

# 16-19 Study Programme

As a small Catholic Sixth Form, our faith is at the heart of everything we do and our distinctive ethos is at the forefront of all that our students achieve, both inside and outside of the classroom as members of our community. All Sixth Formers play an active part in building and sustaining our ethos through liturgy, student leadership, assemblies and charity work. We take immense pride in the knowledge that, as a member of our Sixth Form community, students will receive outstanding teaching and pastoral care and a wide variety of enrichment.

Our students become confident, engaged and articulate young adults and their consistently good examination results enable them to move on to their chosen path to university, apprenticeships or the workplace. Our students' success and progress is our priority.

## Rationale: Study Programme Principles

All 16 to 19 students should be given the opportunity to follow a study programme that:

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| 1. | Provides progression to a level higher than that of their prior attainment  | Our Sixth Form offers a curriculum of Level 3 Qualifications including A Levels, BTEC National Extended Certificates, the WJEC Level 3 Applied Diploma, the Extended Project Qualification and Mathematics in Context. These qualifications follow on from Level 2 BTEC and GCSE study.   |
| 2. | Includes qualification(s) that are of sufficient size and rigour to stretch the student and that are clearly linked to suitable progression opportunities in training, employment or higher levels of education | Our current subject offer gives a wide variety of Level 3 qualifications to enable our students to follow a pathway that suits their needs, interests and future aspirations.<br><br>Students have timetabled and supervised study periods to support their academic progression and independence.  |
| 3. | Requires students who do not already have GCSE Grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language to work towards achievement of these qualifications  | The Sixth Form Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School offers resit Mathematics and resit English Language for students who have not already achieved a Grade 4 in the GCSE qualification before commencing their Level 3 studies with us.  |
| 4. | Includes work experience – this may relate to the student's study programme, develop employability skills and/or create potential employment options  | Year 12 and Year 13 students engage in a Tutor Time programme every morning with their Tutors. This bespoke programme encompasses careers, PSHE, personal well-being, visiting speakers and enrichment opportunities.<br><br>Year 12 students all have access to a week of work experience in the Summer Term. Year 13 students are encouraged to further seek out their own work experiences to be undertaken outside of school hours, in the first instance. Those students who wish to enter higher education and who require work experience are supported through the work experience procedures we currently have in place. All students receive with one-to-one careers advice based on their requirements, with outside speakers working with our students in workshop scenarios. |

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| 5. | Includes other activities unrelated to qualifications which develop the character, skills, attitudes and confidence that support progression                             | To develop our students further, opportunities for the Sixth Form are widespread both within the Sixth Form and wider school and through external providers.   |
| 6. | Students who are not yet ready to study for a substantial qualification can undertake a programme focused on work experience and the development of employability skills | <p>Due to the challenging nature of the entrance criteria, this principle is not applicable to the Sixth Form at Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School.</p> <p>All students in the Sixth Form do have the support of a Tutor, KS5 Coordinator, KS5 Administrator and the Head of Sixth Form throughout their Level 3 studies. All students are supported through their studies by regular contact with home including sharing of assessment data and Parents' Evening to ensure that students remain on their full range of study.</p> |