



Holy Family Catholic Sixth Form

Sixth Form Welcome Evening

Information for Parents, Carers and Students

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

6:00pm – 7:00pm | School Hall



Meet the Sixth Form Team

A warm welcome to our Sixth Form family. Our team is here to support every student academically, pastorally and personally throughout Year 12 and 13.



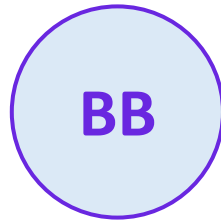
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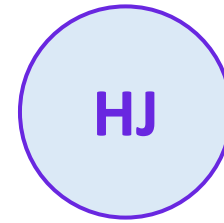
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Assistant Head of Sixth
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Becky Bell

Sixth Form Administrator



Holly Jones

Careers Advisor



Deb Hall

Attendance and
Mentoring



Sixth Form Overview

95%

of last year's cohort went to their first-choice university

Top

One of the best-performing Sixth Forms in Sefton

Above

Consistently perform above the Sefton average

GREAT DESTINATIONS

A wide range of A Level and Applied A Level (coursework-based) courses, work placements and enrichment programmes lead to excellent outcomes, including:

Law

Chemistry

ODP

Nursing

Primary Education

Civil Engineering

Languages

Accountancy Degree Apprenticeship

Legal Degree Apprenticeship

Quantity Surveying Degree Apprenticeship



Sixth Form Uniform

REQUIRED ITEMS

- Black and white Sixth Form lanyard, worn at all times
- White blouse or shirt with a collar
- Plain black tailored trousers or skirt (no leggings, black jeans, or very short skirts)
- Leather or faux-leather shoes
- Black or neutral tights

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- Tailored black/grey jacket or cardigan
- Plain black jumper
- Black tie
- Alternatively: a black formal dress of appropriate length



Smart. Professional. Ready for the world of work.

Sixth Form uniform reflects the professional standards students will meet at university, in apprenticeships and in the workplace.

Expectations



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

- 8:45am – 3:15pm every day in school
- On time to registration every morning — Tuesday registration and Friday Week B assembly
- Students may leave school when they have no lessons, but must sign in and out

ABSENCE

- Email
6thformadmin@holyfamilyhighschool.co.uk as soon as possible
- Make appointments outside of school time wherever possible
- Ensure any missed work is caught up promptly
- No holidays can be authorised

INDEPENDENT STUDY & CONDUCT

- Communicate proactively with staff about any concerns
- Independent study is a core part of Sixth Form life
- Holidays in term time will not be authorised

For Your Information



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Students should aim for 95% attendance or above

Attendance is directly linked to better outcomes and stronger results — we track and support this closely throughout the year.

THE SIXTH FORM CONTRACT

- All students sign a code of conduct on joining Sixth Form
- A graduated response system (Green, Amber, Red) supports students to meet expectations

GREEN

AMBER

RED

Graduated response to conduct, attendance and progress



16-19 Bursary Fund

- **All students receive a bursary pack, including an application form and the bursary policy.**
- Eligibility: gross household income needs to be below £30,000.
- Evidence must be submitted with the application — students previously entitled to Free School Meals still need to apply, but don't need to supply evidence.
- **Unfortunately, late applications cannot be considered.**
- Payments are made in instalments throughout the year, subject to 95%+ attendance, completion of work to the expected standard, and meeting deadlines set.



Tutor Programme

1**Pastoral Support**

A dedicated tutor supporting wellbeing and settling into Sixth Form life

2**Academic Guidance**

Ongoing guidance to keep every student on track across their courses

3**Personal Development**

Building the skills and independence needed beyond school

4**Student Progress Reviews**

Regular 1:1 meetings and tutorials on student development

5**Student Volunteer Programme**

Opportunities to give back and build a strong personal profile





Sixth Form Enrichment Programme

Year 12	Year 13
Careers	University Application & Preparation
Citizenship in Context / Supporting Catholic Ethos	Citizenship in Context / Supporting Catholic Ethos
Finance	Finance – Student Life
Study Skills	Revision Techniques
Relationships / Personal Development	Student Support
Reflection / Preparation for Future Choices	Personal Wellbeing
UCAS	



Enrichment Around School



Head Boy / Head Girl



Student Leadership Team



Student Volunteer Programme



University Visits



Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Subject-Specific Enrichment & Educational Visits



Work Experience Opportunities



Student Mentors



Learning to Learn — The Challenge

ACADEMIC ENQUIRY

- Increased depth of knowledge and understanding
- More abstract concepts
- Sophisticated analysis and evaluation
- Longer answers!
- Becoming an independent learner

ORGANISATIONAL ABILITY

- Research and reading
- Extended tasks and longer deadlines
- Managing a much greater volume of material
- Making the most of study periods
- Meeting deadlines independently

GCSE → A Level / BTEC





Academic Progress — A Level Studies

Recommended: 15 hours of independent study per week, outside lesson time

- Prepare revision summaries as you go
- Read appropriate sections of textbooks
- Read around your subjects generally
- Supplement your notes from lessons
- Revise as you go along — make note summaries or postcards
- Look at past exam papers to see how questions relate to topics
- Identify weaker areas and take positive steps to conquer them
- Use libraries, watch relevant TV programmes and read quality broadsheet newspapers



Academic Progress — Vocational Studies

Recommended: 15 hours of independent study per week, outside lesson time

- Complete all tasks within set deadlines
- Use the internet and books to supplement assignments
- Keep assignments and folders organised by subject
- Ensure theory knowledge is up to date so you can apply it confidently
- Proofread assignments carefully — check spelling
- Check the specification and know what's coming next — build prior knowledge before lessons
- Keep up to date with developments in the news for your chosen subjects



Careers, UCAS & Multi-Agency Support

NEXT STEP PROGRAMME

- One-to-one meetings with independent Careers Advisor Holly Jones
- University visits and strong links with other North West universities
- Guidance with UCAS applications and Personal Statements

UCAS SUPPORT TIMELINE

- Tutor guidance throughout Year 12
- Events and PSHE days focused on the Next Step Programme
- Regular 1:1 sessions with the Sixth Form team
- Guidance on applications and Personal Statement writing



Work Experience

- **All students must complete 1 week of unpaid work experience, usually at the end of the summer term.**
- Students are encouraged to organise their own placement, to ensure it matches their specific interests and needs.
- This is an excellent opportunity to build skills, confidence and a stronger UCAS or apprenticeship application.



Paid work is important and often very useful experience.



However...

Research shows that students working more than 10 hours per week are likely to underperform by around 1 grade per subject.



How Can You Help?

1

Encourage a quiet, dedicated study space at home

2

Check Class Charts regularly for announcements, attendance and behaviour updates

3

Support the recommended 15 hours of independent study each week

4

Encourage a healthy balance between part-time work and study (10 hours per week max)

5

Talk regularly about deadlines, UCAS progress and future plans

6

Contact the Sixth Form team early if you have any concerns

Class Charts



Your window into Sixth Form life

Available as an app and online for parents, carers and students

- Check the timetable
- View school announcements
- Monitor attendance
- Track behaviour points
- Receive unauthorised missed-lesson notifications



It's not all work....



Key Dates — Half Term 1

Thu 24 Sept

McMillan Coffee & Cake Sale

Fri 25 Sept

Team Building Day

W/C 12 Oct

Assessment Week

Fri 23 Oct

Home Study Day (Year 11 Transition Day)

26–30 Oct

Half Term Holiday

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Thank You

We look forward to working with you and your son or daughter this year.

Questions?

Speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team this evening