



WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY'S SIXTH FORM

At Holy Trinity Academy Sixth Form we seek to create a unique learning community for everyone. Our Christian community works hard together to provide an experience that has life and learning at its heart and is always reflective of the values of the Gospel.

Our Sixth Form students are well supported by experienced Sixth Form teachers and tutors who provide a high level of support and guidance, both pastorally and academically. This will enable students to maximise their potential both working as an individual and as part of a wider community.

Our Sixth Form Community has a dedicated work space with access to the latest technologies, including an individual laptop for the duration of student time in the Sixth Form. Sixth Form students have full access to the resources of the school that include the state of the art Science laboratories, ICT suites, Art and Media rooms, Performing Arts facilities and a wide range of flexible learning spaces for use across all subject areas.

Students follow a personalised programme of study with a wide range of A Level courses offered and all students complete an Extended Project Qualification.

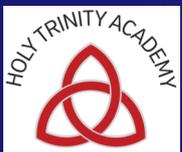
All students are encouraged to take an active part in Enrichment Activities, allowing them the opportunity to take part in and develop new skills including leadership and mentoring of younger students.

Our Sixth Form is somewhere students can prepare for the next stage of their lives. The life of the Sixth Form is about preparing all of our students for the outside world and equipping them with the skills, qualifications and attitude needed to be successful. In this sense, motivation from all those associated with the Sixth Form is key.

You will find further details on all subjects in this prospectus. We look forward to receiving your application.

Mr J Doust
Key Stage 5 Manager





ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SIXTH FORM

The level of challenge and difficulty has significantly increased over the past couple of years. Students in Sixth Forms has now find the academic demands and standard of work required from them has meant that a lot more emphasis is now placed on independent learning. So students who join the Sixth Form at Holy Trinity Academy will need to ensure that they have a strong set of GCSE results to help them bridge the gap between Year 11 and Year 12.

Students will need to have attained the following academic standards if they wish to be considered for a place in the Sixth Form:

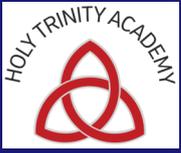
- i) They will need at least 5 x Grade 5s and above) GCSE grades (including Maths and English Literature or Language)
- ii) They will need a Grade 6 in the subject that they wish to study (or the subject / subjects specified by the Departments if not studied at GCSE). You will find specific subject requirements further on in the prospectus on the subject pages.

In addition to the academic requirements, the Application Form (located at the back of the prospectus) will also require a reference from your school. The reference should inform us about your attendance and punctuality, your behaviour record and attitude to learning. Holy Trinity Academy will also have to be satisfied with this in order to join the Sixth Form.

All applicants will be interviewed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team prior to being offered a place in the Sixth Form.

In the event that a student does not meet the criteria above, students may be offered support to choose alternative courses within our Sixth Form or assistance and guidance on applying to courses at other academic institutions.





ACHIEVEMENT

Our Sixth Form is an inclusive Sixth Form and, as such, offers a broad range of courses which enables students to choose subjects and assessment styles that suit their individual needs. We measure achievement at an individual level and value the successes of all our students.

Examination results are one of the key measures of our achievement and indicate the individual successes of our students.

The Year 13 students achieved fantastic results last year and the staff are incredibly proud of this. 75% of all Grades were A* - C for Year 13 and there was a 100% pass rate in Year 12. Progress from the target grades were very pleasing.

For students, the most important measure of success is in achieving their aspirations for Higher Education and careers. Most students who completed their A Level courses are now at university following their choice of courses in: University of Durham studying Philosophy, University of Birmingham studying History, University of Lincoln studying Architecture, Regents Theological College studying Theology and the University of Worcester studying English Language and Education to name but a few.

Some students chose to take a gap year to further their experience the UK.

