Y12**

Subjects we offer

Applied Science**
Art & Design
Art (textiles)
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computing
D&T - Product design
Economics
English Language & Literature
English Literature
EPQ***
French
Geography
History
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Core Maths***
Music
Performing Arts (Music)**
Physical Education
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Studies

Students benefit from a high-quality and inclusive curriculum in a broad range of subjects. Lessons are challenging and are carefully designed to build knowledge and skills over time. OFSTED 2025

STUDENTS IN OUR SIXTH FORM WILL:

- **Be known and supported by a dedicated pastoral team**
  - Tutor through Y12 and Y13
  - HOY and AHOY in both years
  - Y12 ad Y13 mentors specifically for Sixth Form students delivering a structured mentoring programme at point of need
- **Be academically challenged and monitored**
- **Offered a huge variety of enrichment activities**

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ENRICHMENT – WHAT AND WHY?

What?

All Y12 students complete **40 hours of enrichment**

These 40 hours cover two aspects:

- Personal growth – developing skills, talents and personal attributes
- Charitable work – giving back to the school/local community

Why?

- We want our students to leave our sixth form not just with the best exam results they can achieve but also……
- ….as the best person they can be – giving back to the local community and developing key life skills

The school actively encourage sixth form students to be of service to others in the community, mentoring younger pupils or supporting with projects for those people less fortunate than themselves. OFSTED 2025

EXAMPLE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- KS3 / 4 academic mentors
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver/Gold
- Sustainability club
- Pilgrimage to Lourdes
- Orchestra / Choir
- Musical
- Careers Ambassador / Business Breakfasts
- Dougie Mac Coffee morning
- Culture day
- Prefecting
- EPQ
- Core Maths
- British Sign Language
- Debate club
- Biomed club
- Sporting activities
- Nurture Garden
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Crotchet club
- Charity support
- HE+ Programme

Immersion opportunity to
New Delhi, India or Sierra Leone, Africa in Y13

Leadership Opportunities

Alongside the enrichment opportunities which focus on leadership, is an array of other opportunities including but not limited to –

- Prefects (including Senior Prefects and Head Students)
- Schools Council representatives
- Social Justice Ambassadors
- Chaplaincy representatives
- Music – Lead of the Orchestra / Leader of the Choir
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Sports Leaders (Captains / Vice Captains)
- Careers Ambassadors
- Extra-curricula Club Leads (e.g. Debate Club)
- Sustainability Leads
- Duke of Edinburgh programme



Performance opportunities in assemblies and school events

Small ensembles e.g. String ensemble, flute choir

We offer a wide variety of activities for Sixth Form musicians including

Bi-annual whole school musical

Studio choir

Cantabile choir

Boys' vocal group

Senior orchestra

Bi-annual tour abroad

Student led bands

Visit our YouTube channel - SJC Video and Music Production

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A YEAR 12 STUDENT'S WEEK

- **Each day starts at 8:40am - assembly or form**
  - Daily prayer / Form reflection
  - Tutor programme of activities / information
- **Lessons across all buildings on the school site including the two dedicated Sixth Form buildings**
- **25 timetabled hours per week (typically)**
  - Three subjects 15 (5 hours/week each)
  - Core R.E. 1 hour/week
  - Timetabled study 3 hours/week
  - Non timetabled study 6 hours/week (includes enrichment time)
- **Early finish if your timetable permits**

The personal development curriculum offered to students in the sixth form is exemplary. OFSTED 2025

Life Beyond Sixth Form

Structured support from a dedicated Careers team working alongside the experienced Pastoral team with a well defined careers programme including -

- Independent Careers Advice
- Business Breakfasts
- Apprenticeship talks
- Best Next Steps Fair (students and parents)
- Y12 Work Experience Week
- Best Next Steps week incl. UCAS guidance
- Cambridge University HE+ Programme
- Keele Subject Days
- NHS days e.g. Radiography day
- Mock Interviews

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DESTINATIONS

Every year, students go on to study at top universities and onto some of the most competitive courses including –

- Conservatoire (Music), Law, Engineering, Medicine, Accounting, Pharmacy, Computing, Psychology, Natural Sciences, Chemistry, Politics, Economics……
- From Cambridge to Exeter, Oxford to Durham, Keele to Cardiff, Manchester to Edinburgh, Nottingham to London….
- But also onto competitive degree apprenticeships e.g. Police force, Quantity Surveying, Engineering, Business Analysts at companies such as Cap Gemini

Sixth Form Application Process

Application Process

- Online Applications will open on our homepage tomorrow morning
- No later than **Friday 8th January 2027**
- Done via the ADMISSIONS+ website
- Course discussion meetings, with parents, begin on **Monday 18th January 2027**
- We will contact you by email so please check your emails carefully
  - email will be from **Applica** and will contain details of an appointment

Meeting Questions

- Why would you like to join the sixth form at St. Joseph's?
- What contribution could you make to the sixth form at St. Joseph's?
- How did you choose your subjects?

