

St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

Sixth Form Entry Requirements and Option Blocks, 2020 – 21

Entry requirements

For all courses, students should have a minimum of five 9-4 grades ('Pass' or above for BTECs) in different subjects, including Maths and either English (Language or Literature), plus the specific requirements for the subjects they would like to study.

Subject	Subject specific
Art	5 in Art at GCSE, if taken. You can take this course without having studied the GCSE, in which case you will need an exceptional portfolio.
Biology	7, 8 or 9 preferred, high 6 considered. Grade 6 minimum in Maths.
Business Studies	6 in Business at GCSE, if taken. You can take this course without having studied the GCSE, in which case you will need a grade 6 minimum in Maths and in either English Language or Literature.
Chemistry	7, 8 or 9 preferred, high 6 considered. Grade 6 minimum in Maths.
Computing	6 in Computing at GCSE, if taken. You can take this course without having studied the GCSE, in which case you will need a grade 6 minimum in Maths.
Design and Technology	5 in Design and Technology at GCSE. At least one 5 in Science and 5s in English and Maths.
English Language	6 in English Language.
English Literature	6 in English Literature.
Further Maths	7 or higher at Maths GCSE. You must also be taking Maths.
Geography	6 in Geography at GCSE, if taken. At least one 5 in Science and 5s in an English and Maths.
History	6 in History at GCSE, if taken. You can take this course without having studied the GCSE, in which case you will need a Grade 5 in English.
Mathematics	Grade 7 or higher at GCSE. High grade 6 considered.
Music	6 or higher in Music at GCSE preferred, or Grade 5 theory ABRSM Certificate. Working at Grade 6 or above in performance preferred.
Photography	Evidence of artistic ability from KS4. There is an upper limit for this course. If it is oversubscribed, interviews will take place to assess suitability.
Physics	7, 8 or 9 preferred, high 6 considered. Grade 6 minimum in Maths.
Religious Studies	6 in Religious Studies.
Sports Studies	Minimum 5 in Biology or 5s in Science. A high level of sporting ability is essential due to the practical element on this course.
Extended Certificate Business	Minimum grade 4 in English and Maths. An interest in Business is essential.
Extended Certificate IT	Minimum grade 4 in English and Maths. An interest in IT is essential.
Extended Certificate Science	Minimum grade 4 in English and Maths and 4s in Science. An interest in Science is essential.
Extended Certificate Sport	Minimum grade 4 in English and Maths. An interest in Sport is essential.
EPQ	Willingness to work independently

GCSE re-sits (English and Maths) and Core RE are timetabled separately. The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is available to all students who wish to take it.

N.B. Subjects will run as long as viable groups can be formed.

Most students will take **three** subjects. If a student is uncertain about which subjects to take, he can choose to start with four subjects, one from each block, to help him decide which three to pursue.

Students must choose a maximum of one subject from each of the blocks.

Students wishing to take a subject at Sacred Heart should confirm this at their interview at St. Cuthbert's on Friday, 4th September. Entry onto courses at Sacred Heart is dependent upon their entry requirements being met and there being sufficient space.

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D
Art	Biology	Chemistry	Art
Business Studies	Further Maths	Computing	Biology
Chemistry	Geography	English Language	Geography
English Language	History	English Literature	Physics
Ext Cert ICT	Maths	Maths	Religious Studies
Ext Cert Science	Music	Product Design	Ext Cert Science
Ext Cert Sport	Photography	Ext Cert Business	
	Sports Studies		