

Who are the sixth form team?

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What are the entry requirements for Holy Family 6?

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.

A number of subjects, such as Maths and Science, also have additional entry requirements. Please see the individual subject prospectus page for this information.

Will I be offered a place in sixth form?

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

What should I do if I am worried I might not meet 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.

What do I need to do to apply?

Have a look at the information provided in both your prospectus and on the website, talk to your tutors, teachers, sixth form staff and students currently in the sixth form. All of this information will give you an insight into the sixth form experience at Holy Family.

In your prospectus and on the website, there is an expression of interest form for both Foundation 6 and Holy Family 6. Please complete these forms and return to your tutor by Wednesday 16th December.

Following this expression of interest, all year 11 students will have an interview with someone from the Senior Leadership Team to discuss their options and subject choices.

Can I change my subject choices after the expression of interest form?

Yes, this happens quite a lot once students have their interviews and then receive their results. You don't have to finalise your subject choices until you start in sixth form. On results day once you will receive your results, you will complete an enrolment form and speak to someone from the sixth form team about your choices.

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 expression of interest 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, hopefully, there will be another subject for you.

Final subjects for Holy Family Sixth 2021-22 will be shared on results day on the enrolment form.

Will I be able to cope with A levels?

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. We want you to do well and achieve to the best of your ability.

What does a typical day look like in the sixth form?

Your day will start with a tutor period that starts at 8.40am. This is compulsory as attendance and punctuality are extremely important and a basic expectation in the sixth form, it sets the tone for the day. The tutor period could be an assembly, a reflection, a pastoral interview, or study skills.

You will then follow your timetable to your subject lessons. If you do not have a subject lesson, you may have an LRC study period which is a timetabled lesson where you work in the LRC. This could be on some homework, research, or revision. It is important that you start good study habits early to ensure you are as successful as you can be.

If you do not have a subject lesson or an LRC period, it may be that you are 'free' and you can use this time as you wish. Although studying is a good idea! (The sixth form currently have the studio most lessons and at break).

It may be that you do not have a period 5 lesson, which means you are able to sign out at 1.15pm and go home, or it might be that you have a timetabled lesson in X block which is after school and so your day will finish at 3.50pm.

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.

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

Advise your friend to look through the open evening information and then complete the 'external student expression of interest form'. If your friend would like to speak to someone in the sixth form team, please ask them to contact us.

What courses do students' progress to at the end of year 13?

Our students go on to a variety of Universities and courses such as nursing, law, pharmacy, teaching, social work, sports science and biochemistry. A selection of leavers, courses and destinations can be found in your prospectus.

How do I increase my chances of getting into HF6?

You need to ensure that you are working as hard as you can now in year 11 and making positive choices that will support your future.

Excellent attendance and punctuality will support excellent outcomes, complete all homework and classwork to the best of your ability, ask questions if you are unsure in lessons to check your understanding, take assessments, mocks and exams seriously and put yourself first! Achieving good grades in your GCSEs will allow you to make decisions and choices that affect your future.

What is Foundation 6?

Foundation 6 is a new opportunity and will be the start of a three-year sixth form. This is for students who just miss out on the entry requirements for Holy Family 6.

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 2022. 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.

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.

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