



# Sacred Heart High School Sixth Form

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

September 2023

### **What is the Ofsted Grading for our Sixth Form?**

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Our school was inspected by Ofsted in 2017 and was graded as Outstanding in all areas including our Sixth Form.

### **Is the Sixth Form open to external applications?**

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Yes. In 2024, the School will admit up to 20 external girls to the Sixth Form for A level courses. The actual number of places available to external applications will depend on the number of students continuing into the Sixth Form from Year 11 at Sacred Heart High School Hammersmith, such that the total number of students admitted to Year 12 in 2024 shall not exceed 120.

### **Is there an application form to complete?**

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Our online application form will be available on our website from 12<sup>th</sup> October. All applicants will be asked to complete an Application Form. External applicants only must also complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice and Predicted Examination Grades (GCSE) Sheet which must be stamped by their current school.

### **Is there an interview?**

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Governors will not interview applicants or their families for entry to Sixth Form. However, once the applications are processed, each girl will have a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership and Sixth Form Team to discuss the subject choices they have made and to provide advice on options and entry requirements for particular courses.

### **Will it prejudice my application to Sacred Heart if I apply elsewhere? If I'm satisfied with Sacred Heart for Sixth Form, do I need to apply elsewhere?**

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It is entirely natural to want to look at what is available and this will not prejudice your application here. We ask you to be honest with us and not sit on a place you have no intention of taking up. It is also sensible to have a back-up plan in case you don't get a place at Sacred Heart.

### **Can you tell me what my chances are of getting a place in the Sixth Form?**

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If you are already a pupil at the school, then provisional offers of places will be made on the basis of predicted grades and whether or not these indicate that you meet the entry requirements for the courses you wish to follow. The entry requirements also set out what will happen if a course is oversubscribed.

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Sometimes a different combination of subjects from those requested will be offered, if, for example, an applicant does not have, or achieve, the predicted grades required for a subject, or a particular course is oversubscribed.

External applicants are required to bring their GCSE result slips into school on the day on which the results are published to ensure that the offer of a place is confirmed.

The Governors will make final offers if the required results are achieved or bettered and will withdraw provisional offers if the predicted results are not achieved.

### **What subjects will be offered? What exam boards will be used?**

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The Sixth Form Course Guide September 2024, sets out the subjects on offer, together with Exam Boards. No public exams will be taken at the end of Year 12. All subjects will be examined at A2 level at the end of Year 13.

### **What kind of careers advice and support for university entrance do you offer?**

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We have a highly experienced Careers Officer who works with many other schools. We have staff experienced with the UCAS process and the school has links with many Universities, including Oxbridge. All pupils will have access to university advanced seminars, lectures, Summer Schools and Open Days and there is support for BMAT and UKCAT, as well as Oxbridge entrance.

### **What links do you have with universities?**

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Quite apart from any departmental based links, the school already has links with colleges in Oxford and Cambridge, as well as University College London, King's College London and Imperial College London.

### **Are there plans to link with established sixth forms?**

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The school already has excellent links with Catholic Sixth Forms (the Ursuline Sixth Form in Wimbledon, St Philomena's in Sutton and St Benedict's in Ealing). We also have links with St Pauls' Girls' School and Godolphin and Latymer. In terms of sharing courses or teachers, there are currently no plans to do this, though we are open to exploring possibilities that will benefit pupils in the future. In terms of any joint enterprises or social occasions with other Sixth Forms, again, we are open to any possibilities and would encourage girls to help us set these up and develop them.

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