

Holy Family Sixth Form curriculum 2017

A Levels and Level 3 BTECs require a high level of prior knowledge and skills, as demonstrated through GCSE results. As a result, we advertise clear entry requirements for each course. Students who narrowly miss entry requirements will be considered on an individual basis.

A Level Curriculum offer

AS/A Level Subject	GCSE Average required	GCSE English Language	GCSE Maths	GCSE Science	Other GCSE requirements
Art and Design (Fine Art OR Photography)	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	B in Art (Fine Art) Portfolio for Photography
Biology	4.8	5	6	BB	Or B Grade in Single Biology
Business Studies#	4.8	5	5	n/a	Interest in Business essential
Chemistry	4.8	5	6	BB	Or B Grade in Single Chemistry
Computing#	4.8	5	6	n/a	ICT subject preferred
Design and Technology: Product Design (3D)	4.8	5	5	n/a	B in Design related subject eg: (Graphics, Resistant Materials, Textiles)
Drama and Theatre studies	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	B in Drama
Economics#	4.8	6	6	n/a	Interest in Economic issues essential
English Literature	4.8	6	n/a	n/a	Grade 6 in both Lit and Lang preferred
Geography#	4.8	6	5	n/a	C in Geography if taken Preferred 6 in English Lang & Maths
Government and Politics#	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	Prior knowledge in Politics and political systems is essential.
History	4.8	6	n/a	n/a	B grade in History
Maths/Further Maths	4.8	5	7	n/a	Students will be required to pass an entrance exam after attending Maths lessons which will take place after the GCSE exams
Media (Film Studies)#	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	C in Media subject if taken at GCSE
Music	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	A/A* in Music and minimum of Grade 5 in chosen instrument. Likely to be offered on reduced timetabled hours and/or in conjunction with partner schools.
Physics	4.8	5	6	BB	Or B Grade in Single Physics GCSE
Psychology#	4.8	5	5	CC	C in Psychology if taken at GCSE
Religious Studies#	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	B in RE if taken at GCSE
Sociology#	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	C in Sociology if taken at GCSE
Native Languages eg: French, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese	4.8	5	n/a	n/a	A/A* at GCSE and/or Native speaker. Likely to be offered on reduced timetabled hours

IMPORTANT: Subjects which do not recruit enough students will not run in Sept 2017. Final decisions will be made about subjects with small numbers once enrolment is completed. Students would therefore be strongly advised to research one or two 'reserve subjects'.

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Level 3 BTEC Vocational Offer

Subject	GCSE Average required	GCSE English Language	GCSE Maths	GCSE Science	Other
Business (BTEC) Double Award	3.6	4	4	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Health and Social Care (BTEC) Double Award	3.6	4	4	CC	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken C grades needed in GCSE Science
Media (BTEC) Double Award	3.6	4	n/a	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Performing Arts (BTEC) Single award	3.6	4	n/a	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken
Science (BTEC) Single award	3.6	4	4	CC	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken C grades needed in GCSE Science
ICT (BTEC) Single award	3.6	4	4	n/a	Merit in L2 BTEC if taken

Level 2 bridging course

L2 and L3 ASDAN (COPE)	3		n/a	n/a	GCSE average of 3 required to access L3 ASDAN
L2 BTEC Media	2.5		n/a	n/a	
L2 BTEC Performing Arts	2.5		n/a	n/a	

GCSE Points scores

To access both the A Level pathway and the L3 BTEC Pathway, students are required to gain a GCSE average as outlined in the tables above. Level 3 study is challenging and requires an existing base of knowledge as proven by GCSE results. Students can 'model' their likely GCSE average using the scores in the table below

Grade (All subjects apart from Maths and English Lit/Lang)*	Points
A*	8.5
A	7
B	5.5
C	4
D	3
E	2
F	1.5
G	1
U	0

***To include GCSE Maths and English Lit and Lang in calculating GCSE average, simply use the new numerical score**

Example student who qualifies for A Levels: Maths: 5, English: 5, x4 Bs, x4 C's = 4.8

Example student who qualifies for L3 BTEC: Maths: 4, English 4, x4 C's, x4 D's = 3.6