



St Paul's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Ministerium Tuum Imple Love | Serve | Do the best that is possible



Sixth Form

A Specialist Science & Language College and Training School



The school's ethos is based on celebrating each pupil's unique worth and the importance of growing together.

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Welcome

Welcome to St Paul's Sixth Form.

The words of St Paul, on which the Mission of the school is based, mean that we are committed to the care of young people and the success of every young person in a way that is rooted in the values of the gospel.

We expect students to set themselves high standards in their work, their extra-curricular activities and their relationships with others.

We challenge them to do so and support them so that they will achieve. We do this to enable them to make the most of the opportunities offered by St Paul's and to lay the foundations of success and personal development.

Sixth Form students at St Paul's benefit from a wide range of courses, staff who have rigorous expectations and who help young people to achieve them, and rates of progress over several years place St Paul's in the top 10% of all post-16 providers in the country. Students are encouraged and prepared to apply to demanding courses at universities, including Oxbridge, as well as more directly to the world of work through apprenticeships and training programmes.

In the Sixth Form at St Paul's each student is in the fortunate position of having a well equipped, modern school and we are determined that St Paul's will be second to none in the quality of its staff, curriculum, teaching and learning.

We work with students in developing the gifts they possess, whatever they may be, so that they are well prepared to take their place in the adult world confidently.

Jo-Anne Hoarty
Headteacher

Ministerium Tuum Imple (2TIM 4:5)

St Paul wrote these words to his disciple, Timothy, when he was in prison at the end of his life. In using them he passed on a mission as a follower of Jesus Christ to Timothy and to us.

Its meaning gives us two words and a phrase that are the basis of life and work at St Paul's:

Love. Serve. Do the best that is possible.



We are a Catholic school in which we all love, serve and do the best that is possible. We strive for academic excellence in all that we do.

Academic and Personal Development



We are an inclusive school and Sixth Form and it is our mission to ensure we promote the development of all our students academically and in terms of providing them with the personal skills and talents to enable them to succeed in a very competitive world.



St Paul's Sixth Form made me feel confident that I could go on to achieve my aspirations. With supportive, friendly staff alongside a wide choice of options and extra-curricular activities, I was given the best preparation possible for life after Sixth Form and am very grateful to everyone at St Paul's for supporting me on my journey to university and for a memorable two years
Shannon Connolly

The promotion of leadership opportunities is essential to our aim and our Sixth Form Ambassador Programme is extremely popular and effective.

The success of our Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which enables students to pursue personal interests whilst developing a way of working akin to the university undergraduate, is outstanding.

Our programme of Research Cafes led by university academics supports the EPQ.

The introduction of Core Maths in the Sixth Form enables all students to enhance their mathematical skills.



Teachers use their subject knowledge well to plan engaging lessons and assess learners' work accurately.

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“ In the sixth form, learners make good progress as a result of good teaching and effective leadership. *Ofsted* ”

A Diverse and Inclusive Curriculum

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My teachers have tailored their teaching to my individual needs, which has meant that I am confident I will achieve the best possible grades.
Demi Makis-Colman

Learning at St Paul’s is an exciting journey of discovery, brought to life with innovative teaching and imaginative use of resources.

The very best of St Paul’s is that our extensive range of academic and vocational courses enables us to tailor the curriculum to meet the needs of our students.

You will find at St Paul’s, alongside the more traditional A-Level courses, a range of “minority” subjects such as: Music, Computer Science, all four Modern Foreign Languages (including Italian) and a wide suite of vocational qualifications at Level 2 and 3.

Our Science College status supports our curriculum provision. The breadth of our curriculum ensures we are able to provide personalised learning plans for all of our students.

Quality Teaching and Learning

All of our Sixth Form programmes are delivered by highly qualified and experienced teachers who are specialists in their field.



“ A significantly higher proportion of learners went to university than the national average. There was also an increase in the number of learners who attained places at Russell Group universities.

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“ The school has invested in the Extended Project Qualification as well as the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award to provide learners with alternative ways to develop key skills and aptitudes.

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Progress through and beyond Sixth Form



We help all students to achieve their ambitions. The vast majority of our students want to progress to university and we have a sophisticated programme of support and mentoring to achieve this goal: whether Oxbridge or a more local university.



The wide range of courses available allowed me to study Business, French and Maths so that I was able to apply to top universities to study International Business. On top of this I was able to become involved and lead a number of events outside of my academic studies which have not only made me more prepared for my future but has made me attractive to future employers.

