



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC
SIXTH FORM
EMBRACE YOUR FUTURE



- **Known.**
- **Supported.**
- **Ready.**

Centred on you. Embrace what's next.

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

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Welcome. We'd love to know you.

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Choosing where to study after Year 11 is a big decision. You're not just choosing subjects and qualifications; you're choosing the people and community who will support you through the next two years and help you prepare for your future.

Our smaller Sixth Form is one of our greatest strengths. Here, you'll be known. Your tutor will see you every day, and your teachers will get to know your strengths, ambitions and where you might need a little extra support. When things are going well, we'll celebrate your success and encourage you to go further. When things feel difficult, we'll notice, we'll listen and we'll be there to help.

The step from GCSE to Sixth Form is a significant one, but you won't take it alone. You'll be expected to think more deeply, work more independently and take greater responsibility for your learning, while we

support and challenge you along the way. Whether your next step is university, an apprenticeship or employment, we'll help you explore your options, raise your aspirations and develop the confidence to make the right choices for your future.

By the time you leave us, we want you to have more than qualifications. We want you to leave with confidence, resilience, independence and a sense of purpose, ready for your next step and ready to make a positive contribution to the world around you.

Come and meet us at our Open Evening. Talk to our students and staff, explore your subjects and discover whether your future starts here. We'd love to meet you and welcome you into our community.

Mrs Rachel McMahon
Head of Sixth Form



Known.

In a smaller Sixth Form, everyone knows your name, and what you're aiming for.

We are proud to be a Catholic Sixth Form, and Catholic means universal. You do not have to be Catholic to join us. Whatever your faith, background, culture or beliefs, you will be welcomed, valued and part of our diverse community. We are a community of Aspiration, Opportunity, Enrichment and Success, encouraging every student to discover their talents, aim high and flourish.

From your first day, you'll have a personal tutor who you see every day, someone who knows you and is there for advice, support or simply when you need to talk. Alongside your tutor and teachers, our dedicated Post-16 Student Adviser and Administrator is based in the Sixth Form and operates an open-door policy, so there is always someone there for you.

Our patron saint, St Teresa of Calcutta, inspires the values at the heart of our Sixth Form. Her virtues of Courage, Faith, Hope, Humility, Prudence and Service underpin all that we do, reminding us that education is about more than examination results. We want you to grow in confidence, embrace opportunities, overcome challenges, make thoughtful choices and use your gifts to make a positive difference to others.

Whether you've been with us since Year 7 or are joining us from another school, you will be welcomed and supported from the moment you arrive. We want you to feel that you belong here, because you do.



**Your life matters. You have a unique purpose.
You can make a difference.**

Supported.

The step up from GCSE is real. You won't take it alone.

A Level and Level 3 study asks more of you: more independence, more reading, more work outside lessons. Here, you'll have people around you who know how you learn, and who'll help you every step of the way.



One-to-one support from your teachers

If something isn't clicking, you won't be left to struggle. Your teachers explain new ideas clearly, check you've understood, and make time to work with you one-to-one when you need it.

Support that fits you

If you face barriers to learning, including special educational needs or disabilities, we'll put the right support in place so you can make real progress.

Looking after you

We care about how you are, not just how you're doing. Our students tell us everyone is accepted here. If life gets hard, you'll have a network of people in school, and we'll help you find support outside school when you need it.

A tutor in your corner

Your form tutor sees you every day. They'll get to know your strengths and ambitions, and explore every option with you for what comes after 18: university, apprenticeships, training and employment.

Space to study

Your timetable includes study periods, with the Study Room and the Library for quiet work and the Common Room for working together.



**To us, you are not a number.
You are someone to be
nurtured.**

Ready.

University, an apprenticeship or straight into work: we'll help you find your path, and get you ready to take it.

Our bespoke Sixth Form tutor programme is designed to help you make the most of your time with us and prepare confidently for whatever comes next. Using VESPAR and Atomic Habits, you'll develop the attitudes, habits and skills needed to succeed in Sixth Form and beyond. Regular opportunities to reflect on your progress, celebrate what is going well and identify where you can improve will help you become a more confident, independent and resilient learner.

Thinking about the future is an important part of the programme. You'll have time to explore your options, discuss your next steps and receive guidance tailored to your aspirations, ensuring you understand the

different pathways available and can make an informed choice about the future that is right for you.

Preparing you for life beyond Sixth Form is also a key part of the programme. You'll develop the practical skills and knowledge you need for your next step including student finance, CV writing, applications and interview preparation. Whether you're applying to university, looking for an apprenticeship or preparing for employment, you won't have to work it all out on your own. We'll be alongside you, helping you explore your possibilities, make confident decisions and take your next step with purpose.

YOU COULD TAKE PART IN

Mock Interview Day • UCAS Conference • Employability Masterclass with Youth Enterprise • Pathways to Birmingham (P2B) • Sutton Trust programmes • Work Experience Week

WHERE OUR STUDENTS GO

University of Birmingham	University of Nottingham
Nottingham Trent University	Lancaster University
University of Reading	University of Leeds
University of Surrey	University of Leicester
Aston University	Birmingham City University
Royal Holloway, University of London	

APPRENTICESHIPS

Jaguar Land Rover • Deloitte • West Midlands Police



More than your subjects.

Lead, serve, explore and grow, in a community where you belong.

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Make a difference, far from home.

Our students have travelled to Cambodia, Peru and Nepal to support disadvantaged rural communities, working as a team to run workshops in local schools on English, wellbeing, STEM and more.

You could also join a HCPT trip to Lourdes, as a volunteer youth helper on the Easter children's pilgrimage. Many of our student volunteers describe the experience as a turning point that shapes who they are as individuals.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Go for Gold.

A Gold Award is recognised and valued by employers, colleges and universities, and it gives you real experiences to talk about in your UCAS or job applications.

FIVE PARTS OF GOLD

Volunteering	help a cause you care about
Physical	sport, dance or fitness
Skills	develop a talent or passion
Expedition	three nights away
Residential	five days away

Lead

Join the senior student leadership team, lead assemblies, drive charity initiatives and enrichment opportunities, or become a subject ambassador or young leader.

Grow

Choose the EPQ or Core Maths alongside your three subjects, and get involved in enrichment, from quizzes and running events to raising money for charity.

Faith

Everyone takes part in CoRE, exploring big questions from religious and non-religious viewpoints. You can also join our Masses and retreats.

Serve

Support younger pupils and give back to the wider community, living out our values of Aspiration, Opportunity, Enrichment and Success.

Your next step.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at Grade 5 or above

including English Language and Maths

Some courses have extra requirements. You'll find them on each course information sheet.

YOUR PROGRAMME

Three main subjects, from our A Level and Level 3 vocational courses

The EPQ or Core Maths (Core Maths can't be taken alongside A Level Maths)

CoRE, taken by all students

A programme of enrichment activities

Courses run subject to demand.

OUR COURSES

All our current courses are on our website, each with its own information sheet: what you'll study, how you're assessed and where it leads.

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OPEN EVENING AND KEY DATES

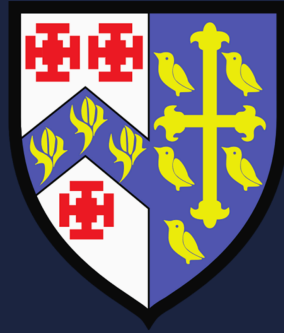
Our open evening, application deadline and enrolment dates are published each year on our website, along with how to apply.

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Come and meet us.

Visit us at our open evening





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