



Sixth Form Information

St John's College, Cardiff



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Welcome

Welcome to St John's College Sixth Form. We hope that the information provided in this booklet will be helpful to you and your child when making decisions about post-16 study.

If you have any queries or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Admissions Information

Admission to the Sixth Form requires applicants to obtain at least six GCSE passes at B grade, or above, including English and Mathematics. For any subject to be studied in the Sixth Form, applicants should have at least GCSE grade B or above. However, each application will be assessed on its own merit and with discretion. Grade A or above will be expected in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and any Modern Foreign Language, if any of these are to be studied at AS Level.

A Level Results Information

Performance Indicator	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
% A*/A	74	68	82	88	79	63
% A*	33	43	48	55	34	37
% A* - B	95	88	97	96	95	87

University Destination Information

Year	Number of University Entrants	% Oxbridge, Russell Group, and Ivy League
2019	34	78
2020	32	86
2021	26	85
2022	42	76
2023	33	78
2024	55	74

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Who's who in Key Stage 5?



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Mr Cooper, Head of U6, is responsible for the organisation, day-to-day running and academic performance of all pupils in U6.

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Your Form Tutor is the person immediately responsible for overseeing your welfare and general progress. Accordingly, it is your Form Tutor to whom you should turn in the first instance if you wish to seek advice, or have a particular requirement or difficulty.

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Subject Choices

The subjects listed below are offered:

A Level Art

A Level Biology

A Level Business

A Level Chemistry

A Level Design and Technology

A Level Economics

A Level English Literature

EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)

A Level French

A Level Further Mathematics

A Level Geography

A Level Government and Politics

IELTS

A Level History

A Level Latin

A Level Mathematics

A Level Music

A Level Physical Education

A Level Philosophy

A Level Physics

A Level Psychology

A Level RS

A Level Spanish

A Level Welsh

- Modular A levels have external examinations at the end of Year 12 and 13. Linear A levels have external examinations at the end of Year 13 only.
- Most students study four A level subjects at the start of Year 12 and drop to three subjects in Year 13 (obtaining three A Levels and 1 AS Level qualification).
- The above model is not compulsory; guidance is given to students as to the most appropriate number and combination of subjects, by the Director of Academic Studies, Deputy Head and the Head of Lower Sixth. Reference is made to the student's GCSE results and career aspirations (as well as the results of ALIS testing, when available).
- Sixth Form teaching continues in Year 12 once all modular examinations have been sat. Students must attend all classes in Year 12, including subjects that have had an AS examination.
- Sixth Form subjects normally have six lessons, of 45 minutes' duration, per week. In the Sixth Form, period 8 may be used to accommodate lessons in subjects that are over-subscribed.



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Procedures for making A Level subject choices:

- This Sixth Form information booklet is published to R16 students and their parents in the Advent Term; a Sixth Form Open Evening is also held in October.
- 'Subject Preference' forms (included in this booklet) are completed in October by R16 students. Here, students are asked to make provisional choices regarding subjects to study. The Heads of R16 and Lower Sixth, Director of Academic Studies, Deputy Head, and R16 tutors provide support for students as they make these decisions.
- Option blocks are formulated based on the information contained on the 'Subject Preference' forms. The option blocks are designed to accommodate the widest possible choice of combinations of subjects. **Students are informed that there is no guarantee that all combinations will be possible, but we will do our best to satisfy provisional choices.**
- Option blocks are produced and students then choose their combination of subjects. Students may, at a later stage, change their choice within a block, or from a different block, providing no more than one subject is chosen in each block. **Changes must be made by half term in the Advent Term in L6 at the very latest.**
- Students are informed that, **if a subject does not have a sufficient number of students opting to provide a viable course, it may be withdrawn from the programme;** however, we will keep them informed of developments and advise them, where possible, of alternatives.
- Students are asked to make final subject choices by two weeks after the publication of the option blocks, usually in February.
- A level blocks in Year 13 will change from the Year 12 blocks. This is because some subjects, where there is more than one group, may have to be combined in Year 13 if numbers in the individual groups are very small, because of students not continuing in the subject.



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Sixth Form Co-Curricular Provision

In tutorial periods, Sixth Form students regularly attend talks given by a range of outside speakers, including former pupils, on subjects such as post-18 student life (personal finance, time management, revision skills etc.), charity work and voluntary organisations. They also receive employment and university application advice through visits from, Future Success Careers, UCAS and other external agencies, as well as having the opportunity to attend university open days and careers fairs. Individual subject departments organise visits to lectures, exhibitions, plays and workshops. There is a timetabled Enrichment Programme for students which comprises a variety of activities for a full afternoon per fortnight. This encourages students to try new experiences, build their resilience, develop new skills and gain qualifications, improving teamwork and friendships amongst the sixth form cohort. It includes activities such as cooking, golf, climbing, water activities, local walk, trampolining, finance, TEFL and more.

IELTS (International English Language Test System) provision is available to all ESOL students who need it and individual support is provided for any students who are struggling in a particular subject.

