



# **St. Aidan's and St. Anthony's Catholic Sixth Form**

*Prospectus 25/26*



# Welcome

St. Aidan's & St. Anthony's Catholic Sixth Form has a strong heritage of providing first-rate education for generations of Sunderland's young people.

We are fortunate that we can draw the highly qualified and skilled teaching staff from across our two schools - St. Aidan's Catholic Academy and St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy. This allows us to provide exceptional teaching, enrichment and pastoral care. It also allows us to offer a wide range of curriculum options - over 30 high quality courses. Students have the flexibility to study a combination of both traditional A Level and contemporary vocational qualifications.

Class sizes are smaller, giving more opportunity for bespoke help with academic studies. Subject teachers monitor student progress regularly and offer extra individual support.

Our students have their own designated facilities which allow them to thrive. Year 12 students are situated at Gabriel House and Year 13 students at the Briery.

We offer an extensive range of enrichment opportunities to complement our students' studies, and as a medium sized sixth form we offer highly focused pastoral support. Our students leave our care as resilient, confident and well-rounded individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in adult life.





# Pastoral Support

We offer students a high level of support as they meet the demands placed upon them by post 16 study and help them seamlessly bridge the gap between Year 11 and sixth form entry. We offer a team of dedicated and experienced form tutors, pastoral leads and a Head of Sixth Form who know each student as the individual they are.

Students will have a dedicated form tutor which means there is always someone who has a good knowledge of your skills, strengths and areas for development to advise you on career options and work habits.

The pastoral care of our students is led by our sixth form leadership team.

## **Mrs S Ward**

Head of Sixth Form

## **Mrs E Birbeck**

Y12 Pastoral Leader

## **Mrs H Smith**

Y13 Pastoral Leader



# Our Courses

We offer a wide range of courses including traditional A levels and vocational courses. Most students take 3 A Levels / BTECs / AAQs, although some of our most able students can take 4 A levels/ BTECs / AAQ courses. All course information and entry requirements can be found on our Sixth Form website: [www.aaasixthform.com](http://www.aaasixthform.com)

## Choosing the right course

It is very important to choose the right courses to enable you to move on to the next steps in your journey into education, apprenticeship or employment. These questions may help you think about a choice which is suited to your strengths and individual needs.

### 1. Strengths

Have you discussed your preferred choice of subjects with your subject teachers? Do you feel comfortable with your chosen subjects at GCSE and are you able to continue with them to a higher level? Are you likely to get the subject specific grades required to access the course and succeed at Key Stage 5?

### 2. Interest and Enjoyment

Have you demonstrated a genuine interest in a proposed subject? Can you think of ways you have shown your interest outside your lessons? Please refer to individual subject pages for detail on assessment and course content.

### 3. Career or Higher Education Pathways

If you have a career or higher education course in mind, does your choice of subjects comply with the entry requirements of your chosen course? Have you researched current requirements from, for example, University websites and careers literature?

### 4. Skills

Do you know what sort of study the course contains e.g. does it involve practical work, coursework, numeracy, problem solving, essay writing, out of school activities? Do the skills you develop complement those in your other subjects?

### A Level subjects:

Art & Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing Science, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Media Studies, Music, Philosophy & Theology, Photography, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Textiles Design, 3 Dimensional Design.

### Vocational BTECs / AAQs:

Applied Law, Applied Science, Business Studies, Health & Social Care, IT, PE & Sport.



# Our Trust

## We are proud to be part of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust.

We are a catholic multi-academy Trust and currently have thirty schools, five secondary schools (four with sixth forms), and twenty five primary schools (14 have nursery provision).

The Trust covers the east part of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, we have schools in East Durham, South Tyneside and Sunderland.

Our family of schools work closely together so that can pupils can flourish. As part of the Trust effective transition is supported by our close relationships, and pupils benefit from a shared, progressive curriculum and common expectations.

Find out more: [www.bccet.org.uk](http://www.bccet.org.uk)



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in our Trust

1,378 staff in our  
Trust

11,495 pupils in our  
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# Enrichment

All students take part in an enrichment programme starting in Year 12. This includes a PSHE and aspirations programme utilising strong links with local and national Universities and employers, providing opportunities for students to gain work experience, employability skills, interview experience and experience undergraduate lectures alongside their courses.

Students will have a range of enrichment options to choose from over the course of the year. Typical types of activity are: General RE; Sport; Culture; School Musical, Duke of Edinburgh & residential visits in the UK and abroad.

## A sample of the enrichment opportunities we offer:

- Cafod Young Leaders
- Cambridge residential
- Careers Fair
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Faith Festival
- John Paul 11 Award
- School musical
- Senior Choir
- Sixth Form Ball
- Sixth Form Council
- Sports' clubs
- UCAS convention
- Visits to Rome & London



# Destinations

The subjects we offer provide you with strong routes for progression. Once you have successfully completed your courses, the qualifications you have gained will give you access to university, further education, apprenticeships and employment.

## Careers advice

We want all our students to be aware of the opportunities their qualifications will give them. We actively encourage students to think about what careers they are interested in and how to access them.

Every student will get the chance to visit local universities, attend open days, participate in taster days and hear from a range of guest speakers. All year 12 students are supported to secure a week-long work experience placement.

Many of our former students have progressed on to highly competitive courses at the most prestigious Universities, and we are proud to have a growing number of highly skilled and employed alumni.





# Admissions

**We welcome student's of all faiths and beliefs.**

## **Admissions Requirements**

- At least five grades grade 9-4, with a minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade 5.
- A minimum of a Grade 6 at GCSE in the subject they wish to study at A Level. A minimum of a Merit in the subject they want to study in Vocational Subjects.
- If a grade 4 is not achieved in Mathematics or English language, students must re-sit these exams alongside their level 3 qualifications.

Students will be offered a place at St. Aidan's & St. Anthony's Sixth Form on the proviso that they meet the criteria above, If students have not met the course entry requirements on GCSE results' day, staff will be available to support and advise students on their choices post 16.





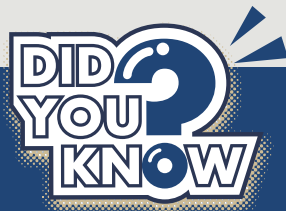
# How to apply

## You can apply

Applications for entry to St. Aidan's & St. Anthony's Sixth Form are welcomed from Year 11 students from St. Aidan's, St. Anthony's or any other academy or school from the City of Sunderland and surrounding areas, provided you meet admissions requirements.

## Sixth Form Open evening

Our Sixth Form Open evening takes place in October and is an opportunity to visit subject departments, meet current students and get the advice that you need to choose the right courses for you that will take you in the right direction for your future.



Some students may be eligible for up to £1,200 of funding per year through the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund to pay for things they need to support their education. These may include a travel pass, books, clothing, equipment, trips to university open days and lunches. The amount received may vary and applications are via an application form from the Sixth Form school office at the start of your studies. Find out more: [www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund](http://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund)





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