



**SIXTH FORM
PROSPECTUS**



WELCOME

Our students will tell you that SBVI at Stuart Bathurst - with its excellent specialist staff and first-class resources - is the best place to further your studies and secure your future. We are pleased to offer you a rewarding step towards university, further training or employment.

Through our Christian values, academic excellence and care of each individual, we are committed to supporting you intellectually, spiritually and socially. We will facilitate the development of your God-given talents, so that you can make a full and positive contribution to your community.

Our high expectations of conduct, politeness, respect, and appearance, benefit the whole school community, allowing students to concentrate fully on achieving their best whilst feeling secure and valued. Sixth Formers are treated as young adults and are encouraged to offer care and service to all.

With a specialist pastoral team and experienced teachers, we are able to offer quality support and guidance. We take a keen interest in student welfare and provide strong pastoral care. In return, we expect the highest levels of effort and commitment from our students.

In addition to academic achievements, we place great emphasis on personal development. We provide extensive opportunities for students to meet new people, build confidence and broaden their experiences. We actively encourage all sixth formers to take on responsibilities within our community and become

involved in the many projects on offer.

We look forward to welcoming you at SBVI as you embark upon the next chapter of your education. Our students are able to go beyond their potential and joining us, you will be able to fulfil your aspirations as far as you dare!



Miss J Brookes,
Head of Sixth Form

OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

As a community, our educational aims and our religious beliefs and practices cannot be separated. They are closely intertwined. As the only Catholic Sixth Form in Sandwell, we aim to provide an environment where background, personal growth, and faith are brought into harmony. Joining SBVI means an acceptance and support of our religious community and its practices, regardless of personal belief.

What does this mean?

There will be times that you are required to attend services or practices for services, for example Holy Days of Obligation - such as Ash Wednesday.

These are times when the whole of our community come together to worship. On other occasions, services will be voluntary (weekly masses). You will be required to participate in Form group and Year assemblies.

Charity events are organised on a regular basis. Your support for these events is essential; you are an example to our younger students.





“All year groups and teachers are part of our Stuart Bathurst community. We celebrate, participate, and compete as one.”

Alisha - Sixth Form



SECURING YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS

SBVI is built on a philosophy that faith coupled with ambition and aspiration will lead to success. We seek to go beyond, and become all that God has planned for us to become.

With an intensive UCAS Application Support Programme, SBVI students routinely secure places at prestigious destinations including Russell Group universities and Oxbridge. Each year over 80% of our Sixth Form students apply to university and take up places in medicine, dentistry, nursing, teaching, and business.

In addition, many of our students are supported in applying for degree apprenticeships and advanced level apprenticeships which will in turn, secure their future employment and career aspirations.





We are proud that so many of our students each year seek to pursue careers which are service orientated, and this is testimony to the incredible humility and humanity which our students develop as part of our Catholic Sixth Form.

Enabling our students to go on to the destination of their choice and one which reflects their gifts and talents, is important to us. All students are supported in completing voluntary work placements which will provide them with the skills and experience to be competitive when applying for further education or employment.

“As a student you are able to get the support you need for anything. They have a great program that helps secure our future.”

Alisha - Sixth Form

SIXTH FORM COMMUNITY

Employers and Universities are looking for students/workers who can contribute above and beyond academic study. Priority will often be given to students who show that they have contributed to their community or taken part in worthwhile activities outside of lessons. Students who give examples of such involvement, are showing ENRICHMENT.



Opportunities for enrichment at SBVI include:

- Retreat
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Voluntary Work
- Charity activities
- Classroom support
- Chaplaincy team
- S.E.N. support
- Theatre Trips
- Young Enterprise
- SVP
- Amnesty International
- Peer mentoring
- Lectures at Birmingham University

Sixth Form Council

(6th Form Charities & Leaders)

The Sixth Form Council meets each month to discuss issues and events. Each tutor group votes for a male and a female representative. The Chair of the Council will ask groups to indicate items for discussion. This is a key forum for your views and opinions to be expressed and heard.

Entertainments Committee

One representative per tutor group. This committee plans and prepares exclusive sixth form entertainment activities.



LEVEL 3 COURSES AND PATHWAYS

The entry requirement for all our A Level courses is five GCSEs 9-4 or Level 2 BTEC Merit Grades, including English and Mathematics GCSE at grade 4 or above. Students achieving this level will embark upon 3 or 4 Advanced Level courses.

Students who reach an acceptable standard in their first-year assessments will progress to Year 13. In exceptional circumstances, an able student may decide, in consultation with staff, to continue with four A Level courses. Alternatively, a student who would find three A Level courses difficult may decide to continue with two A Level

courses and combine it with a relevant work experience placement. It is possible to combine A Level with Level 3 vocational courses.

Failure to reach an appropriate standard at the end of Year 12 will result in the student being advised to repeat Year 12 or continue their educational pathway via other routes.

Retaking GCSE Mathematics and/or English Language is compulsory for all students in our Sixth Form who did not achieve Grade 9-4 in these subjects in Year 11.



“The school community makes me feel safe and supported. All students will talk to each other about subjects and extra-curricular activities.”

Oliwia - Sixth Form

Courses at SBVI are offered at either Level 3 (AS/A2/BTEC), or as a combination of Level 2 core subjects (GCSE Mathematics and English Language) and Level 3 vocational courses.