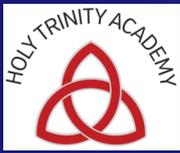
We know we are working with individuals and we consider you to be young adults. The future you will move into is exciting and very much your own. However, we believe there are things which will stay with you as a former student of Holy Trinity Academy; we hope that you will move on from here as a compassionate, independent, well-educated, self-critical, fully rounded, socially aware, and ultimately happy person, whilst here you are making memories, which you will reflect upon throughout your life.

Monitoring Progress / Reporting Progress

We believe that success is achieved by maintaining a link between student, parent and school. At three points in the year, each student will receive a progress report outlining their target grades, current performance and commitment for each subject. In addition a full subject report will be given during the year.

Early into Year 12, all students attend a `settling in' evening. This provides a key opportunity for your Form Tutor to discuss with yourself and your parents how the first 4 weeks have been and to address any concerns you may have.

A Sixth Form Parents' evening will be arranged part way through the year to discuss progress and commitment.



Independent Learning

All students have time within the school day to undertake their own research and further their own learning. Recognising the importance, but also the difficulties, of becoming an effective Independent learner, we don't just leave students to it. Each student will have study periods on their timetable, the majority of these are supervised. It is expected that this time is used wisely to carry out further research and independent study.

Typically, we would expect students to carry out 4 or 5 hours independent study per subject per week. Therefore students should use their time wisely. It is essential to start a regular routine of independent work, as often too little can lead to serious underachievement and this can often be very difficult to repair.

Importance of Attendance

Attendance is a key factor to academic success. If you're not in school then you will jeopardise your progress. As an Academy, we understand the students become poorly and therefore may be too ill to attend school. We therefore, will support you upon your return to school.

We expect all students in Year 12 to attend school from 8.25 am - 2.40pm. If they leave school for any reason, at any time of the day they must have permission from the Head of Sixth Form and ensure that they sign in and out. Medical appointments and driving lessons should be arranged for outside school hours, and proof is needed if this is not possible.

We expect all 6th Form students to have a minimum attendance of 97%.

Attendance	Action
Above 97.0%	Holy Trinity Academy are pleased with your attendance. Students who have an attendance of 97% or more will be rewarded throughout the year for their commitment to their studies and the school community.
95.0% to 96.9%	Student will meet with their Form Tutor for a interview / discussion about their attendance. The level of attendance will then be monitored by staff and expected to come up to the minimal requirement.
93.0% to 94.9%	The Academy will contact home to discuss with parents / carers their concerns. Some privileges may be withdrawn (e.g.: going off site at lunch time).
91.0% to 92.9%	The Academy will meet with parents and the student on a formal basis in school to discuss the level of attendance. Measures will then be put in place to enable the student to make up the time missed and we would expect to see a significant improvement in the level of Attendance.
Below 91%	The Academy will meet with parents and the student to discuss the future of studying here at Holy Trinity Academy.



Dress Code

- Girls:
- i) White blouse with a collar (T-shirts / sleeveless styles are not acceptable)
 - ii) Black or dark blue suit (trouser suit or skirt suit). Lycra / stretchy material skirts are unsuitable. Straight, A-line or pleated are acceptable but must not fit too tightly. In terms of the length of skirts then they should be no shorter than just above the knee. There are spare skirts in the pastoral office.
 - iii) Low-heeled black shoes
Flat black ankle boots are acceptable
 - iv) Dark coloured socks (under trousers)
 - v) Black or neutral tights (no patterned or ribbed tights)
 - vi) No shawls / scarves / coats inside the building
 - vii) Your suit jacket must be the outer item of clothing worn at all times around the building – these can be removed in the study areas or in lessons but must be on again when students are moving around the building
 - viii) NO facial piercings – nose studs to be confiscated if worn

If there is any doubt over an item of clothing, the sixth form team will determine if it is appropriate for school

- Boys:
- i) White shirt
 - ii) Plain black or dark blue suit
 - iii) Plain, smart tie
 - iv) Black or brown shoes
 - v) Dark coloured socks
 - vi) The suit jacket must be the outer item of clothing worn at all times around the building – these can be removed in the study areas or in lessons but must be on again when students are moving around the building
 - vii) NO facial piercings – nose studs to be confiscated if worn
 - viii) Hair can be no shorter than a Grade 2

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Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices

These may be brought into school. However, the only place these can be used is in the Sixth Form Common Room itself during break and lunch. They must be switched off during lessons, tutor time, private study and Acts of Collective Worship.

