

# St Paul's Catholic School & Sixth Form

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# WELCOME

Welcome to St. Paul's Catholic Sixth Form. A fully inclusive, highly ambitious school which places each student firmly at the centre of our relentless drive to provide academic excellence and intellectual challenge in a stimulating, caring, well-resourced environment.



Year on year, all of our students who apply for University are successful in gaining places, with significant numbers studying at Russell Group institutions. The reasons for this are simple: teaching has been consistently praised by OFSTED as outstanding.

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# EXPERTISE & SUPPORT

High levels of expertise and support are also provided when preparing students for their Level 4 Apprenticeship and University applications via our tutor team and dedicated Careers team.



Finally, and most importantly, our school ethos is based on the Gospel values found at the heart of our community. Respect and love for all, understanding of the perspectives of others, acceptance of our responsibilities as citizens of the world, and giving as much as we can to those in need of our support are all central to this.

We pride ourselves on providing a superb experience for our students here at St. Paul's. A number of our students have been with us since Year 7 and we also warmly welcome many students who have studied for their GCSE's elsewhere and for whom we have a tailored support programme to enable them to settle into life at St. Paul's from the moment they enrol. We very much look forward to working with you in the future and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The 16-19 bursary fund is available to assist students who are experiencing financial difficulties. The intention is to assist as many learners as possible.

The bursary can be used to purchase textbooks, assist with transport cost and go towards educational visits such as university open days.



# ST PAUL'S STUDY PROGRAMMES

Programmes at St. Paul's are varied. Students can choose from over 20 different A Level subjects, ranging from Maths and the Sciences, to the Arts, Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages. All facilitating subjects (those most valued by the best universities) are taught here. The A Level courses we offer are challenging. This is why we require all of our students to have achieved a minimum of five GCSE passes at Grade 5 or above, including English and Maths. Some individual A Level courses such as Maths and the Sciences will require more than this. We do offer a small number of BTEC courses, for example in Creative Media at Levels 2 and 3. In addition, we also have a small number of places for students needing to re-sit their GCSE, with the view of starting A level programmes the following year.

For full details about the courses we offer, please refer to our [website](#)



# OUR OFFER

Offering opportunities and experiences which enable our young people to grow and to realise their full potential is incredibly important to us.

We offer students a number of leadership responsibilities across our community; from mentoring and coaching programmes; the opportunity to organise and manage events to fundraise for charity; to volunteer within our community at our feeder primary schools and to provide tuition to others, are just some of the opportunities that we offer which help to develop a range of vital skills required for life beyond St. Paul's.

To enhance and broaden students' knowledge, we offer extra-curricular visits which develop students 'cultural capital'; theatre visits, museum trips, field work in the great outdoors and excursions to Poland and Rome are just some of the opportunities open to all of our students.

Capitalising on these experiences offers students a broader learning approach that we pride ourselves on, contextualising classroom learning with real life experiences.

Academic success is what we strive for here at St. Paul's. Just as important is the development of the whole student, and providing you with the skills and experience to be ready to face the next challenges when you leave us.


Our wide variety of enrichment options offer students, for an hour a week, the opportunity to learn a foreign language, take part in cookery classes to prepare you for living on a budget, engage in a range of different sports, get involved in charity work or gain experience volunteering at one of our feeder primary schools. In addition, during the last 2 weeks of Year 12, students take part in work experience, with the view of gaining an insight into chosen career paths, and enhancing their personal statements for university application the following autumn.

# WHY CHOOSE ST PAUL'S

- Excellent results and progress – achievement is consistently 'outstanding'
- Excellent teaching and learning – in our last Ofsted Inspection 'the Majority of Post 16 Lessons were outstanding'
- We routinely see 100% of students who apply for university secure a place
- Our Small class sizes mean we really 'know our students'
- We develop the whole person – students at St Paul's become independent, resilient learners in readiness for university life / the world of work
- A high level induction programme and ongoing pastoral support ensures our students make the transition from Year 11 to 12
- Our facilities – Sixth Form students have the opportunity to take advantage of outstanding, twenty-first century facilities including the new common room, ICT-rich study area, Art room, Science labs and theatre.







"St Paul's sixth form is one that inspires you to achieve the best you can. The support from teachers and fellow peers is unlimited and they are always ready to help you. Our sixth form is a caring environment and encourages you fulfil your potential, both academically and socially, whilst developing a sense of responsibility with opportunities to become a Sixth Form Prefect."

**Sara**

"Saint Paul's Sixth Form is a vibrant community which caters for the needs of every individual while still managing to breed academic excellence and teach life long skills such as first aid and cooking. During my time at Saint Paul's, help has always been available when required and there have been various avenues to receive the right support I needed in order to succeed. This was especially evident in the build up to applying to study medicine at university when I was offered tremendous support in finding the right type of work experience which would be suited to the course I wanted to study."

**Semilore**

"In my 2 years here at Sixth Form, I have grown immensely as a person. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, with the Sixth Form full of great pupils, and teachers that are always willing to help at any time."

**Joe**

"Although I had the privilege of being a student at St Pauls from Year 7 to Year 11, the sixth form experience has been a whole new journey. The decisions you make in these two years will shape your whole future and I've received so much guidance and support to make these decisions from the teachers and staff at St Paul's. In addition to the great academic support, St Paul's has helped me to grow as a person. Being a part of Team Ghana 2016 has really solidified my personal values and taught me what is important in life. I am lucky to be part of such a great community and I will be a little sad to leave for university, as I don't think I will find this sense of family anywhere else I go."

**Khavibharathi**

