



English Martyrs' Sixth Form

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Welcome

English Martyrs' Sixth Form has for many years had an outstanding reputation for excellent teaching, superb results and individual care for students.

Ours is a Sixth Form of approximately 240 students, where everyone is well known and personally supported. Our students will tell you about the close friendships formed here, the brilliant community and the warm welcome to new students.

As a Catholic Sixth Form we believe that education is about the whole person and we know that the years at Sixth Form are some of the most important in your life. We want to help you optimise this precious time, to stretch you academically and help you to explore your wider interests, so that you can truly become your best self.

This prospectus will give you a brief insight into Sixth Form life, but we recommend that you come and see for yourself, meet and talk to students and staff, and form your own opinion. You will be made very welcome.

M Calen
Principal

E O'Hagan
Director of Sixth Form



What Will
You Study?



Examinations & Achievement

English Martyrs' offers a very wide range of courses and subject combinations at A Level and BTEC Level 3, giving students breadth of choice and subject combinations. Subjects include:

- Applied Science
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Drama
- English
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- History
- Information Technology
- Mathematics
- Media
- Music
- Photography
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Sports Studies

We recognise that A Level and BTEC Level 3 qualifications are very demanding. Accordingly we give students a high ratio of teaching time, with most subjects offering five hours of teaching per week, i.e. one lesson in each A Level per day.

Unlike other Sixth Form centres, English Martyrs' expects students to study four subjects in year 12 and enters them for AS Level public examinations at the end of year 12. This provides students with a very accurate picture of their progress as they enter year 13 and enables them to speak to universities and UCAS with confidence about their projected grades at A Level when making applications for university courses or apprenticeships.

*Achievement in the Sixth Form
is outstanding.*

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Extended Project Qualification

As part of the ambitious academic philosophy of our Sixth Form offer, all students study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in addition to their A Levels or BTECs. This qualification is the equivalent of an AS Level, but the principal difference is that it is completely driven by the research interest of each student and everyone's project is different. Recent topics include: Is FIFA morally bankrupt? Is daydreaming a form of mental illness? What is the true cost of fashion?

The taught element in the first semester of year 12 is about research methods, library use and formal essay referencing, and this training proves invaluable not just for the EPQ but for essays and dissertations at university. Over many years students have researched a huge variety of topics, including many current ethical issues, and students' pass rates remain exceptionally high with in excess of 70% of students achieving grades A*-C.

Chaplaincy & Religious Education

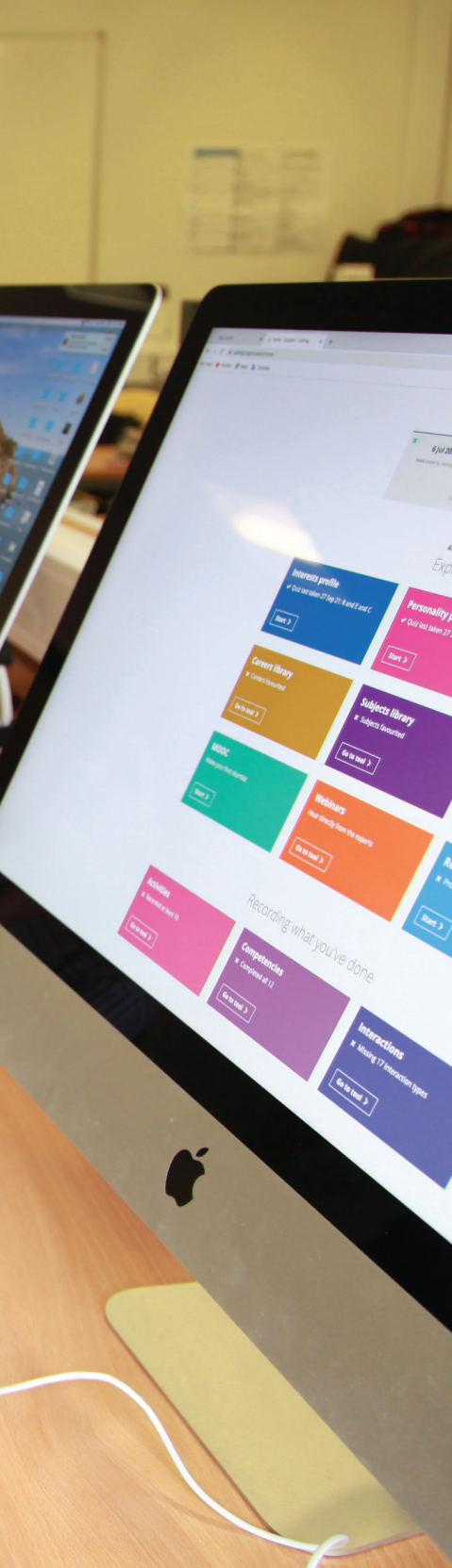
The school welcomes students of all faith backgrounds (and none). Form groups meet each morning for prayer and reflection. Students are supported by a full-time chaplain and are encouraged to play their part in chaplaincy activities. A programme of liturgies and retreats marks key points in the year, and Mass is available for students each week.

As part of the Core Curriculum, all students take a weekly programme of Religious Education, which is delivered through a carousel of courses including 'Exploring religious belief and non-belief in the modern world', 'Philosophy', 'Ethics and literature', 'Major World Faiths' and 'Relationships Education'.









Careers Guidance

We offer a comprehensive programme of careers advice delivered by our own staff together with employers, local universities and our past students. Our very experienced team supports students and parents through the complex university admission progress. Every student benefits from full access to Unifrog – the complete destinations platform, and those applying for competitive 'Early Entry' UCAS courses such as Oxbridge and Medicine receive bespoke support.

Visiting Speakers

A large number of visiting speakers regularly give talks to our students. This enables you to meet people from public life, businesses and universities with whom you might not otherwise come into contact.

A wide variety of subjects is addressed in these talks which are always extremely interesting.

Sixth Form Facilities

Students enjoy the use of our purpose-built Sixth Form Centre with its own dedicated Study and Common Room where students have access to a kitchen area and a vending machine. There are plentiful computer facilities both in the Sixth Form Centre and in the Library.

Students have exclusive use of the Sixth Form area of the Library and their own section in the school Restaurant. During study lessons students can also access school music practice areas.

Social Life

Sixth Form isn't all about study! Our Sixth Form Officers arrange regular social events for students during the year. Sometimes these are combined with opportunities to raise money for important social action causes.

All post 16 students achieve high standards and progress exceptionally well from their starting points.

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Leadership

We encourage students to take positions of leadership in the school. There are opportunities to help younger students with their learning as mentors and Aspire Champions and to get involved in music, drama and sporting activities both as participants and leaders. Sixth Formers play in orchestra, sing in the Schola Cantorum, join the Debating Society and lead school teams as coaches for football, basketball, cricket, rugby, netball etc. In recent years sixth formers have formed their own groups including the Henrietta Lacks Society. Many students take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which includes volunteering and an expedition. In year 13, students can apply for a range of appointed leadership posts, including Head Girl and Head Boy (and deputies), officers for charity fundraising, arts, music, sport and spiritual life.







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