

St Philomena's | Sixth Form

Catholic High School for Girls

Aspire Achieve Succeed

Prospectus for September 2019 entry



"I have gained wider responsibilities within the school by becoming a Student Leader, a Eucharistic Minister and also by being a part of the Student Council. All of these roles have given me the opportunity to challenge myself and develop my character further."

Year 13 Student

Dear Prospective Year 12 Students



Welcome to St Philomena's Sixth Form. Having completed five years in the main school be it here at St Philomena's or elsewhere and approaching the end of GCSEs, I'm sure you cannot wait for a new learning experience.

Here at St Philomena's Sixth Form there is a prevailing sense of community and camaraderie that I believe is a true credit to our school. The Student Leadership team has endless opportunities for you to enhance your interests and St Philomena's provides everyone with the support and guidance they need to pursue their individual ambitions. For example, you could start up your own Society Group for the main school or be a leader

of an existing one such as the Law Society or the Engineering Society. You name it, you can do it. Become a Sports Leader, or if writing is more of an interest to you, then you can commit to the EPQ project which is equivalent to half an A-level.

From main school to Sixth Form there is obviously an increased workload and skills adjustments that need to be made, there is also an increase in the responsibility you are given. As a young adult, you are treated like one and you will acquire the responsibility as well as the trust for your own learning. With the new Sixth Form facilities you are encouraged to be an independent learner, preparing yourself for life beyond the Sixth Form. The facilities provided by the school include different learning zones to suit all learning styles, whether that is silent or interactive, with access to chromebooks and PCs.

If you are a current St Philomena student, you know the teachers, you know the school systems, and you are already a part of a high achieving community of students.

If you are a new student to post 16 learning you will soon be part of our community following a detailed induction to formulate a seamless transition. You will be welcomed at St Philomena's and in no time you will feel at home.

I can assure you that your potentials and abilities will be stretched and maximised to encourage you to exceed your goals and ambitions.

On a final note, I wish you every success as you journey towards your GCSEs and prepare to make plans for your post 16 education.

Marta

Head Girl 2018-19

Student Leadership Team
2018 - 19



"Being a Sixth form student at St Philomena's is something I am whole heartedly proud of. I am confident that I am equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence to pursue my future goals and ambitions."

Head Girl

Dear Prospective Sixth Form Student,

Dear Prospective Sixth Form Student,

We are very proud of all the achievements of our students in the Sixth Form and are always seeking to improve on our A level and BTEC public examination results. Last year our students went onto a variety of destinations including University, Art foundation courses, Higher Apprenticeships and Employment. I hope that this prospectus proves useful in helping you to make informed decisions about which courses you want to follow in the Sixth Form at St Philomena's School.

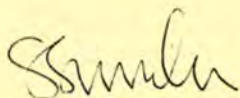
The vision of the Sixth Form is to develop academic success and intellectual curiosity. Through female centred pedagogy we are committed to ensuring all students are prepared to meet the demands of the new linear A Levels and Vocational qualifications. Academic rigour and success is central to our Sixth Form, where we aim to provide opportunities to help every student aspire to reach their full potential. In addition to supporting the academic needs of all students we also help to develop the spiritual and emotional health and wellbeing of each individual. We believe a single sex environment contributes to the overall happiness and success of our students. We encourage students to make the most of their time with us so they are prepared for their future – whether this is university, apprenticeships or employment. Students leave us having acquired the necessary skills to be life-long learners who can meet, with confidence, the challenges of a diverse, rapidly changing, global society and world of work.

We are keen to ensure that students choose the most appropriate courses and in this regard you will learn that we have minimum entry requirements into the Sixth Form and entry requirements for Level 3 subjects of study. Every member of staff working in the Sixth Form has specialist subject knowledge in order to teach you to the highest level and to equip you with the skills necessary to prepare you for adult life. Subjects are taught by experts in their field, and support with preparing high quality university applications comes from a team of trained specialist tutors and members of the Sixth Form Careers Information and Guidance Team. We are expanding our curriculum offer again this year to give students maximum flexibility with their subject choices.

The co-curricular activities which include external super-curricular competitions and a variety of sports such as netball, football and gymnastics are provided which address the development of life skills, and the opportunity to broaden, social, moral, cultural and spiritual awareness, an important element of the sixth form experience. We would strongly encourage you to take full advantage of all opportunities and we expect you to participate in positions of wider responsibility within the school, including student leadership roles, working with staff and younger students by being positive and inspiring role models.

We expect the majority of our Year 11 students to continue their studies at St Philomena's School, but we also welcome a number of students new to the sixth form each year. Our Sixth Form students benefit from a dynamic, hard-working and supportive environment where a Catholic ethos of mutual respect, dedication and individual excellence continue to be evident.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, I look forward to welcoming you to St Philomena's Sixth Form.



Yours faithfully

Mrs Snowden

Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form



Aspire

Achieve

Succeed



The School Hymn

Lord make our school a house of prayer
 In work at play in all we do
 Regard for others be our care
 And serving them may we serve you

In vain we labour if we suppose
 Ourselves sufficient for our task
 O Master builder of this house
 Give us the faith and grace we ask
 Amen



St Philomena's
 Catholic High School for Girls

Pound Street, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3PS
 T 020 8642 2025 F 020 8643 7925
 enquiries@stphils.org.uk

www.stphils.org.uk
www.stphilsixthform.org.uk

