



St. Anselm's College
Edmund Rice Academy Trust

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS





**Superb facilities to
develop outstanding
young men.**





Welcome to our 6th Form

The 6th Form at St. Anselm's College provides a structured, supportive learning environment that encourages and facilitates academic, cultural, spiritual and personal growth. The atmosphere is friendly and informal, and there are excellent relations between students and teachers. The performance of students in our 6th Form is well above the national average, and in four of the last five years we have been in the top 25% of 6th Forms nationally for value added from GCSE to A Level. (In 2017 and 2018 we were the best in Wirral for value added, and in 2019 the best maintained 6th Form in Merseyside!) Our 6th Form is essentially academic in nature, with some 90% of our leavers going on to Higher Education after the successful completion of their A Level and BTEC courses (see 'Destinations of Last Year's Students' at the back of this Prospectus).

To be this successful involves hard work and the demands on students are considerable. However, the sense of achievement and enjoyment are also significant. A different atmosphere exists in this phase of College life, especially since students have much more choice in the subjects they study and greater autonomy in the organisation of their time. Although some students go into employment or Higher Level Apprenticeships after A Level study, most students see their A Levels as a passport to Higher Education at University, and our students routinely access the best universities and most desirable apprenticeships.

It should also be stressed that it is not only academic study that is important at this level, but also the experiences we offer our boys. Our aim is simple; to nurture intelligent, accomplished, compassionate young men who will become the leaders of the future.



What our students say...

I am incredibly proud to be the Head Boy at St. Anselm's College. It has given me the opportunity to thrive, both academically and as a person. There are so many opportunities for students to get involved here, and I cannot think of a better environment to learn.

Joshua Adesina - Head Boy



Headmaster's Welcome

Dear Student

Thank you for your interest in the 6th Form at St. Anselm's College. We are a high performing 6th Form and our A Level (GCE) results always display significant value added from GCSE. From 2018-2020 we produced the best A Level results of any Boy's 6th Form in Wirral and our post-16 value added is consistently among the best of any Wirral 6th Form. The 2023 figures have not yet been published by the DFE. We offer 25 6th Form courses across the curriculum, so there is something for everyone! Every year Anselmians secure outstanding A Level results, including many A* grades, and progress to leading universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, the Russell Group and medical schools. Some students prefer a vocational route and secure Higher Level apprenticeships with Airbus, Scottish Power or KPMG for example. Our curriculum and teaching are geared to the needs of all 6th Formers. Ofsted judged in 2019 that "Teaching is effective across the academic and vocational courses which students follow."



There is more to 6th Form life than study! We seek to provide outstanding opportunities in sport, music, drama, public speaking, technology, apostolic activities, peer mentoring, the arts, science, culture, outdoor activities and trips and will maintain a broad range of opportunities despite Covid-19! This is an exciting time of your lives and we want you to develop new interests and friendships and enjoy the true breadth of an Anselmian education. In July 2024 our successful Senior Rugby Squad will tour South Africa and in February our Immersion Retreat Group will visit partner schools and projects in Sierra Leone.

The spiritual and apostolic life of the 6th Form is an integral feature of College life. The SVP, Friday Club, Asylum Link, Edmund Rice International, Legion of Mary and Liturgy groups play an important role in 6th Form life and senior students are prominent in our outreach work and fund raising. Current students represented the Edmund Rice Schools at COP 26 in Glasgow in November 2021 and our Edmund Rice Youth Ambassadors will attend the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva in January 2024. In May 2023 Deputy Head Boy Dylan Rumsby met Pope Francis at a Papal Audience in the Vatican as a result of the College's strong connections with the Edmund Rice Schools family in South America.

We expect 6th Formers to act as role models and leaders in our community and we provide them with the opportunities and guidance they require to achieve this. Universities and employers greatly value the "soft skills" that our students develop. Our self-evaluation evidence confirms outstanding satisfaction ratings among Year 13 leavers and their parents. Ofsted agreed in July 2019. "6th Form students benefit from the wide-ranging enrichment activities provided. They are prepared well to succeed, academically and socially, in their next steps."

This is an exciting time to join our 6th Form. The top floor of Outwood House, our 6th Form Centre has been re-developed improving our study and leisure facilities and affording stunning views across to Liverpool. It combines classical 19th century architecture with 21st century learning spaces. Why not join us on this exciting adventure?

I look forward to seeing you at our Open Evening and future events.

Yours sincerely



R S Duggan
Headmaster



Head of 6th Form Welcome

Welcome to St. Anselm's 6th Form! Whether you come to us as a student from Year 11 or are seeking to join us for the first time, I can assure you that your A Levels are safe in our hands. I am really proud of the opportunities on offer to 6th Form students here at St. Anselm's. As a grammar school, academic excellence is important, but we offer so much more than that. We look to educate the WHOLE person, and our mission is to help develop articulate, confident and moral men who will be role models to others.



We do this by an academically rigorous set of subject options and fantastic extra-curricular opportunities. Come here not just for the great teaching and superb facilities but also for the opportunities to meet people outside your comfort zone and experience.