Tobias Scoble

An increasing number of our students aspire to high level apprenticeships and we have an extremely well developed vocational programme to facilitate this.

Every student has an academic mentor with whom they meet each week to support their academic progress.

Adding value through enrichment

In an ever changing and increasingly competitive world, young people need to develop the skills needed for great careers. At St Paul's we offer a fantastic range of experiences which enable young people to 'add value' to themselves and prove to universities and future employers that they have a wealth of transferrable skills that make them 'stand out from the crowd'.

All students undertake at least 200 hours of enrichment during their time in the Sixth Form including: sector relevant work experience especially important for those wishing to enter the medical profession; the Young Enterprise Programme; World Challenge; Duke of Edinburgh Gold; voluntary work; a school newspaper and debating society and a very lively creative writing and literary society.



Care of Students, Advice and Guidance

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There was always support available for you but, especially with the UCAS application process where everything was completed to the highest standards and done really quickly. I am really proud to say that I was a student of St Paul's as this school has changed me and helped to open my eyes and guide me in the right direction I want to go in my life.

Norbert Szymanski

“ Learners in the Sixth Form are well prepared for life in Modern Britain.
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We have a large, specialist Sixth Form team available to provide support and pastoral care for all students: transition to Sixth Form is a significant stage in a young person's life.

We have a team of specialists available to guide all of our students whether their aspirations lie with Oxbridge, Russell Group universities or apprenticeships.

St Paul's Sixth Form is well known for the fact that we genuinely care about all students.

Every member of our community is recognised as unique, and equally worthy of praise and support. Each student has a Mentor and a Form Tutor, supported by a Year Leader and Chaplaincy Assistant. The Form Tutor provides an important contact for parents and carers as their role within school allows them to develop an all-round knowledge and understanding of the students in their daily care. The Mentor meets weekly with students to discuss and advise on academic progress.

Service and Spiritual Development



We are a Catholic School but you do not have to be a Catholic to join our Sixth Form. However, we do embody the values of our school motto: "Love, Serve, Do the Best that is Possible."



Learners in the Sixth Form are closely involved in the life of the school because they volunteer their time as student ambassadors.
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We believe that time spent serving others enriches and benefits our students and the wider community as well as being valuable to the individual. As a result, we offer many, many opportunities within the community.

Specialist Facilities and Resources

St Paul's has a large suite of rooms and offices dedicated to the Sixth Form as well as a designated Sixth Form cafeteria, study centre and library. All students have access to ICT for study purposes including a 'Mac Suite' for Creative Arts and Media students.



“ The school promotes pupils' spirituality very effectively.

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Student Life and Success Stories



David Charter

David is studying a Masters in Biochemistry at the University of York, having achieved A*s in Biology and Chemistry and As in Maths and Physics. He also achieved an A* in his Extended Project on “What effect could Biotechnology have on the future of Computing?”

Speaking about his time at St Paul’s, David said: “It’s been fun. I really like the feeling of the School and the pastoral care is a great element. It’s a Science specialist school and I’m a scientist so that’s great.”

Jessica Savage

Jessica is studying History at the University of Liverpool having gained an A* in English Literature and As in Economics and History. Jessica said: “I did better than I expected as I found the exams quite hard and the A* in English was a surprise. I’ve loved being at St Paul’s and I’m really glad I stayed on for Sixth Form here. The teachers have been really supportive and it is a very special place.”

Ben Hyde

Ben who gained an A* in English Literature and As in Maths and History, is studying English Language and Literature at Oxford. He is keeping his options open for his future career but thinks that it will involve some kind of writing.

He says: “I still come back to the Creative Writing club, like a moth to some kind of literary fervour flame. Classes taught me English Lit, but clubs taught me how to enjoy it.”

Pauline Subong

Pauline achieved an A in Product Design, Bs in English Language and Literature and an A* in her Extended Project and is studying Fashion Design at Birmingham City University. She is keeping her options open but thinks she will probably go into womenswear design and is really interested in bridal wear.

About her time at St Paul’s, Pauline said: “I really liked it here, everyone’s very friendly and the teachers treat you like friends. I got as much support as I needed but when I needed to be independent I was able to be. I enjoyed joining things like the textile club which was really fun.”



Not only do the staff provide an exceptional education, they are also more than willing to offer support and external guidance outside of the classroom. They truly go the extra mile for their students.

Fraser Green