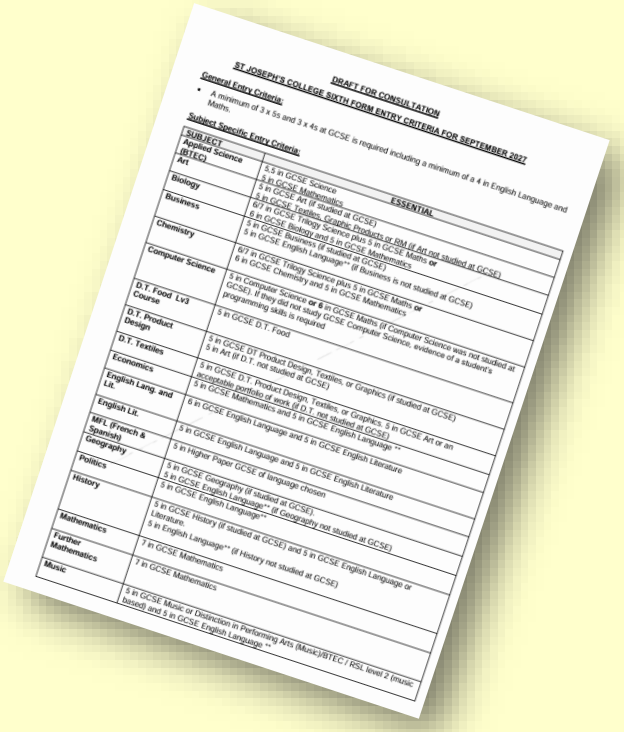
GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

As a minimum, students must achieve

- 3 x 4 and 3 x 5 grades INCLUDING Maths and English Language

Each subject also has its own criteria. For example –

- Psychology requires a 5 in both Maths and English language
- Biology requires a 6 in Biology or 6 + 7 in Trilogy + a 5 in Maths



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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SIXTH FORM ENTRY CRITERIA FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

General Entry Criteria:

- A minimum of 3 x 5s and 3 x 4s at GCSE is required including a minimum of a 4 in English Language and Maths.

Subject Specific Entry Criteria:

SUBJECT	ESSENTIAL
Applied Science (BTEC)	5 5 in GCSE Science 5 in GCSE Mathematics
Art	5 in GCSE Art (if studied at GCSE) 6/7 in GCSE Textiles, Graphic Products or RM (if Art not studied at GCSE)
Biology	6 in GCSE Trilogy Science, plus 5 in GCSE Mathematics or 5 in GCSE Biology and 5 in GCSE Trilogy Science, plus 5 in GCSE Mathematics
Business	5 in GCSE Business (if studied at GCSE) 5 in GCSE Business or 6/7 in GCSE Mathematics
Chemistry	6/7 in GCSE Trilogy Science plus 5 in GCSE Maths or 5 in GCSE Chemistry and 5 in GCSE Mathematics
Computer Science	5 in Computer Science or 6 in GCSE Mathematics 6 in GCSE Mathematics (if Computer Science was not studied at GCSE). If they did not study GCSE Computer Science, evidence of a student's programming skills is required
D.T. Food Lv3 Course	5 in GCSE English Language** (if Business is not studied at GCSE)
D.T. Product Design	5 in GCSE D.T. Food
D.T. Textiles	3 in GCSE DT Product Design, Textiles, or Graphics (if studied at GCSE) 5 in Art (if D.T. not studied at GCSE)
Economics	5 in GCSE D.T. Product Design, Textiles, or Graphics. 5 in GCSE Art or an acceptable portfolio of work (if D.T. not studied at GCSE)
English Lang. and Lit.	5 in GCSE Mathematics and 5 in GCSE English Language **
English Lit.	6 in GCSE English Language and 5 in GCSE English Literature
MFL (French & Spanish)	5 in GCSE English Language and 5 in GCSE English Literature
Geography	5 in Higher Paper GCSE of language chosen 3 in GCSE Geography (if studied at GCSE) 2 in GCSE English Language** (if Geography not studied at GCSE)
Politics	5 in GCSE History (if studied at GCSE) 5 in GCSE English Language** (if History not studied at GCSE)
History	5 in GCSE English Language or Literature. 5 in English Language** (if History not studied at GCSE) and 5 in GCSE English Language or Literature.
Mathematics	7 in GCSE Mathematics
Further Mathematics	7 in GCSE Mathematics
Music	5 in GCSE Music or Distinction in Performing Arts (Music)/BTEC / RSL level 2 (music based) and 5 in GCSE English Language **

Subject Entry Criteria

- Please read the ‘Essential’ column of the table carefully.
- If necessary, talk to staff at your secondary school about your GCSE exam entries for Summer 2027

Transition to Sixth Form

- Transition days in each of your chosen subjects in June & July
- Summer transition work in your chosen subjects
- Second course discussion meeting in August after GCSE results
- Option to change courses

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