A range of co-curricular activities is available too, including Young Enterprise, CREST, Debating Society, Drama Club, Duke of Edinburgh and Music (choirs and orchestras) as well as sport, with a range of lunchtime clubs being run as well as fixtures and sports activities within the Enrichment Programme.

Students are also encouraged to take part in supporting the learning of younger pupils by spending time engaging with lower-school classroom support or helping pupils with revision (as Learning Leaders) and by playing a key role in the School Council.

University Application Information

In the Sixth Form at St John's, we provide our students with detailed support and assistance as they prepare for the wider world. Almost all go on to higher education and many to high-tariff institutions including Oxbridge and Russell Group universities.

As a registered UCAS centre, we support the university application process throughout Sixth Form, from tutorial periods focusing on how to choose degree subjects and courses, to inviting back former students to give advice on coping with the different aspects of university life and on finding work afterwards. Each year, a professional careers adviser sees all Lower VI students individually to discuss their employment plans.



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We help organise relevant work experience placements late in the Trinity Term and run a dedicated 'UCAS Week' at the end of Lower VI when a range of speakers visit to give higher education advice and when students are guided through the early stages of their UCAS applications, both in groups and with individual attention from tutors. Tutorial time is given over in the Advent Term of Upper VI to help complete this process and further talks and advice are given by our in-house team, as well as by outside experts: for example, our future medics, dentists and vets have a mock MMI (Multi-Mini Interview) with feedback in November before attempting the real thing when applying to medical schools. We are also building up a team of mock interviewers from relevant professions to help students prepare for those courses which still interview before making offers.

A Level teaching staff make predicted grades based on students' performance at AS and on their efforts and potential in Lower VI. They then send reference notes to the Head of Upper VI who turns these into the final UCAS Reference and also assists closely with the drafting stages of the UCAS Personal Statement that all would-be undergraduates need to complete.

Staff are at the school on results day each August to advise any students who need last-minute support with their offers and places at university.



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Sixth Form Dress Code

As we have high expectations of our A Level students, the dress code is intended to promote a positive, respectable image of the school and to fit in at EBP where other adult professionals work. Appearance must be **smart, sober in style** and **professional** at all times. This will help ensure that the high standards of conduct of our Sixth Formers set the right tone for the rest of St John's. The Dress Code applies for examinations, private study and revision classes unless these take place during school holidays.

Sixth Form Boys	Sixth Form Girls
Business Dress	Business Dress
Blazer / Jacket	Blazer / Jacket
Formal suit. Coats may not be worn instead of suit jackets.	Formal suit with either trousers, skirt or dress. A jacket/blazer is compulsory. <i>Skirts/dresses must be of an appropriate business style and length, i.e. midi or longer.</i>
Buttoned shirt with collar. Top buttons to be fastened and shirts tucked in. A tie is compulsory.	Blouses are to be plain (in any sensible shades) but are not to be low-cut or short. Discreet jewellery and make-up are permitted.
A plain, smart jumper/cardigan allowed but cannot replace the jacket.	A plain, smart jumper/cardigan allowed but cannot replace the jacket.
Shoes or boots must be smart, in leather or similar material: no trainers.	Shoes or boots must be smart, in leather or similar material and with sensible heels.

For clarification, the following items are **not** allowed:

- ✗ Hoodies, Leathers, Denim of any type, Leggings, Shorts, Polo shirts, Trainers, Ugg-style boots, Visible tattoos or piercings (*except for earrings*)

Hair must be of a natural colour and tidy. Long hair will need to be tied back for practical lessons such as Science and DT, for obvious reasons.

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For sports activities in the Enrichment Programme or an official lunchtime PE activity, school PE kit may be worn – either the kit from R16, or new kit (see the school website for details). No alternative sportswear is allowed, neither should anyone wear sports gear in EBP just because they are going to the gym etc. before or after school.



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For further information on life at St John's College Sixth Form, please see our Sixth Form Handbook.

Subject Preference Form



Please complete this form and hand it to the school reception team **by Monday, 2nd December 2024.**

Name: _____

Form: _____ Date: _____

Please select **four** options from the list below.

Write them in order of preference, with one being your most preferred subject.

Please also choose a reserve subject in case all of your option choices cannot be accommodated.

Art	History
Biology	Latin
Business	Mathematics
Chemistry	Music
Design and Technology	Physical Education
Economics	Philosophy
English Literature	Physics
French	Psychology
Further Mathematics	RS
Geography	Spanish
Government and Politics	Welsh

Option Choices:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Reserve subject: _____



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Timeline for Sixth Form Applications

October 2024

- Internal Sixth Form Taster Afternoon - *Thursday, 3rd October 2024*
- Open evening - *Thursday, 17th October 2024, 4.15 pm - 5.15 pm*

December 2024

- Submission of application forms and option choices - *Monday, 2nd December 2024*

January / February 2025

- Interviews - *January/February 2025*
- Deadline for submission of deposit payment to secure Sixth Form place - *Friday, 24th January 2025*
- Deadline for Bursaries and Scholarships applications - *Tuesday, 18th February 2025*

March 2025

- Confirmation of subject choices for Lower Sixth - *Monday, 17th March 2025*
- Confirmation of offer to study A Level at St John's College - *Friday, 21st March 2025*





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