



St John's

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

A Catholic Academy



A LEARNING COMMUNITY GUIDED BY GOSPEL VALUES



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Thank you for your interest in St John's Sixth Form College. As you embark on this new and exciting chapter in your life, we hope this prospectus gives you an insight into the opportunities and experiences we have to offer.

FOREWORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM

“It is our expectation that students in our Sixth Form will achieve excellent academic results through developing a continued love of learning.”

St John's Sixth Form College is inclusive and strives to value and respect each and every individual who joins our vibrant community. We encourage all individuals to aspire to academic excellence and success, believing that there are no limits to a student's potential.

Our Sixth Form curriculum is bespoke to the needs and abilities of each student, providing stimulating academic, applied and vocational opportunities which develop confidence and nurture individual talent.

We are committed to the highest standards of teaching, learning and pastoral care – achieved through a combination of challenge, support, encouragement and praise – and, by working in partnership with parents/carers, we empower our students to achieve success and become the leaders of tomorrow.

So please take this opportunity to visit us to discover the exciting opportunities and the right pathway for you at St John's Sixth Form College.

JOINING US

We welcome applications from both internal and external students.

If you think St John's Sixth Form College might be the place for you, please come along to our Open Evening, where our students and staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend, you can also contact the school to request further information or to arrange a visit.

APPLY NOW

Step 1: www.stjohnsrc.org.uk

Step 2: Click on Menu (top right)

Step 3: Click on Sixth Form

Step 4: Click on Application Form (Submit)



THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU...

We have an extensive curriculum offering a variety of academic, applied and vocational qualifications to meet the needs of students with a wide range of abilities and interests.

With over thirty different A Level, Applied and BTEC courses to choose from, making the right decision can require a lot of thought. This is why every student, who applies to St John's, receives personalised advice and has the opportunity to learn more about courses at our Open Evening and during our Induction Days. We want to ensure students undertake courses which reflect their unique talents and abilities, and equip them with the knowledge and skills to achieve their future goals and aspirations.



POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS

With our Leadership Academy status, we encourage our students to become actively involved with volunteering roles so that they can support others and make a difference to the world around them. Our Sixth Form students volunteer as part of the John Paul II Award and the National Citizen Service. In addition, they are active within our community as CAFOD Leaders, Sports Leaders and Numeracy/Literacy Mentors.





INDIVIDUAL CARE & SUPPORT

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

We set challenging targets and have high expectations of all our students. In addition, we also provide a responsive and effective support network to ensure students settle into Sixth Form life quickly so that they can make excellent academic progress.

Every student has different needs, which is why we encourage students and their parents to discuss any issues or concerns with us so that we can provide a bespoke programme of support. Our dedicated Sixth Form Team, including Director of Sixth Form, Head of Year, Pastoral Tutor and Careers Advisor, are always available to offer help and support.

“An ambitious, aspirational culture and a positive environment in which students can flourish.” *Ofsted 2019*



EXCELLENT FACILITIES





A range of excellent facilities and resources are available to enrich the education of our students.



“The leadership of the 16-19 study programmes is effective... Teaching is typically committed, energetic and enthusiastic ... Every lesson presents stretch and challenge, pitched at the right level.” *Ofsted 2019*

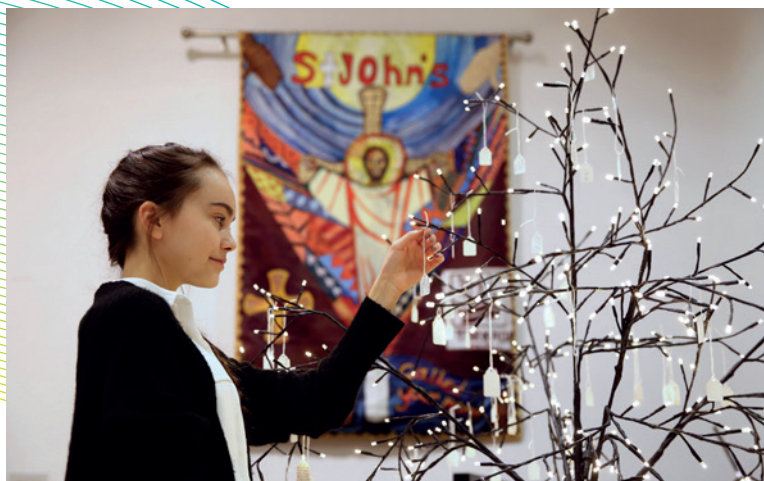




ENRICHMENT

“Students benefit from a broad wider curriculum, so that their personal development is nurtured effectively.”

