



# St. Julie's Catholic High School

Headteacher: Mr. T. Alderman

*"Serve the good God well with much liberty of spirit"*

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Dear Applicant,

## Re: Returning to Sixth Form

Firstly, I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. Further to my previous communication, I wanted to take the opportunity this week to remind you of the importance of staying focused in these difficult times, and how we will continue to work alongside you and your family to support you on this next chapter of your learning journey when you return to St Julie's Sixth Form.

Our results speak for themselves. Over the last five years we have achieved a minimum A Level pass rate of at least 90% at grades A\*-E; 100% pass rate for Level 3 BTEC and our 'Value Added' score (the key DfE measure for ranking post 16 provision) is incredibly positive – our students' progress is at least in line with peers nationally. Over the last five years many of our courses and qualifications have been ranked in the top 25% and top 10% nationally. To be ranked as sixth in the city out of more than thirty providers for our results is an excellent achievement and one which can only be achieved with the continuous hard work of students and staff. When you begin your A level studies with us, you will see that your subject teachers are dedicated to helping you to achieve and move on to an exciting and successful career.

Many of you have been in contact with me already regarding opportunities I have signposted you to via email and the VLE such as the Observe GP initiative, weekly Physics lectures and virtual law webinars to name but a few. If you're still unsure as to your prospective career path however, don't worry – you can access [www.myheplus.com](http://www.myheplus.com) which not only offers ways to explore your chosen A levels beyond the curriculum; it offers subject pages which give you an overview of what it would be like to study the subject at A level and university level. Each topic is produced by Cambridge postgraduate students and academics at the cutting edge of research in their field. The topics provide guided activities, questions to think about and suggestions for further reading. All you need to do is access [www.myheplus.com](http://www.myheplus.com) and click on a subject icon or 'search all topics' to get started.

This is just one of the many resources we have to support you when you study at St Julie's Sixth Form. If you take a look at the HE and CEIAG section of our VLE you will also find there are many careers guides and booklets showing you the varied paths you could take when studying from our wide range of A level subjects. As further online and virtual opportunities arise I will continue to add them to the VLE and contact you via school email if they are relevant to the subjects you have expressed an interest in studying. Not only are these virtual resources an excellent means of gaining an insight to your future career or course, they will help you to bridge the gap between GCSE and A level in addition to giving you something to add to your university or job application letter when you apply. Nationally, around 75% of students progress to university after their A Levels. At St Julie's almost 90% apply every year and are successful in gaining a place as a result of our guidance and support. We have links with all the top universities including Oxford and Cambridge



When you start your sixth form studies with us, you will be allocated a careers appointment with our independent careers advisor so that we can begin to tailor our enrichment and CEIAG activities to you. Although the vast majority of our students go on to study at university, we understand that some students prefer a hands on approach to learning. Over the years we have forged excellent links with the Apprenticeship Hub -their staff will meet with you to discuss your career options. Working together with you, your family and the Sixth Form Team, Hub staff will guide you through the application process so that you leave school with a firm destination. NEET means a student has not progressed to further education, employment or training when they have left us. It is another measure the government and Ofsted use to determine how well students are supported in moving on after Year 13. Our NEET figures (0%) are well below local and national average; showing that our Sixth Form students receive excellent personalised support to help them reach their goals – either at university, on an apprenticeship or within employment.

I will be in touch again with further developments and information for you. In the mean time, stay safe and look after yourself and your family.

Mrs Jones  
**Acting Head of Upper School**