

Sixth Form Pathways for 2022-23:

Level 3 Curriculum – Proposed Year 12 Subject Options 2022-24					
	A	B	C	D	E
Level 3 A Level Academic Route 2022-24	Art and Design- Fine Art	Art and Design- Photography	Art and Design- Textiles*	Media Studies	A level Further Mathematics
	Biology	Chemistry	Biology	Mathematics	EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
	Sociology	Mathematics	Physics	Chemistry	GCSE English Language Re-sit
	Business	Politics	English Literature	Religious Studies	GCSE Mathematics Re-sit
	English Language	English Literature	Drama & Theatre Studies	History	
	French (A Level and AS)	Geography	Psychology	Psychology	
	History	Spanish (A Level and AS)	Physical Education	Music*	
		Sociology		Computer Science*	*Courses will only run subject to numbers. Parents and students will be communicated with in March 2022 if the course looks unlikely to run.
Level 3 Vocational Route 2022-24	T Level in Health and Science (equivalent of 3 A levels/ BTECs) <i>Please note you must have GCSE English Language, GCSE Maths and GCSE Science at least Grade 4 or higher.</i>				45 Days Work Placement in Industry over two years.
	Technical or BTEC	BTEC Business (Single)	BTEC Health and Social Care (Single)	BTEC Sport (Single)	BTEC Travel & Tourism (Single)
Level 2 - One Year Course T Level Transition Programme 2022-23	BTEC Level 2 Hospitality Maths GCSE and/ or English Language GCSE Science GCSE / T Level Foundation Science Google Certificate* Health and Safety Certificate* For students not achieving the school entry criteria for a Level 2a or 2b pathway the following Level 2 course is available over one academic year. All students are required to take or work towards GCSE Grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics as part of their Level 2 Study Programme, if they have not achieved this already. A Level 1 or 2 qualification in Food Preparation and Hygiene will be offered to all students studying on this course as well as the opportunity of Work Experience with Chartwells Catering Company on the school site. *dependent on student progress. It is intended that students on this Pathway will progress onto the Level 3 Technical Pathway at the end of this year.				

St Philomena's Sixth Form Entrance Requirements 2022-2023

Academic Pathway	Pathway 1a: At least <u>eight</u> 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 3 A Levels and either AS French or AS Spanish. (Students cannot choose to do 4 A Levels if they choose to study a Level 3 BTEC qualification)
	Pathway 1b: At least <u>eight</u> GCSEs grades 9-4 (minimum of four grade 5 or above)	Students study 3 A Levels (BTEC qualifications may be taken).
Blended Pathway	Pathway 1c: At least <u>eight</u> GCSEs grades 9-4 (with fewer than four at grade 5)	Students study two Level 3 BTEC qualifications and can study one A Level.
Vocational T Level (Technical) Pathway	Pathway 2a: At least <u>five</u> GCSEs grades 9-4 (including grade 4 in English, Maths and Science)	Students study the T Level Health and Science which is equivalent to three Level 3 courses. Students MUST have GCSE English Language AND GCSE Maths AND GCSE Science at Grade 4, 44 or higher.
Vocational BTEC Pathway	Pathway 2b: At least <u>five</u> GCSEs grades 9-4 (including grade 4 in GCSE English and/or Maths)	Students study three Level 3 BTEC qualifications and may also retake GCSE Maths or English Language if they have not achieved a grade 4 in either.
T Level Transition Pathway	Pathway 3: Fewer than <u>five</u> GCSEs grades 9-4 (below grade 4 in Maths and/or English Language)	Students follow the Level 2 T Level Transition Course including Hospitality, resit GCSE Maths or English if they have not achieved a grade 4 in either along with Google Training and Health and Safety Certificate.

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 (approx. 4 or 5 students) enrolled after Results day in August 2022. Parents and students will be communicated with by March 2022 if the school believes there is a risk of any subject not being offered.

Curriculum Subjects	Pathway	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Art & Design (Fine Art)	1	Grade 6 in GCSE Fine Art
Art & Design Photography	1	Grade 5 in GCSE Art, GCSE Photography, GCSE Textiles, GCSE Product Design or Media Studies.
Art & Design Textiles	1	Grade 6 in GCSE Textiles or Art if taken. Students who have not studied Textiles at GCSE will need to submit a portfolio to a suitable standard.
Biology	1	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 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)

Business	1	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)	2b	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	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)
Computer Science	1	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	Grade 6 in GCSE Drama AND Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
English Language	1	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
English Literature	1	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature
French (AS and A Level)	1	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	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 and Science - T Level	2a	Grade 4 in GCSE Maths and GCSE English Language. A grade 4 in GCSE Biology or 44 in GCSE Combined Science.
Health & Social Care BTEC (single, double)	2b	All students must have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 4 in English Language OR English Literature
History	1	Grade 6 in GCSE History All students must also have achieved a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature
Mathematics	1	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
Media Studies	1	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	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	Grade 6 in GCSE PE AND a GCSE Grade 5 in Biology OR 5 in Combined Science. Students need to be actively engaged in sporting performance or coaching outside of school. All students must also have achieved a minimum of a GCSE Grade 5 in English Language OR English Literature.
Physics	1	Grade 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	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language OR English Literature OR GCSE Grade 6 in Religious Studies OR History.
Psychology	1	Grade 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	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	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 (AS and A Level)	1	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	2b	GCSE Grade 4 in a Science subject (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)	2b	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 2022.

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
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.
AS French	Students who qualify for Pathway 1a can take 3 A Levels and AS French in Year 12 (but cannot take EPQ)
AS Spanish	Students who qualify for Pathway 1a can take 3 A Levels and AS Spanish in Year 12 (but cannot take EPQ)