Ofsted 2019



Our students work hard to achieve their fantastic academic results, but we also believe that students should have opportunities to have fun, learn new skills and develop as individuals beyond the classroom.

Students are encouraged to make a positive contribution to Sixth Form life as well as develop valuable skills in teamwork, public speaking and leadership. Our pastoral programme covers a wide variety of topics, from the Extended Project Qualification, that develops research and presentation skills, to charity fundraising activities as part of our Bridge Project.

Individual departments also offer many enrichment opportunities including residential trips at home and abroad and schemes, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Work Experience, help to develop students' resilience, independence and ability to work effectively as part of a team.

One of the most popular opportunities available to our Sixth Form students is to participate in a charitable expedition, working in the most disadvantaged and poverty-stricken communities within Peru or Africa. Students take part in a variety of fundraising activities throughout the course of the year and spend up to three weeks participating in a truly life-changing experience.



THE NEXT STEPS



HIGHER EDUCATION

We offer a structured programme of support for students applying to university, from guidance through the UCAS application process and student finance, to university talks, visits and residential Summer Schools.

We have excellent links with regional universities such as Newcastle, Teesside, Durham and Northumbria and our Sixth Form is a partner school for a variety of supported and reduced offer schemes. We also provide dedicated advice and support for students considering Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary and Oxbridge, including residential visits, student shadowing, E-Mentoring and mock interviews.

The majority of our students will go on to study a wide range of undergraduate courses at a variety of universities, both locally and further afield.

EMPLOYMENT

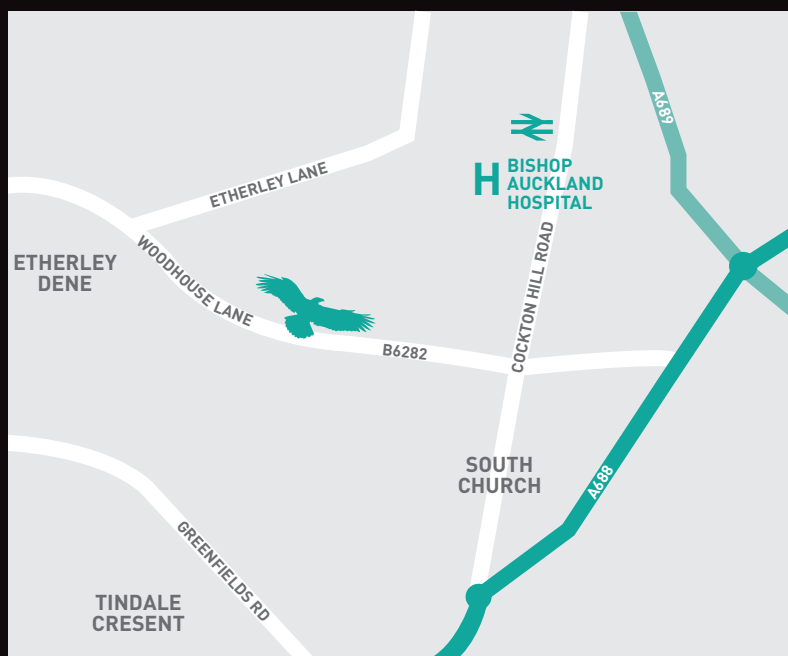
University is not for everyone, which is why St John's Sixth Form has a dedicated Careers Advisor, who can offer advice on apprenticeships and employment opportunities, as well as help with writing CVs, letters of application and preparation for interviews.

In today's challenging economic climate we aim to equip our students with the confidence and skills to be competitive in the employment market. Many of our students gain entry onto higher level apprenticeship schemes, leading on to successful and rewarding careers.



APPLICATION PROCESS

- NOVEMBER** Come along to our Open Evening
- DECEMBER** Experience our Induction Days and complete your application on-line
- JAN/FEB** Individual interviews and course choice guidance provided
- APRIL** Letters of acceptance issued
- AUGUST** GCSE results followed by individual interviews, guidance and transition into Sixth Form



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