Our Level 3 courses include:

A LEVELS

Accountancy
Applied Art
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computing
Drama
English Literature
French
History
ICT
Law
Mathematics
Media Studies
PE
Photography
Physics
Psychology
Religious Studies
Spanish

VOCATIONAL

Art and Design
Business Studies
Drama
Engineering
Health & Social Care
ICT
Music Technology
Sports Studies

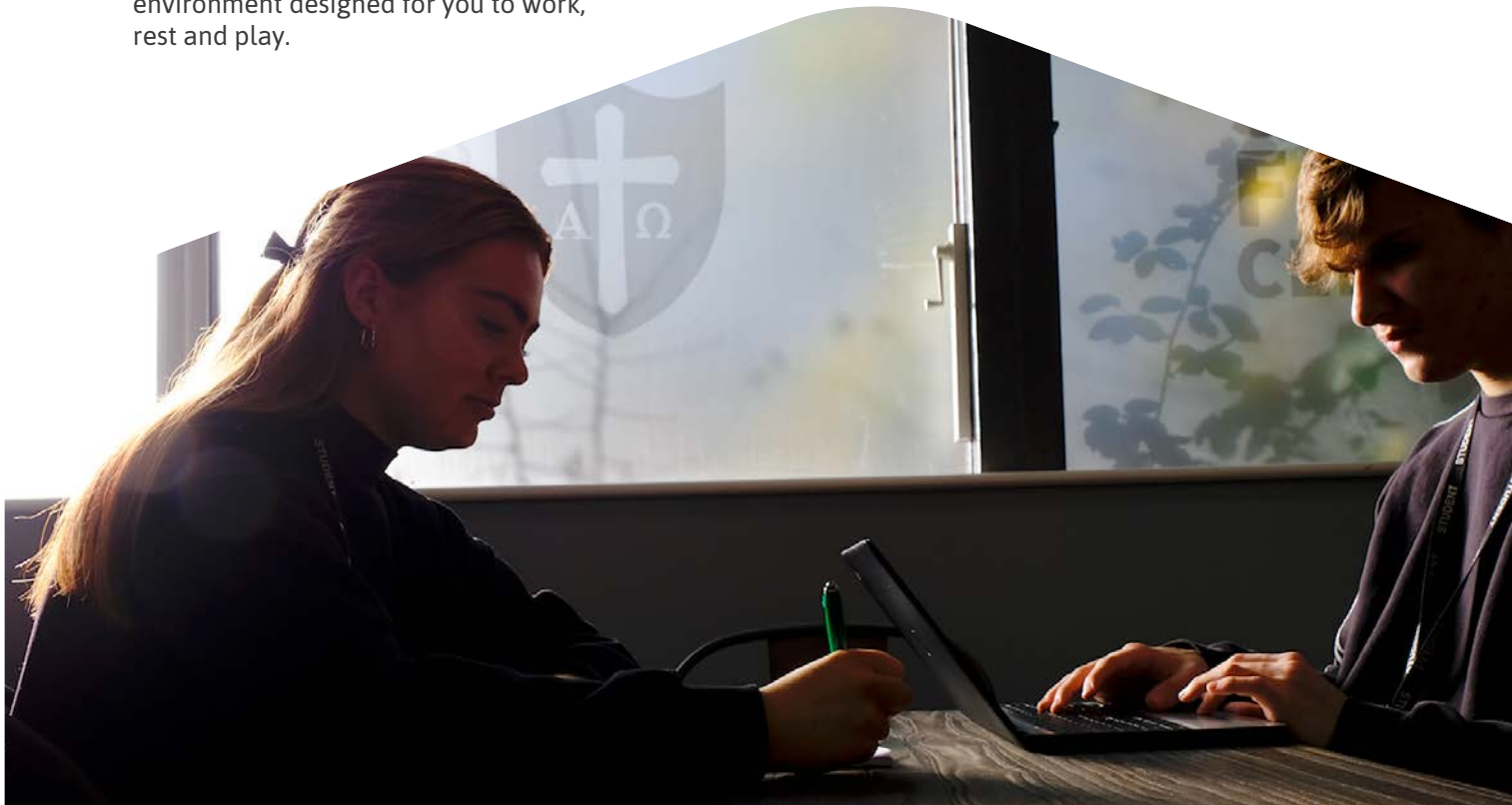


THE SIXTH FORM DAY

We offer all students new facilities for study and relaxation that rival any 6th Form or college in the country.

An area you deserve

Students for many years, have either returned to Stuart Bathurst after their GCSEs or come to us from other schools because of the support they receive and the Sixth Form's long history of success. That support and success is now bolstered by brand new facilities - a smart, technology-rich and professional environment designed for you to work, rest and play.



Study

There is now a designated study area that will accommodate your needs and enable you to achieve the best grades possible.

These include:

- A space to work in silence. Removing yourself from external distractions will enable you to complete independent study tasks, additional reading and revision.
- Space to work collaboratively to complete tasks with fellow students.
- ICT facilities to enable you to complete NEA tasks, research and independent study.



Getting the balance right

We recognise the need to unwind and bond with your fellow sixth formers, so you now have a comfortable environment where you have the space to relax, repartee and reenergise after the hours of hard work. There is a refreshments area, and toilet facilities for the sole use of Sixth Form students.



JOINING STUART BATHURST



We hope that this prospectus has helped you understand a little about life in our Sixth Form. Hopefully, you feel like you could be part of our community.



SIXTH FORM CENTRE

You now need to take the time to discuss your future choices with your parents, existing Post-16 students, a Connexions Advisor and teachers to help you to make the right choices. We want to give you the best opportunities, support and guidance so that you can achieve your ambitions and progress successfully to employment, further training or Higher Education.

Please contact Miss Brookes if you require any further information on SBVI at Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School.

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Good luck in your GCSE and vocational qualifications; they are your passport to a successful future.

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