

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



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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 6th 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 6th 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 6th form providing that they meet the entry criteria and when interviewed it is felt that they will learn well in our 6th form environment. 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, Key Stage 5 Achievement Leader 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 course, you must meet the entry criteria of:
Three Grades 9-6 at GCSE level and the subject entry requirements.

To study a BTEC L3 course, you must meet the entry criteria of:
Three Grades 9-4 at GCSE level including English and the subject entry requirements.

In the event of courses being oversubscribed this criteria will be applied.

GCSE Mathematics and English Retakes

Students who 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 6th 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 13 (up to the age of 18) until the required grade for the qualification is attained.

English

Students who join the 6th 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 13 (up to the age of 18) until the required grade for the qualification is attained.

Enrichment Curriculum

All students study Core RE and enrichment lessons and 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 25 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 to and therefore our 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 chose the subject during Year 11 application.

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

Criteria 4: External students who wish to join our sixth form using criteria 2 or 3 as above.

A new applicant to our Sixth Form will be accepted into Year 12 providing that she meets criteria 4 and that acceptance into our 6th form will not be detrimental to the learning environment and quality of teaching offered to other students.

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.