

Who are the sixth form team September 2020?

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When is results day?

GCSE results day is Thursday 20th August. What will happen and how this will look, we are unsure of, but more information will follow.

Will the cancellation of GCSE exams affect my place at HF6?

No. At enrolment on results day, Thursday 20th August, we will review your grades and if you have met the entry requirements for HF6 and your chosen subjects, your place will not be affected.

At HF6 prospective students will need to have achieved 5 or more GCSE/Level 2 passes of grade 4/5 or higher, including English Language and Maths.

Please see the entry requirements section for further information.

Have I got a place in sixth form?

If you meet the entry requirements, then we will be happy to offer you a place! 😊

What do I need to do to apply?

On results day you need to see someone in the sixth form team to discuss your 3 subject choices and complete an enrolment form.

What are Holy Family Sixth entry requirements?

Sixth form entry requirements need prospective students to have achieved 5 or more GCSE/Level 2 passes of grade 4/5 or higher, including English Language and Maths.

Will the entry requirements for my chosen subject's change?

No, the entry requirements for subjects will stay the same.

Please see the entry requirements section on each subject page for further information.

Two of my subject choices are in the same block, can I do both?

No. Unfortunately the lessons will be on at the same time. Whilst we know it may be frustrating, you will have to choose 3 subjects that are all from different blocks.

Can I change my subject choices from what I thought I wanted to do in year 11?

Yes, this happens quite a lot once students receive their results. You don't have to finalise your subject choices until you start in sixth form. On results day once you receive your results, you will complete an enrolment form and speak to someone from the sixth form team about your choices. If these change before you start, contact Mrs Oldroyd to discuss your options.

What should I do if I haven't met the entry requirements for a subject?

You need to ensure that you familiarise yourself with the entry requirements for your subjects and consider having a back-up plan. Unfortunately, if you haven't met the entry requirements, it is unlikely that you will be able to study that subject at A level/Level 3. You will be able to discuss your options and have further support and guidance from the sixth form team.

How can I prepare for my A level and BTEC courses?

Please see the Transition Work for sixth form where you will find a series of tasks to support with your learning around general study skills and activities. Alongside this are the subject specific transition tasks which you should complete for your intended subjects at sixth form. If you are unsure of these subjects, choose at least 3 subjects to complete the work for. This work will not be assessed but will be referred to during the start of your chosen subject course.

Who should I ask for help and advice about choosing subjects?

Speak to the sixth form team, talk to your parents and others at home about what you would like to study. You will be studying these courses for the next two years so it is important you enjoy them! If you have an intended career in mind but are unsure of the subjects that may be needed for University, contact someone in the sixth form team. Mrs Oldroyd will lead on year 12 and transition and can be contacted on: loldroyd@holyfamilyschool.uk

The subject I wanted to study is not on the enrolment form, what should I do?

Unfortunately some subjects may not be able to run due to a number of factors. Whilst we appreciate this may be frustrating, the timetable has been set. Hopefully, there will be another subject for you.

Subjects for Holy Family Sixth 2020-21 will be shared on results day on the enrolment form.

When does sixth form start?

Sixth form will start on Monday 7th September. On this day the school is open to years 7 and 12 only.

What should I do if I have concerns about my health and well-being?

If you have concerns about your current physical or mental health, please speak to a member of staff at school or seek other support.

The government has published information regarding staying safe online during the Coronavirus pandemic and can be found here. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-staying-safe-online#stay-connected>

Will I be able to cope with my A levels as I haven't sat my GCSE exams?

Yes, you will be supported through the induction period and have an allocated tutor to keep you on track, as well as support from your subject teachers and the sixth form team. There is no doubt that A levels are harder and will be a step up from GCSEs, but we will be here to support you.

Will I be with my friends in lessons and form?

Not necessarily. You are choosing your subjects based on what YOU would like to do, rather than what your friends are doing. This time is about you and your future. All students from Holy Family who come to HF6 will always know people from their lessons or forms and will be an opportunity to work with different people.

What if I just miss out on the entry requirements for sixth form?

For the 2020-21 year we are offering Foundation 6. This is an opportunity for some students to resit some of their GCSEs and/or complete new level 2 BTECs to enhance their number of qualifications in order to progress into HF6 in September 2021. Progression to University or an apprenticeship is possible, it will just take a little bit longer as you will have a 3 year sixth form.

When looking at whether you are suitable for Foundation 6, we will be looking at your attitude to learning, your attendance and your GCSE results. We are looking to offer places to those students who have just missed out on the entry requirements and achieved three or more Grade 3s or equivalent with their GCSE results.

I have a friend at another school who wants to join Holy Family. What do they need to do?

Your friend needs to come on results day with their GCSE results and speak to someone in the sixth form team.

What if I have some more questions that haven't been covered here?

If you have any further questions, please email Mrs Oldroyd on: loldroyd@holyfamilyschool.uk. All student questions and enquiries will be collated and answered, and will be uploaded on the 'Transition' section of the school website on the 10th and 17th July.

If you would like to speak to directly to someone in the team, please email us and we will get back to you.