

# OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL *MIXED SIXTH FORM*

## ADMISSION TO THE SIXTH FORM

Our Lady's High School has 150 sixth form places in total, 75 in each year. Applicants will be supportive of the aims, values and ethos of the school and wish to continue their education in a Christian environment. All applicants will meet with a member of staff to discuss possible pathways and ensure they are aiming to follow appropriate courses.

### Key dates:

- Closing date for External applications: 27 January 2023
- Date informed of place: March 2023
- Late applications: will be considered where there are a surplus of places in the Sixth Form and in the required courses

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Minimum entry requirements for A Level Programme of Study:

1. **Five** GCSE grades at 5 and above, including English Language or English Literature *plus*
2. **Maths** and **English Language** GCSE at grade **4** or above, *plus*
3. the **subject specific** entry requirements (*shown on the table below*)

***Please note that entry criteria for all A Level courses are based on GCSE passes only, not BTEC, OCR or other equivalents***

### **BTEC Level 3 vocational course:**

**Five** GCSE grades at 4 or above (including English Language) or a Merit in a Level 2 BTEC qualification with **Four** GCSE grades at 4 or above (including English Language).

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Students who meet the minimum entry requirements for the Sixth Form, but not for their preferred programme of study may be offered more appropriate subject combinations, better matched to their abilities.

**Please note that students with an English Language grade 3 or below will not be offered a place in Our Lady's Sixth Form.**

***We reserve the right to withdraw subjects that are undersubscribed.***

## Subject specific entry requirements

### BTEC LEVEL 3 COURSES

<b>Health and Social Care</b>	Five GCSE grades at 4 or above (including English Language) or a Merit in Level 2 BTEC Health and Social Care, with Four GCSE grades at 4 or above (including English Language).
<b>Business</b>	Five GCSE grades at 4 or above (including English Language) or a Merit in Level 2 BTEC Business course, with Four GCSE grades 4 or above (including English Language).
<b>IT</b>	Five GCSE grades at 4 or above (including English Language) or a Merit in Level 2 Vocational IT course, with Four GCSE grades at 4 or above (including English Language).

### A LEVEL SUBJECTS

	Minimum Grade	Additional Information
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	5 in Art, or an equivalent grade 5 in a Technology subject.	<i>If not studied before a portfolio and subject interview</i>
<b>Biology</b>	Two 6 grades in the sciences, 5 in Maths and 5.5 average in English.	
<b>Chemistry</b>	Two 6 grades in the sciences, 6 in Maths and 5.5 average in English.	
<b>Physics</b>	Two 6 grades in the sciences, 6 in maths.	<i>Candidates must also study Maths</i>
<b>Business</b>	An average of 5 in English and Maths or a 5 in Business and an average of 4.5 in English Language and Maths	
<b>Economics</b>	An average of 5.5 in English and Maths	
<b>English Literature</b>	An average of 5.5 in English Literature and English Language,	
<b>French or Spanish</b>	7 in the relevant language and an average of 5 in English Language and English Literature.	<i>Candidates with a high 6 will also be considered.</i>
<b>Geography</b>	5 in Geography and an average of 5 in English Language and Maths.	<i>If not studied before a 5 in English (Language) and Math.</i>
<b>Politics</b>	An average of 5 in English Language and English Literature	
<b>History</b>	5 in History and an average of 5 in English Language and Literature.	<i>If not studied before a 5 in English (Language) will be required.</i>
<b>ICT</b>	5 in ICT and an average of 5 in Maths and English.	<i>If not studied before a 4 in Maths will be required.</i>
<b>Maths</b>	A 7 in Maths	<i>Candidates with a high 6 will also be considered.</i>
<b>Psychology</b>	An average of 5.5 in Science and a 5 in English (Language)	
<b>RE(Philosophy, Ethics and Christian Thoughts)</b>	5 in RE and an average of 5 in English Language and Literature.	<i>If not studied before a 5 in English (Language) will be required.</i>
<b>Sociology</b>	An average of 5 in English and Maths or a 5 in Sociology	
<b>3D Design or Textiles</b>	5 in a Technology subject or a 5 in Art	<i>If not studied before a portfolio and subject interview</i>

**Please note admission onto courses without meeting these criteria may still be granted on the successful completion of a probationary period.**