As Head of 6th Form my mission is to help support and develop you to your full potential. Our 6th Form is a family, and we will share each high and set back on your journey to adulthood. What I expect from you is an open, enquiring mind and the willingness to work hard.

Miss Louise Baines
Head of 6th Form

Head of Year Welcome

In the 6th Form your Form groups are a mix of Year 12 and Year 13 students, with the idea being that the Year 13 students help support the Year 12s with their transition. The Year 13 students also help the Year 12s consider their futures. The 6th Form pastoral team, made up of Miss Baines, Mrs Hanlon and I, are here to help you throughout the two years of your 6th Form life. We aim to support you in practical ways and help you settle into what will be a very different style of study. We are the people you can talk to if problems arise and who will help you engage with the 6th Form's Catholic ethos.



Our Personal Development programme focuses on next steps, including progress to higher education and degree sponsored apprenticeships. It will also tackle some of the big issues for 6th Form students outside College, such as mental health and addiction. Your time with your Form groups should be where you feel most at home and we hope you will work with us to make that a reality.

Dr Chris Cooper
Assistant Head of 6th Form

Your Curriculum and Subject Choices

Students progressing to 6th Form study will be offered a challenging and rewarding curriculum. In September 2024, all Year 12 students will study 3 A Levels or the equivalent, including BTECs (some may study 4 A Levels) and additionally they have courses in General Religious Education and enrichment lessons. Some students also choose to complete an EPQ qualification and The Duke of Edinburgh Award up to Gold.

There are many subjects available to choose from and more detailed information about each one is available from subject staff and can be found on our website. We are also able to offer students opportunities to play competitive team sports at a very high standard and all students with a talent for sport are encouraged to continue to develop it. The same also applies to music and 6th Form musicians are key figures in the College bands and music groups. The apostolic life of the 6th Form is well served by the Friday Club, the SVP and The Legion of Mary, as well as Edmund Rice activities including trips to the United Nations in Geneva and joint projects with partner schools in Ireland. In addition, each year an intrepid bunch of students have visited Sierra Leone in West Africa, all excellent examples of what is best about St. Anselm's 6th Form.

The 6th Form Curriculum

In Year 12 you will take:

- 3/4 subjects at A Level
- General RE
- Optional Extended Project
- Personal, Social and Health Education
- Games

In Year 13 you will take:

- 3/4 subjects at A Level
- General RE
- Personal, Social and Health Education
- Optional Games

Entry Qualifications

The 6th Form is open to all students of the College and we also welcome external students annually. The essential factor is that you should benefit from the courses you choose. The College will only accept students into the 6th Form if they have already demonstrated the maturity that is required to cope with the demands of being a 6th Form student here.

In order to qualify for our 6th Form you need to achieve at least 5 good GCSE passes (Grade 5 or above), including English and Maths, and it is anticipated that you will have attained at least Grade 6 at GCSE in subjects to be taken at A Level (some subjects require a Grade 7). Specific subject requirements are found in the individual subject pages.





Why St. Anselm's College 6th Form?

Some answers.....

- ◇ the quality of teaching and learning. "Teaching is effective across the academic and vocational courses which students follow." (Ofsted July 2019).
- ◇ the quality of the curriculum and the opportunities for academic study.
- ◇ the very high transfer rates to Higher Education including Oxford and Cambridge - approximately 50% of our Year 13 Leavers achieve places at Russell Group Universities each year.
- ◇ the supportive, friendly community.
- ◇ the expectations that will be placed upon you. We expect you to work to your full potential.
- ◇ the opportunities for extra-curricular activities such as Sport, Music, Drama, Community Service, foreign trips and exchanges.
- ◇ the many opportunities for student leadership at the College.

If you completed your GCSE studies at St. Anselm's you will benefit from continuity. Your teachers will know you as an individual with your strengths and weaknesses. They will already have a good idea of your potential. A Level courses are relatively short and you need to establish good working relationships with your subject tutors from the outset. If you already have positive working relationships here they will work to your advantage in your A Level studies. Every year some of our boys transfer to other 6th Forms, but some are back before Christmas!

If you are coming to St. Anselm's from elsewhere you will quickly find your place in our friendly and supportive community. Just ask our recent newcomers and they will tell you!

Accommodation: Outwood House

The 6th Form is based in Outwood House, a Grade 2 listed mansion built in the 1860s. This wonderful building has been lovingly restored, making the most of a wealth of original architectural features, whilst at the same time converting it for use as a place of education in the 21st century. It is complete with state of the art technology and the result is stunning. In fact, we are confident that our students enjoy 6th Form accommodation to rival any college in the country!

In Outwood House we have a selection of bespoke subject rooms, a Lecture Theatre, a Chapel, a Library and study area in the Oratory, as well as a kitchen and social areas for student use.

Outside, the extensive gardens provide the opportunities to study in the open air (when the weather permits!). Our 6th Formers have the accommodation they need and deserve and we are confident that this enhances their chances of achieving academic success.





