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I didn't attend Holy Trinity Academy; can I still apply to Holy Trinity Academy Sixth Form?

Yes. We welcome applications from students from any school to come and join our Sixth Form. Please follow the link for information regarding admissions. [[Admissions Criteria](#)]

Holy Trinity Academy is a Christian school. Do I have to be a Christian to join the Sixth Form?

No. We welcome applications from students of all faiths and beliefs and those students who have no religious faith or belief. However, all students who are in our Sixth Form are expected to participate in the Christian and spiritual life of the school.

I want to apply for Holy Trinity Academy Sixth form, but I haven't been given any Target or Predicted Grades that I can put on the application form. What should I do?

Talk to your Form tutor or Head of Year at school to see if you can get your predicted grades. If you have some sense of what grades you are likely to get, you can enter them into your application. Otherwise, leave the section blank. We will discuss this with you when we invite you to your interview.

Are some A Levels better than others?

This is quite a controversial issue; people have worried that certain Universities have a secret list of A level subjects they prefer, but the reality is that all A-level subjects are of value. Some degree courses will require specific subjects because they are relevant to the subject of the degree applied for. For example, music A-level is required for a music degree. Top universities like Oxford and Cambridge and [Russell Group](#) universities want to see students who have taken some 'A' levels that indicate students can cope with challenge. They like certain combinations of subjects, because they believe they are more likely to provide an effective preparation for study at their Universities. The important word here is 'combination' of subjects so they aren't saying there are any individual subjects that will be rejected. The websites below provide some further insights into this issue:

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2011/feb/01/university-preferred-a-levels>

<http://www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/apply/docs/subjectmatters.pdf>

Apprenticeships and employers may require certain subjects because they provide the skills they are looking for but others are more likely to be concerned with grades rather than the subjects.

What happens at the interview? Can I fail the interview?

The interview is actually an informal chat with a member of Holy Trinity Academy's staff. It is an opportunity for us to get to know you and find out more about your intended career path. It's also a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course options and about what life is like as a Sixth Form College student. Once you have made an application to us, you will receive information about your interview via email and a letter to your home address.

Please note: Some interviews may be conducted via telephone.

If I'm not available for interview at the allocated time, can I reschedule it?

Yes. Simply email the school and this will be done.

Can I change my selection of A Level courses at any time?

Yes. You will have a number of opportunities to add and/or change your course choices. You don't have to make your final decision until your enrolment day in August. Or you can email the school.



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What if I do not get the GCSE grades I need for the A Level courses I have chosen?

When you come to your enrolment day, you will have the chance to discuss your results and your course choices with a member of the staff team. If they feel your grades indicate that you wouldn't be able to cope with your preferred courses, they will try to offer you alternatives that will enable you to progress successfully.

Do you have a successful pass rate at Holy Trinity Academy Sixth Form?

Yes, The Holy Trinity Academy is a high achieving Sixth Form. Click here for more details on our results and performance tables.

[\[Results & Destinations\]](#)

What subjects do you offer at A Level?

We offer a wide range of subjects in our Sixth Form. Please visit the Curriculum section of our website for more information about our A Level courses. [\[Curriculum\]](#)

Am I able to access financial support to study at Holy Trinity Academy Sixth Form?

Yes, we run a Bursary programme to ensure everyone is able to access our Sixth Form. Visit the Bursary Information pages to see if you are eligible. [\[Bursary\]](#)

How will I get important messages?

It is vital that students take some responsibility for keeping up to date with important announcements/news. This is particularly important in the Sixth Form where students are beginning to take some responsibility for their own futures. Students should check the Notice Board / Display screen in the Sixth Form Common Room daily, attend all Form Time sessions. Individual Academic Mentoring sessions will also provide an opportunity to disseminate messages. Some messages will be sent to Sixth Form students via Edulink.

What do I do if my subject tutor is absent?

If a member of staff's absence is planned in advance for example due to running a trip or event then we ask teachers to inform the students in advance and set appropriate work for them to complete independently in their absence. This work should be completed in the normal classroom / subject area during the normal lesson timings.

If a member of staff is absent and this is not planned, for example illness, in the first instance, students should continue to work on any previous work / tasks that have been set and we will set work for students to complete independently. If it seems likely that the member of staff is going to be absent for longer, then the Head of Department will ensure that relevant work is set and the school may seek to cover those lessons with another subject tutor.

When are the dates for next year's holidays?

A full list of holiday dates is available on our website [Insert link](#), alternatively you can look at our full school calendar which provides further details on School events.

[\[Key Dates\]](#)

Is there a specific dress code for Holy Trinity Academy Sixth Form?

Yes, we encourage our students to take pride in their appearance and require students to conform to our dress code policy.

[\[Dress Code\]](#)



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Can students use mobile technology in the Sixth Form?

Sixth Form students are allowed to bring mobile phones into school, but do so at their own risk. The school does not accept any liability for the loss or theft of such items. While students are allowed to bring equipment in they will be for use only in the sixth form common room and in classrooms with teachers permission. They should not be used generally around the rest of the school. Mobile phones should be switched off during lessons, registration, Acts of Collective Worship, etc.

Should students undertake employment outside of school?

We understand that many students need to earn money in part-time employment and that this can provide valuable experience for them. We strongly recommend that they work a maximum of 12 hours per week, however, any more than this is likely to prevent them from making a sensible balance between study, social life, exercise and work.

How can parents help?

Parents ... the good news is that you don't need to learn plate tectonics or astrophysics. The basics of good support at home are unchanged, they possibly just require greater tact and sensitivity:

- i) Ensuring that they have somewhere quiet to study and develop a study regime with homework and assignments.
- ii) Making sure they are punctual to school and don't over-commit to part time work.
- iii) Don't allow them to miss school unnecessarily. There is a clear correlation between attendance and results
- iv) Checking that they have the basics including pens and paper.
- v) Taking an interest in their work. Ask them to explain things, this in itself is helpful in developing their ability to articulate their understanding. Praise them for this.
- vi) Helping them plan a calendar with key dates including when to revise, applications for university etc.
- vii) Help them plan for deadlines. Too many students leave things till the last moment. Sit down with them regularly to see where they are up to and discuss how to break things down.
- viii) Offer to proof read (not write!) assignments
- ix) Help them to find sources of information
- x) Discuss the next stage with them. Having goals that they want to achieve is a great motivator.
- xi) Ensuring that they keep to a sensible size study programme.

What tactful questions can I ask my son / daughter when they are struggling with the work?

What do the assignment / work directions or questions tell you to do?

What words or directions don't you understand?

Can you explain to me what you've done so far?

Why don't we look in your book or notebook for some notes and information that might help us?

What did the teacher say when he or she gave you this assignment / work?

Can you tell me how you got that answer?

What do you think is the most important idea in this section of your report?

Will you get the opportunity to ask for clarification before the assignment / work is due in?