

THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

APPLYING TO OUR SIXTH FORM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many subjects can I study?

You can study three subjects. Studying four subjects could be considered with approval of the head of Sixth Form.

Where can I find the requirements to study the subjects on offer?

The subjects are all listed in the course booklet available on our website.

What is the EPQ?

In addition to three or four A level subjects, we offer the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) to all students. The EPQ enables students to embark on an individualised project that will help gain entry to university. The EPQ provides students with the skills and knowledge required for undergraduate study.

Am I allowed out of school between lessons?

You are allowed to leave the academy if you do not have a lesson or a study period.

Do I have to wear uniform?

We have a dress code that students are expected to adhere to. Boys wear an academy Sixth Form tie.

Academy day

The day starts at 8.40am with registration when you meet your tutor. There are three 100-minute lessons. We have a two-week timetable and over the two weeks you have five lessons for each subject. You will also have ten timetabled study lessons over the two weeks. These are compulsory and a register is taken. There are two study rooms each

with a dedicated study supervisor. You will have a number of free periods during which you can leave the academy.

Breaktime is 20 minutes starting at 11am and lunchtime at 1pm for 40 minutes. There is a canteen in the Sixth Form block for use of Sixth Formers.

What happens about Sixth Form enrolment?

On GCSE results day we ask that all students come into the academy to get their results. If you have the grades to study the subjects you have chosen then teachers will be on hand to enrol you. If you don't have the grades to study those subjects then there will be teachers available to discuss alternative subjects and if need be arrangements.

Should I have a back-up plan?

We advise students to think very carefully about the subjects they want to take and to think about second choice subjects. It may be appropriate for some students to apply to other institutions.