If a student is caught with their mobile out in view by a member of staff (or if the phone goes off in the presence of a member of staff) that the phone will be confiscated. Students will then be able to collect their mobile phone from the Main Office at the end of the school day.

Curriculum

Here at Holy Trinity, all Sixth Form students study for 3 A Levels. Some years we do have one or two students study 4 A Levels but they tend to be the students who have exceptionally high GCSE results.

As a Christian school, all students study General / Core RE. This is taught by the RE Department for 3 lessons each fortnight. It is done through the EPQ qualification which will give them an additional 0.3 A Level. Students will spend 2 years preparing and writing a 5,000 assignment on a religious theme of their choosing. In addition to this, students will study and analyse the following issues:

Human rights, War, Refugees, The Environment, Bio-ethics and Family Life.

Particular focus is given to:

Life and Dignity of Human life, The Call to Family, Rights and Responsibilities, The Option For The Poor, Dignity and Rights of Workers, Solidarity and God's Care for Creation.

Key Christian teaching and scholars are examined and studied as part of the taught / directed course.

Changes to AS / A2 Qualifications

Please be aware that all AS qualifications have now been 'decoupled' from the A2 qualification.

This means that the AS examination(s) you take at the end of Year 12 will result in a qualification in its own right. If you continue studying a subject into Year 13 you must be aware that the AS qualification you gained in Year 12 will NOT contribute to your final grade and you will have to sit this examination again in Year 13 as well as sitting your A2 examinations. This is something your teacher will discuss with you at the start of your course.

At Holy Trinity Academy, many subjects do not enter their students for the AS examinations at the end of Year 12. The Academy does however have its own 'Internal Assessment' week in the summer term where all students are required to sit and pass the internal assessments that each Department provides them with. **Any student wishing to progress into Year 13 must pass all 3 of their course examinations at this point.**



Sixth Form Personal Development

At Holy Trinity Academy Sixth Form we aim to develop the whole student and give them the tools with which they can deal with life's challenges whilst maintaining respect for themselves and for others around them.

In order to help our students develop in other areas of life, all Sixth Formers have 'Enrichment' lessons on their timetable. This time has been allocated for students to organise, lead and participate in an activity that will help them develop skills that they will benefit from. Enrichment activities that have taken place this year are: UCAS applications; Apprenticeship fairs; Sailing, Debating club; Football; Cross-country running; Golf; Work experience; Book club; Classroom Assistants in KS3 / 4 lessons; Duke of Edinburgh.

During the year there are a number of Impact Days organised for Sixth Form which will help the students build confidence and broaden their experiences. The course is designed to help prepare them for life after Holy Trinity Academy, be it university, employment or other.

Through Careers Guidance students are actively encouraged, from the start, to research and develop their knowledge of Higher Education courses available as well as the opportunities for GAP year, work experience and apprenticeships. There is considerable help and advice given on applying to university, via UCAS, with excellent support for those students wishing to aspire to Oxford or Cambridge Universities. The school works very closely with local universities. In addition Students are prepared for the financial responsibilities they will encounter in the world of work, as well as applying for student loans.

Good citizenship is integral to our Christian ethos. Students are encouraged to take an active role in the life of the school and the wider community. Sixth Form students are leaders within their tutor groups and within the School Council, liaising with the staff to improve the learning experience for all. They are given the opportunity to practise their public speaking skills within Faculty and whole school assemblies. In addition Sixth Form students are encouraged to support younger students through Peer Mentoring and to develop their reading through recognised reading schemes.

