

FAQs – Moving into the Sixth Form at All Saints

The list of FAQs below has been compiled to help guide parents/carers through the process of Post 16 applications. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Miss Picknell (Director of Post 16) at school or via email: j.picknell@allsaintslearning.co.uk

Q. How do I know if my child has applied to the Sixth Form?

Students applied to the Sixth Form via UCAS Progress and have received confirmation on the website to say that we have processed their application. Parents/carers can check to see if their child has applied by phoning Mrs Voyse in the pastoral office or via email: a.voyse@allsaintslearning.co.uk

Q. Does my child have a place in the Sixth Form?

If your child has applied for the Sixth Form, he/she has an automatic place providing the entry requirements are reached in the summer. The entry requirements must be reached for each of the subjects wishing to be studied and for a minimum of three A Levels or a BTEC Extended Diploma.

Q. What are the entry requirements?

Students must gain a minimum of 5 x 4-9 GCSE grades including English Language and Mathematics and meet the requirements for the subjects that they have chosen to study.

Q. Where can I find the subject specific entry requirements?

They are in the back of the prospectus which is on the school website or available from school and also listed on UCAS Progress.

Q. Is it possible for my child to change a subject before the results are published?

We are currently building the timetable for the Sixth Form and it is based on the choices made by all of the students joining us in September. It is sometimes possible to make changes but once groups are finalised and full, the student would be placed on a subject waiting list. If your child wishes to make a change, please send him / her to see Mrs Voyse in the pastoral office as soon as possible.

Q. What happens if my child does not reach the entry requirements for a subject in the summer?

All students in the Sixth Form must study at least 3 A Level subjects or a BTEC Extended Diploma. If your child does not reach the entry requirements to study three of the subjects that have been chosen, or a BTEC Extended Diploma, they will not have a place in the Sixth Form.

Q. If my child does not receive the grade(s) to meet the requirements for a particular subject and wants to change the subject in the summer, is that possible?

It is unlikely. We are heavily oversubscribed and have a long waiting list in the Sixth Form, therefore most of our courses are already full by the summer.

Q. Should my child retain a back-up place at another school or college?

We always recommend having a back-up plan. This will make the process of moving into Post 16 education as smooth as possible.

Q. What happens if my child does not gain the grades required for the Sixth Form in the summer and does not have a back-up plan?

Sheffield Futures and Sheffield College are usually represented on results day and can provide support and advice. The college usually holds a clearing day in early September where students can apply for places on courses that are still available. However, these places may be limited and it is much better to have a back-up plan organised in advance. If your child does need to apply for a new course in September, it is useful to be in Sheffield between results day and the start of term so that you can research and visit alternative provision.

Q. We would like to take a holiday after the GCSE exams – will my child be required to come into school before September?

We do not require students to be in school for sixth form purposes prior to the summer, but we do recommend that students and their parents/carers are available to come into school and collect their GCSE results on 23 August 2018. There will be help and support available on results day for any student who does not meet the entry requirement for their particular Post 16 choice.

Q. How do we confirm the place for our child on results day?

Over the summer, we will send a summer information pack to your child with lots of information about our induction period and enrolling into the Sixth Form. We will send out several forms to be completed and returned which will enable a smooth start to the new school year in September. On results day we will be able to confirm your child's place providing that he/she has met the entry requirements.

Q. What happens during the induction period?

Year 12 students who are joining the Sixth Form in September will be required to be in school on Tuesday 4 September 2018. The induction period comprises some days in school where students will meet their subject teachers, join a form group and complete all of the administration for starting in the Sixth Form and two days on residential at Thornbridge. The residential is part of our team building programme and is designed to enable the students to bond as a year group and to get to know the Sixth Form staff. Approximately half of the year group will come from other schools, so there will be lots of new students. Further information and costs for the residential will be detailed in the summer information pack.

Q. We are moving house in the next few months, should we let you know?

Yes, please! It is important that we have accurate contact details for you and your child so that we can ensure that you receive the appropriate information over the summer. If you have recently changed address or are planning to move, please let Mrs Voyse know in the pastoral office.

Q. Will we receive any more correspondence about the Sixth Form?

Yes. We write to all applicants during the summer term with information about the induction week, some bridging work for the holidays and a number of forms that need to be completed and returned to school. We will also include a letter so that you know what to do on results day.