

# The Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This year, due to the current Covid-19 climate we have decided not to host a traditional Sixth Form Open Evening in the same way to previous years. We have therefore included with this letter a short **voice over presentation** to provide you with key information with regards to The Douay Martyrs Sixth Form.

Please click on link : <https://youtu.be/ux8UmrWifUw>

In addition, we will be hosting 3 Virtual Sessions online, for which the times and links to can be found below. These will provide an opportunity for students and parents to ask any questions that they may have with regards to our school community to continue their post 16 education.

During KS5 Week (w/c 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020), all Year 11 students have benefitted from KS5 style lessons in all of their current subject areas, to provide them with an insight into what their courses will entail at KS5 level as well as informing them of the GCSE entry criteria required to study each of these subjects. In the same week, during their Pastoral Time, key faculty and subject leaders have been visiting Year 11 Forms and discussing all of the different KS5 A-Level and Vocational Subjects/Options in more details with respect to subject material and content, career pathways related to each subject, as well as the entry criteria for each KS5 subject.

KS5 week contained a great deal of information for students and provided them with a comfortable platform to ask questions about their post 16 choices and options. I would encourage you to have further discussions with your child about their future career aspirations as well as subjects which they enjoy and are really passionate to further study. It has been, and going forward will be, a stressful time for students and therefore dialogue will be essential in helping make the right decision.

## PTO

We appreciate that students and parents will want additional information about our Sixth Form and may have further questions. Therefore, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be hosting 3 online Virtual talks where you will have the opportunity to directly speak with the Sixth Form team and ask questions relevant to your child's Post 16 choices and options. On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, please click on the link which is at the most suitable **starting** time for you. This will bring to you to an online virtual call where you will be able to interact with the Sixth Form team.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October:**

4.30 PM -- [meet.google.com/xmu-satw-obm](https://meet.google.com/xmu-satw-obm) (Please use this link to join)

5.15 PM -- [meet.google.com/cao-cmih-oek](https://meet.google.com/cao-cmih-oek) (Please use this link to join)

6.00 PM -- [meet.google.com/vhh-hcyv-gwt](https://meet.google.com/vhh-hcyv-gwt) (Please use this link to join)

Please also encourage your child to ask their subject teachers any questions that they may have about that subject at KS5 Level. In addition, please also encourage them to ask the Sixth Form Team any questions that they may have in order to inform themselves as best as possible before making their Post 16 choices.

It is very important to be aware of factors such as the admissions criteria for specific courses, as this will allow all students to understand the GCSE grades which must be achieved in order to allow them to pursue their preferred courses. It is also important that the students have a clear idea as to which career pathways their chosen KS5 subjects will lead them to. Therefore, I am also attaching **The Douay Martyrs Sixth Form Course Handbook** which provides a summary of each of the subjects which we offer, with information on career pathways as well as the GCSE entry criteria required to study each of the subjects.

I am also attaching **The Douay Martyrs Sixth Form Prospectus** as this will provide an opportunity for students and parents to develop a greater awareness of the different opportunities which will be available in our school community to continue their post 16 education.

Each student will receive a printed version of the above documents in school which will also include their Sixth Form application form. The deadline for this form to be returned to their Form Tutor is **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.

Kind regards.

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Mr D Patel  
Acting Assistant Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form

## **6<sup>th</sup> Virtual Form Open Evening – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

An opportunity for Parents and Students to speak to subject Staff about the various A-Level and BTEC Level 3 courses which will be available for students to study from September 2021. Information will also be provided about the general entry requirements for 6<sup>th</sup> Form study and the specific entry requirements for differing courses.

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## **6<sup>th</sup> Form Application Deadline – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Students are required to hand in their application forms to their Form Tutors.

## **GCSE Examinations – May and June (Various Dates)**

Students will complete their GCSE examinations. The results of these examinations will determine the pathways which they are able to follow from September 2021.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Form Events/Pre - Course Preparations**

Students will be given the opportunity to attend events/seminars or conduct guided research to prepare for their chosen A-Level subject areas. This will help them to confirm whether they feel they have made the correct choices.

## **GCSE Results and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Enrolment – **Date to be confirmed****

Students will receive their GCSE results. There will be 6<sup>th</sup> Form Staff in attendance on this date to discuss the implications of these results for the options which had been provisionally chosen by students. Students will come and formally enrol for their courses. There will be 6<sup>th</sup> Form staff and careers staff available to help provide final advice before subjects are chosen.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Form Induction Day – September – **Date to be confirmed****

### **September 2021**

Students will start their courses.