Careers Information and Guidance

Your future starts here, and we offer a comprehensive Careers Advice Programme to support you through the 6th Form and beyond. Our Careers provision was highly praised in our last OFSTED Inspection, and rightly so. All students receive appropriate Careers advice and support for whatever their next stage might be; from tailored interview training for Oxbridge and medical applications, to support and training for medical school tests, to interview practice for Apprenticeships. Our students benefit from in-house talks from experts in their fields, for example in Engineering, Law and the Forces. We seek to equip our boys with the knowledge and skills to go out into the world and be successful.

Students can discuss their option choices with our dedicated Careers Team, including Ms. Kim Dickson (our Career Connect Adviser) or Mr McGowan (Careers Co-ordinator) and University Choices with Dr. Cooper (our Higher Education Expert). We also have a Super Curricular Lead in Mrs Hanlon who can point students in the direction of additional opportunities and experiences.

Guidance is also available during Parents Evenings and Options Evenings.

Impartial and up-to-date information regarding Post-16 and Further Education, Apprenticeships (Level 3 to Level 7), Specialist College and University prospectuses can be found in the dedicated Careers Library and in Outwood House Library. Appointments for face-to-face interviews are scheduled for each student as they approach important stages in their development, but these can be made at the student's or parent's request at any time.

Entry requirements for University courses and Apprenticeships vary. We support our boys to determine and access the future steps that are right for them, and our outcomes are outstanding; particularly in the developing sphere of Degree Sponsored Apprenticeships. We encourage students to use the Careers and Resource Library, and also access the careers information and programmes on the College network.

Information is also available on the Career Connect website which has links to other useful sites – www.careerconnect.org.uk





Extra-Curricular and Social Opportunities

You don't just develop academically from age 16 to 18. In our 6th Form we offer a range of opportunities which will allow you to develop fully as a person. You will learn more about the world and other people as well as developing new skills which will help you throughout your life. You will have opportunities to take the initiative and lead, as well as developing important teamwork skills. We hope and, indeed, expect you to contribute to the organisation and running of a number of activities. There are all manner of extra-curricular opportunities available, including music, drama and sport, as well as public speaking, helping refugees learn English and charitable fund raising. St. Anselm's College 6th Form is particularly renowned for its apostolic activities such as the SVP, The Friday Club and the Sierra Leone Retreat. You don't have to join in the action, but you will be missing out if you don't!

Being a Prefect

We expect all members of the 6th Form community to set a good example to junior pupils. The role of prefect and, in particular, the work of the Executive and Senior Teams offer excellent opportunities to develop and demonstrate leadership qualities. Such skills are highly valued by potential employers because they are quite rare in 18 year olds!

Peer Mentor, Anti Bullying and Mental Health Support Teams

Our students can volunteer to receive training in a range of areas in order to offer some support to their peers. As a Peer Mentor, Mental Health Supporter or Anti Bullying Ambassador you will also be given the opportunity of helping to support younger members of the community through training, helping develop a range of communication skills in the process.

Why become involved in extra-curricular activities?

Simply because they make you a more rounded individual! Whilst staff will support you in these activities, we will expect you to take a leading part in initiating new ventures and carrying them out. The qualities you develop in this way will help you grow and give clear indicators of what sort of a person you are to universities and potential employers.

How do I apply? 6th Form Application Schedule

Current Students: Welcome to the Open Evening.

Enjoy a Taster Day with A Level lessons in your chosen subjects in January.

Complete the Options Form - you don't need to complete an application form.

Be interviewed by the 6th Form Team.

External Applicants: Welcome to our Open Evening.

Complete an external application form which can be downloaded from the College website

www.st-anselms.com

You will then be invited to interview early in the Summer Term.



Destinations of students 2022/23

University of Cambridge
University of Oxford
University College, London
University of Liverpool
University of Sheffield
University of St. Andrews
University of York
Bangor University
BIMM Institute
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Coventry University
De Montfort University
Edge Hill University
Glyndwr University
Hartpury University
Lake Erie College, Ohio
Lancaster University
Leeds Beckett University
Liverpool Hope
LJMU
Loughborough University
Northumbria University
Nottingham Trent University
Queen Mary University of London
Swansea University
University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cardiff
University of Central Lancashire
University of Chester
University of Durham
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Huddersfield
University of Keele
University of Lancaster
University of Leeds
University of Leicester
University of Manchester
University of Newcastle
University of Portsmouth
University of Reading
University of Salford
University of Strathclyde
University of Surrey
University of Warwick
Apprenticeship
ATPL Flight School
Employment
Gap Year



St. Anselm's College 16-19 Bursary Scheme

**Financial support for
your Sixth Form studies**



- ☒ Are you in receipt of Free School Meals?
- ☒ Is your household income less than £24,000?
- ☒ Are you Looked After, a Care Leaver or in receipt of benefits in your own right?

If any of these apply to you, you will be eligible to apply for financial support in the Sixth Form.

Please contact Brian Morgan (Director of Finance) in confidence on 0151-651-3576 for further information.

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'Students' personal development and work-experience curriculum is a strength. Students enjoy and benefit from a series of activities.' Ofsted 2019.

