



Prospectus

Sixth Form 18/19



St Joseph's

Catholic Academy & Applied Learning College

Welcome

At St. Joseph's Sixth Form College our aim has always been to provide a welcoming learning environment providing academic and vocational courses and enrichment opportunities which support students to realise their full potential, their hopes and dreams.

We have a strong work ethic and work hard to support students to challenge themselves both academically and as a member of society. Our ethos is at the route of what we do.

We have an excellent range of courses to suit different pathways making sure that students can find the subjects to get them where they want to be. St Joseph's is full of opportunities to enhance subject learning including links to universities and local business to help individuals to reach their goals and full potential.

The pastoral team at St Joseph's have many years of experience. Students are supported by an understanding and experienced tutor, Pastoral Leaders and the Director of Sixth Form. We have systems to ensure that problems are recognised quickly and action is taken to put things right before it is too late. Everyone is provided with every chance to succeed.

We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form here at St Joseph's and are excited to be moving forward to realise what we can achieve working together.



Mr T. B. Tapping
Executive Headteacher



Mrs G. Kilgour
Chair of Governors



Mr P. Mitchell
Head of School

In 2018...

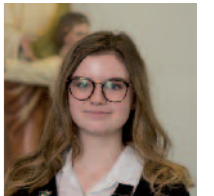
Results were excellent with an impressive 20% of our students gaining one or more grades at A and above. This led to successful entry to university courses with over a quarter of our students accepted into Russell Group Universities.

Students have gone on to study medicine, nursing, engineering, journalism, maths and law to name a few.



Mrs S. Lewis-Dale
Director of 6th Form

“It has been an absolute honour to be a part of the amazing community we have here at St Joseph's sixth form. Although it is challenging at times, I have received so much support in both getting the best grades I can and in my university application. The extra-curriculum programmes they offer also makes sure your CV/personal statement is as good as it can be. I honestly don't think I would be where I am now without the incredibly supportive network of teachers we have at St Joseph's!”



Molly Wear
Head Girl

“My role as a head boy has given me many opportunities to work with different people from inside and outside of school. I chose to apply for head boy as I wanted to give something back to St Joseph's. I knew the role would require a lot of commitment and would challenge me in every aspect of my personality. It taught me a lot about how to work with people and the responsibility that I held prepared me for the world of work and allowed me to grow as a person.”



Shay O'Neil
Head Boy

Mission Statement

Inspired by God's love and aspiration that each member of our School Community lives life to the full, we commit ourselves to the following aims:

Prayer, learning and humour

- We will create opportunities for prayer and spiritual development which are relevant to our community and the world in which we live.
- We will create an inspiring learning environment through which our curriculum will be delivered in exciting and motivating ways.
- We will promote enjoyment and happiness through supportive interpersonal relationships and quality enrichment activities.

Hard work, faith and friendship

- We will develop positive attitudes to learning so that students are able to meet challenges with resilience and go on to make outstanding progress.
- We will promote opportunities which make connections between faith and life, exploring both the Catholic faith and the diversity of other faiths in our community and the world.
- We will create a supportive and caring community which is attentive and responsive to the needs of all, especially those who are vulnerable.

Respect

- We will respect one another and uphold the school's policies and practices which underpin our learning community.

Use our gifts and encourage each other

- We will nurture the God-given gifts and talents of each person to support them in achieving success both in school and beyond as lifelong learners.
- We will ensure that our school plays its full part in contributing to the many partnerships to which we are committed.

Peace

- We will create a safe environment where all can grow and develop supported by our commitment to the Gospel values of justice and peace.



Choosing the right course

Choosing the right course is very important. These questions may help you think about a choice which is suited to your strengths and individual needs.

1. Strengths and Weaknesses

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

3. New Subjects

- If you are considering a subject completely new to you, what are your reasons for wanting to take it?
- Do you know what the subject involves or relevant skills needed?
- Have you considered the possible consequences of taking more than one completely new subject?
- Have you spoken to the staff who teach that subject?

4. Career or Higher Education Course Requirements

- If you have a career or higher education course in mind, does your choice of subjects comply with entry requirements to your chosen course?
- Have you researched current requirements first hand from, for example, the universities publications, admissions officers and careers literature?

5. Skills

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

6. Unhelpful Questions

- Which teachers do I like?
- What are my friends doing?

Why Choose St Joseph's 6th form?

Wide choice of Courses

At St Joseph's we pride ourselves on the ability to offer subjects in both traditional academic and vocational pathways. Students take options in three Level 3 subjects often combining A levels and Btec courses to suit their skills and careers pathways. In addition to this we currently offer the Future Ready programme. This vocational based programme of study is built on strong links with Sunderland University providing opportunities for students to gain work experience, employability skills and experience undergraduate lectures alongside the traditional A Levels. This has proved particularly successful for students looking to follow higher degree level apprenticeships in fields such as Engineering and IT.

Pastoral Care

You will be supported by a team of tutors and Head of Year who will take you from Year 12 to 13. This means that you will have help and advice from someone who knows your strengths, skills and areas for development. Everyone is provided with every chance to succeed.



Careers

Our aim at St Joseph's is to give every student the chance to reach their full potential. Once students have successfully completed their courses they will be ready to move onto the next stage in life. We can ensure that all students are "future ready." We start early in Year 12 to ensure that all students are aware of the different routes into further education and careers. They will receive information during assemblies, General RE, subject areas and through trips to local universities and careers events

Assessments

Each student is given a target grade which take into account their results in Year 11. Work is taught in ten week modules to support students and parents in regular updates about progress. These assessments are used by staff to review students' current performance and shape their programme of study.

Bursary

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund helps disadvantaged students pay for things they need to support their education. These may include travel pass, books, equipment, trips to university open days. The amount you get can vary. You apply through school at the start of your studies.

Enrichment

Enrichment is an essential element to help our students to be future ready for their next stage in life. All students take part in an enrichment programme starting in Year 12.

Edge-Future Ready Programme:

A programme of regular work experience, project based learning and employability skills run by Sunderland University which includes study experiences at the University. This can run alongside the three chosen subjects.

General RE:

The General RE programme allows students in Year 12 and 13 work towards internal awards. The content has been planned to give students challenges to work towards, and are planned to build their employability skills, help those in our parish communities and be something they could include on their UCAS form and discuss at university interviews. Outside agencies are used at key elements to promote thought and deliver expertise information about specialist subjects.

Work Experience:

All Year 12 students spend a week in work placements in the summer term. We also encourage and give guidance to individuals looking for regular volunteering placements.

Student Chaplains:

A member of our sixth form leads the student chaplain programme. The student chaplain programme requires students to give up some of their free time to help those in need and become ambassadors of Faith at St Joseph's. Some of the enhancement projects include launching exciting projects like care home visits, care parcels, candle making for the housebound, faith and ethos journalism and prayer writing.

Peer Support:

An opportunity to support students lower in the school with literacy while developing confidence and communication skills.

MOOC's:

MOOCs don't always lead to formal qualifications, but they do mean students can gain knowledge in all sorts of areas - whether you want to support your career or are exploring personal interests.

Links to Local Universities and Industry:

St Joseph's has established links with all local universities. These support students with employability skills, preparation for interview and applications and help students to make informed choices.

Key Dates:

November 22nd 2018, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Sixth form Open Evening

November 2018
Applications for sixth form open

May/June 2019
GCSE Exams

August 22nd 2019
GCSE results day and sixth form registration

Onwards

We are incredibly proud of our students who leave future ready.

Think about what you could achieve by attending St Joseph's Sixth Form.



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