

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE



“Outstanding Sixth Form” - Ofsted, 2025

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Who are we?

- Catholic school that currently has ~1,100 students with ~350 in Sixth Form
- A school community rather than an FE college where all students are known
- A diverse community from schools across Stoke, Staffordshire and beyond
- 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

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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



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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)



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

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

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 **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

- First aid course
- 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
- **Immersion opportunity**
- British Sign Language
- Debate club
- Biomed club
- Sporting activities
- Nurture Garden
- Sports
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Crotchet club
- Culture day
- Intergenerational meal
- Charity support



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



A YEAR 12 STUDENT'S WEEK



Each day starts at 8:40am - assembly or form

- Daily prayer / Form reflection
- Tutor programme of activities / information

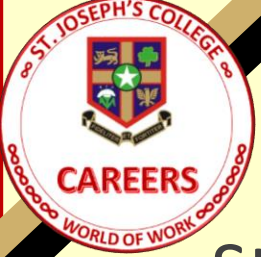
Lessons across all buildings on the school site including the two dedicated Sixth Form buildings

25 timetabled hours per week

- Three subjects 15 (5 hours/week each)
- Core R.E. 1 hour/week
- Supervised revision 2 or 3 hours/week
- Enrichment 2 hours/week
- Non timetabled study 4-5 hours/week

Early finish if 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
- 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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- Online Applications are now open
- No later than **Friday 9th January 2026**
- Done via the ADMISSIONS+ website
- Course discussion meetings, with parents, begin on **Monday 19th January 2026**
- 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?



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

