



BYRON
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Sixth Form Prospectus 24/25



Welcome

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On behalf of everyone at Byron Sixth Form College, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you.

Our aim has always been to provide a challenging and engaging environment in which students are equipped with the tools to enable them to achieve their potential. Our drive for excellence is evident year on year with our fantastic academic and vocational results.

As a Catholic sixth form we live by our core values of 'faith, excellence and determination' in all that we do. We are a fully inclusive sixth form, welcoming students of all faiths and of no faith to be part of our family.

Byron students are unique in that they have their own identity whilst also benefitting from being part of the wider St Bede's family. Byron is an exceptional sixth form, offering students a high level of support as they meet the demands placed on them by post-16 study. Our dedicated pastoral team are proud of the young people they work with and encourage them to have faith in themselves and strive for excellence in all that they do.

Students take their next steps from sixth form feeling determined, resilient and well prepared, with the knowledge and confidence to make informed future choices in the wider world.

We take pride in the range of academic, vocational and technical qualifications offered, allowing students to follow different combinations, resulting in greater choice at post-18.



Mrs F. Cessford, Headteacher

Our Mission

At Byron Sixth Form College we are committed to inspire and develop all members of our community on a journey through faith and learning.

Our sixth form motto 'with the Lord's help', underpinned by our core values: faith, excellence and determination, is at the heart of everything we do to ensure that every student fulfils their potential.

We encourage our students to strive to achieve excellence and support their determination to overcome challenges, through tolerance, mutual respect and consideration for others

**Join!
us!**



Enrichment is an essential element to help our students to be future ready for their next stage in life.

Our enrichment programme includes PSHE and preparation for life after Sixth Form including applications to university, careers, apprenticeships and degree-apprenticeships. We work closely alongside university partners and employers to ensure bespoke and meaningful encounters for our students.

Students prepare to thrive in the wider world through volunteering and enrichment activities. From sports to paired reading, crochet to debating: there's something at Byron Sixth Form to engage everyone.

Students benefit from a range of opportunities to develop their academic passions through universities. Our students are often selected to participate in prestigious national programmes including OxNet and The Sutton Trust's Pathways to Medicine.

Sixth Form is not just about the academic achievement; finding your passion is equally important.



1. Wide choice of quality, widely recognised courses - You are able to choose from a number of different high quality, widely recognised academic, vocational and technical qualifications. Due to the flexible approach to our curriculum, you are able to combine the qualification types to create your own personal programme of study.

2. Suitable progression - The subjects we offer at sixth form are carefully selected taking into account both subjects you have previously enjoyed studying and the range of quality qualifications that will lead to suitable routes for progression. The aim is to ensure that you have the necessary qualification for successful entry into university, further education, advanced modern apprenticeships or employment, depending on your preference.

3. Teaching staff & sixth form students - Many of our sixth formers comment on the need for individual support and individual tuition from teaching staff. You will flourish in our classes, which are smaller than other leading colleges, and you will receive plentiful personal help with your studies. Subject teachers monitor all their students on a weekly basis, ensuring that we identify concerns you may have, allowing us to respond immediately.

4. Modular assessment - At the start of Year 12 each student is allocated a target grade for every subject they study based on their previous attainment in Year 11. Ten weekly modular assessment take place, giving you and your parents/carers, the opportunity to receive regular updates on the progress you have made throughout the year.

5. Pastoral care - A strong feature of our sixth form provision is the pastoral care you will receive. Tutor groups stay together throughout the 2 years to allow team dynamics to develop providing a strong support network around you. The tutor/student relationship will evolve over the course of your time with us, providing you with a professional referee who has a good knowledge of your skills and strengths to enable them to support you in your career options.

6. Enrichment activities - You will have a range of enrichment options. Typical types of activity are: community placement; buddy system; sport; paired reading; peer mentoring; work experience; enterprise activities; student council; charity fundraising; music. If you would like to take part in an activity that we do not currently offer support is available to develop and run a new enrichment activity.

7. Private & independent study - This gives students the opportunity to start homework or complete directed study time tasks in school using the sixth form facilities. We have a large, modern ICT suite dedicated to sixth form students.

8. Post-18 careers advice - We want all our sixth form students to be aware of the choice of opportunity your qualifications will give them. We actively encourage you to think about what careers options that you would like to explore, keeping your choices as wide as possible. As a result every student will get the chance to visit local universities, receive one to one independent career advice and have opportunities to experience real working environments.

At Byron Sixth Form, we pride ourselves on supporting students to outstanding destinations.

Our students go into the world keen to make a difference, as reflected in a strong propensity towards studying medicine, nursing, midwifery and primary education. Our students have a phenomenal track-record in applying to top universities with students in the last few years attending The University of Oxford, Durham University, University of St Andrews, University of Sheffield, Newcastle University, University of York and University of Leeds.

As well as this, a number of our students have graduated to exceptional apprenticeships including at Accenture, dental nursing and an accelerated degree in occupational therapy.

Admissions Criteria

All students are considered on their individual merit and situation, the general admissions criteria is a guide to support your choices.

Students will be offered a place at Byron Sixth Form on the proviso that they meet the following criteria: -

At least five grades at 4+, including mathematics and English language – a minimum of a Grade 5 at GCSE in the subject they want to study (a grade 6 or higher at GCSE will be required for science and mathematics).



Our support

The support of a school; the independence of being a young adult.

Byron Sixth Form is the perfect balance of support and independence. You'll be treated as a young adult, able to manage your own time within the school day, wear your own clothes and work towards your goals.

Students at Byron Sixth Form College are encouraged to work together to make our community better. Our Sixth Form Committee structure allows students to have a voice in the issues that matter to them. Students are lead by a group of senior students each representing one of the school's core values: Faith, Responsibility, Excellence, Determination, Citizenship and Respect.



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Choosing the right course at sixth form is very important. Obviously, it is very important that you choose a programme of study which is suited to your own individual aspirations, we are aware that this is not always as easy as it seems.

Step 1

- What are your predicted GCSE grades?
- Which subjects do I really enjoy?
- Where will these subjects lead to?

Step 2

- Consider your interests (there is a lot to be said for doing something you enjoy)
- Consider your strengths and weaknesses (how do you learn best)
- See individual subject pages for detail on assessment and course content.

Step 3

- What qualifications do you need for career options?
- What qualifications do you need for college or university courses?
- It is vital that you research as thoroughly as possible the entry requirements for your chosen or possible career path.

Step 4

- Make sure you take up all the advice and help offered by school over the coming months.

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Excellence
Determination*

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