

St Philomena's Sixth Form Entrance Requirements 2020-2021

Pathway 1: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-5 (minimum of six grade 7 or above)	Students can opt to do 4 A Levels (subject to approval) or 3 A Levels and EPQ or Level 3 Maths in Context if applicable (Students cannot choose to do 4 A Levels if they choose to study a Level 3 BTEC qualification)
Pathway 2: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (minimum of four grade 5 or above)	Students study 3 A Levels (BTEC qualifications may be taken) and Maths in Context if applicable
Pathway 3: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (with fewer than four at grade 5)	Students study two Level 3 BTEC qualifications and can study one A Level or a further Level 3 equivalent qualification.
Pathway 4: At least five GCSEs grades 9-4 (including grade 4 in English and/or Maths)	Students study three Level 3 BTEC qualifications and may also retake GCSE Maths or English if they have not achieved a grade 4 in either.
Pathway 5: Fewer than five GCSEs grades 9-4 (below grade 4 in Maths and/or English Language)	Students follow the Level 2 Hospitality Course and retake GCSE Maths or English if they have not achieved a grade 4 in either.

GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics will need to be continued to be studied in the Sixth Form if a GCSE standard pass of a Grade 4 has not been achieved at the end of Key Stage 4. The school will apply government legislation and guidance and parents and students will be informed of any changes to this policy if they occur within the academic year.

Please note: Courses will only be run if there is a viable number of students enrolled after Results day on Thursday 20th August 2020. Parents and students will be communicated with by March 2020 if the school believe there is a risk of any subject not being offered.

Curriculum Subjects	Pathway	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Art & Design (Fine Art)	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE Fine Art
Art & Design Photography	1 2 3	Grade 5 in GCSE Art OR GCSE Photography. Students who have not studied this subject at GCSE need to submit a portfolio.
Art & Design Textiles	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE Textiles if taken (<i>GCSE Textiles is recommended but not essential</i>)
Applied Science	1 2 3 4	Either Distinction in BTEC Science OR Grade 4,5 in GCSE Combined Science OR Grade 4 in GCSE Biology, GCSE Chemistry and GCSE Physics if taken separately All students must also have achieved a minimum of a Grade 5 in GCSE English Language OR GCSE English Literature AND Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics
Biology	1 2 3	Either Grades 6,6 in GCSE Combined Science OR Grade 6 in GCSE Biology All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature AND GCSE Grade 5 in Mathematics (A diagnostic test will be taken in the first 2 weeks for which a minimum of an E Grade must be achieved to continue with the A Level course)
Business	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE Business Studies All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature AND GCSE Grade 5 in Mathematics

Business BTEC (Single, Double)	1 2 3 4	All students must have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 4 in English Language OR English Literature AND GCSE Grade 4 in Mathematics
Chemistry	1 2 3	Either Grades 6,6 in GCSE Combined Science OR Grade 6 in GCSE Chemistry All students must also have achieved a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature AND a GCSE Grade 6 in Mathematics (A diagnostic test will be taken in the first 2 weeks for which a minimum of an E Grade must be achieved to continue with the A Level course)
Computing	1 2 3	All students must have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature AND GCSE Grade 7 in Mathematics OR GCSE Grade 7 in Computing
Drama & Theatre Studies	1 2 3	Grade 5 in GCSE Drama AND Grade 5 in GCSE English Language
Economics	1 2 3	Either Grade 6 in GCSE Economics if taken OR Grade 6 in GCSE Business Studies if taken All students must also have achieved a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature AND GCSE Grade 6 in Mathematics
English Language	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
English Literature	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature
French	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE French All students must also have achieved a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature
Further Mathematics	1	Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics and be studying A Level Mathematics All students must also have achieved a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature
Geography	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE Geography All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature AND GCSE Grade 5 in Mathematics
Health & Social Care BTEC (single, double)	1 2 3 4	All students must have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 4 in English Language OR English Literature
History	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE History All students must also have achieved a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature
Mathematics	1 2 3	Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics (All the Summer Work must be completed to the minimum required standard in order to study A Level Mathematics. A diagnostic test based on this work will be taken in the first 2 weeks for which a minimum of an E Grade must be achieved to continue with the A Level course) All students must also have achieved a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature
Maths in Context	1 2	Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics All students must also have 8 GCSE passes at Grade 9-5 including English Language OR English Literature at GCSE Grade 5.
Media Studies	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE Media Studies if taken All students must also have a Grade 6 in English Literature OR Grade 5 in English Language
Music	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE Music. Students need to be proficient on at least one instrument to Grade 5. All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature AND GCSE Grade 4 in Mathematics

Physical Education	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE PE AND a GCSE Grade 5 in Biology OR 5,5 in Combined Science. Students need to BE actively engaged in sporting performance or coaching. All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature.
Physics	1 2 3	Grades 6,6 in GCSE Combined Science OR Grade 6 in GCSE Physics (A diagnostic test will be taken in the first 2 weeks for which a minimum of an E Grade must be achieved to continue with the A Level course) All students must also have achieved a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature AND Grade 6 in Mathematics
Politics	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language OR English Literature OR GCSE Grade 6 in Religious Studies OR History All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature
Product Design	1 2 3	Grade 5 in GCSE Product Design if taken (<i>GCSE Product Design is recommended but not essential</i>)
Psychology	1 2 3	Grades 5,5 in GCSE Combined Science OR Grade 5 in GCSE Biology All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature AND GCSE Grade 5 in Mathematics
Religious Studies	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE Religious Studies All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature
Sociology	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language OR English Literature OR GCSE Grade 6 in RS OR History All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature
Spanish	1 2 3	Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature
Sport BTEC	1 2 3 4	GCSE Grade 4 in a Science subject (4, 4 in Combined Science) OR Grade 4 in GCSE PE AND GCSE Grade 4 in English Language, English Literature OR History A Merit or above in BTEC Level 2 Sport will also be considered.
Travel & Tourism BTEC (single)	1 2 3 4	All students must have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 4 in English Language or English Literature

Students may wish to take one of the following options as an additional course in the Sixth Form alongside curriculum options. These courses are selected in September 2020.

Optional Additional Learning	
Extended Project Qualification (half an A level)	8 GCSE passes at Grade 9-5 including English Language OR English Literature at GCSE Grade 6
Maths in Context	Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics 8 GCSE passes at Grade 9-5 including English Language OR English Literature at GCSE Grade 5
Sports Leadership	Students will need to either be studying A level PE OR have an interest in sport's leadership OR be actively engaged in sporting performance, officiating or coaching.