



ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Sixth Form Open Evening
for prospective Year 12 entry
in September 2025

Thursday, 14th November 2024
from 6pm onwards

Outstanding Catholic Education

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Welcome to St. Joseph's College Prospective Sixth Form Evening 14th November 2024



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Who are we?

- Catholic school that currently has 1136 students with just short of 400 in Sixth Form
- No faith requirement for entry into the Sixth Form
- A school community rather than an FE college where all students are known
- We offer a traditional academic route with a full range of A levels
- 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



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



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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)

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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

French

Geography

History

Mathematics

Further Mathematics

Music

Performing Arts (Music)**

Physical Education

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

Spanish

Theatre Studies

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Exceptional Pastoral Support

- A holistic approach to student care which fully meets the student's pastoral needs
- All students are known and supported by an expert pastoral team
 - Tutor through Y12 and Y13
 - HOY and AHOY in each year group
 - Mentors delivering a structured mentoring programme at point of need



Opportunities beyond the curriculum - Enrichment

What?

All Y12 students complete at least **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

Example Enrichment Activities

- First aid course
- KS3 mentors**
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver/Gold **
- Sustainability club
- Pilgrimage to Lourdes
- Orchestra / Choir
- Musical
- Careers Ambassadors**
- Business Breakfasts
- Dougie Mac Coffee morning
- **Immersion opportunity**
- British Sign Language
- Biomed club
- Sporting activities
- Nurture Garden
- Mental Health Ambassadors**
- Crotchet club
- Culture day**
- Intergenerational meal
- Working with local charitable organisations & residential homes

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Leadership Opportunities

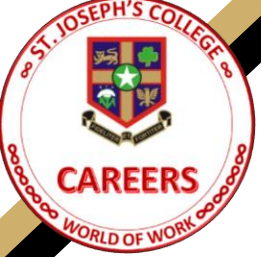
Alongside a number of the enrichment opportunities which focus on leadership, is an array of other opportunities including but not limited to –

- 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. Law Society)
- Sustainability Leads
- Duke of Edinburgh programme

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Life Beyond Sixth Form

- Structured support from a dedicated Careers team working alongside the experienced Pastoral team
- Careers programme incorporates:
 - 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

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Sixth Form Application Process

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Application Process

- Online Applications will open on our homepage tomorrow morning
- No later than **Monday 6th January 2025**
- Done via the ADMISSIONS+ website
- Course discussion meetings, with parents, begin on **Monday 20th January 2025**
- We will contact you by email so please check your emails carefully
- email will be from **Applica** and will contain details of an appointment

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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?



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
- More details in prospectus



How to choose your subjects

- Enjoyment
- Success
- Career path

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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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This evening

- Staff are available to answer your questions (locations of subjects in your pack)
- Yellow signs and prefects / current Y12 students to give directions
- Mrs Slattery, Mrs Gilding, and members of the Sixth Form pastoral team will be in the Dining Room for general questions
- Feedback – please use the QR code
- Leaving the Hall

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