



The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

How to Apply and Making Choices

Thank you for visiting our Virtual Open Evening Resources.

‘How to apply and Making choices’ helps explain the application process, contains general advice on making choices and explains what support is available as Year 11 transition into the Sixth Form.

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In the absence of our face to face Open Evening, we hope to hold an ‘Ask the Expert’ event in the near future where you can ask subject specific questions to subject specialists. In the meantime, please view the ‘subjects’ pages at mcauleysixthform.org.uk where you will find specific course information, entry requirements and lots more. You may also contact teachers direct or email sixthform@mcauley.org.uk

Distinctive and exceptional pastoral care and support for students from all social, academic and religious backgrounds.

- An adult learning environment
- 1:1 mentoring
- Exam results consistently amongst the very best in Doncaster and the wider region
- Over 30 Level 3 subjects and a Level 2 Foundation Year Course
- Outstanding 'pathways' advice and guidance
- A massive range of extra-curricular opportunities including Work Experience
- Fantastic Arts Provision
- Growing numbers and an expanding curriculum
- Ambitious future plans



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Mr Shenton, Head of Sixth Form.



The McAuley 'Sixth Form Graduate'

Why we do what we do.....

..... an extract from the the online prospectus

mcauleysixthform.org.uk/welcome

*We pride ourselves on **exemplary pastoral care**. You will be **treated as an adult** and flourish as a confident, independent person in your own right. This is your **Time to Shine** and you have **an opportunity to leave us having the qualifications and personal qualities needed to lead and succeed in whatever field is right for you.***

Subjects offered



'The success of the McAuley Sixth Form is sustained in part by reviewing and adapting the curriculum offer to respond to the needs and interests of its learners'



What makes the McAuley Sixth Form special? Pathways to success – whatever your starting point

All students have a route to their next steps in education, employment or training, whatever their GCSE starting point.

Recommended Key Stage 5 pathways for students depend on GCSE grades, preferred learning styles, interests and career ambitions. These are discussed in 1:1 consultations whether you are from McAuley or applying from another school.

**Minimum entry requirements for Level 3
(A levels) are 5 GCSEs at Level 4 or above including both Maths
and English.**

Subject specific requirements apply in many subjects.

Visit the online prospectus mcauleysixthform.org.uk for more details.

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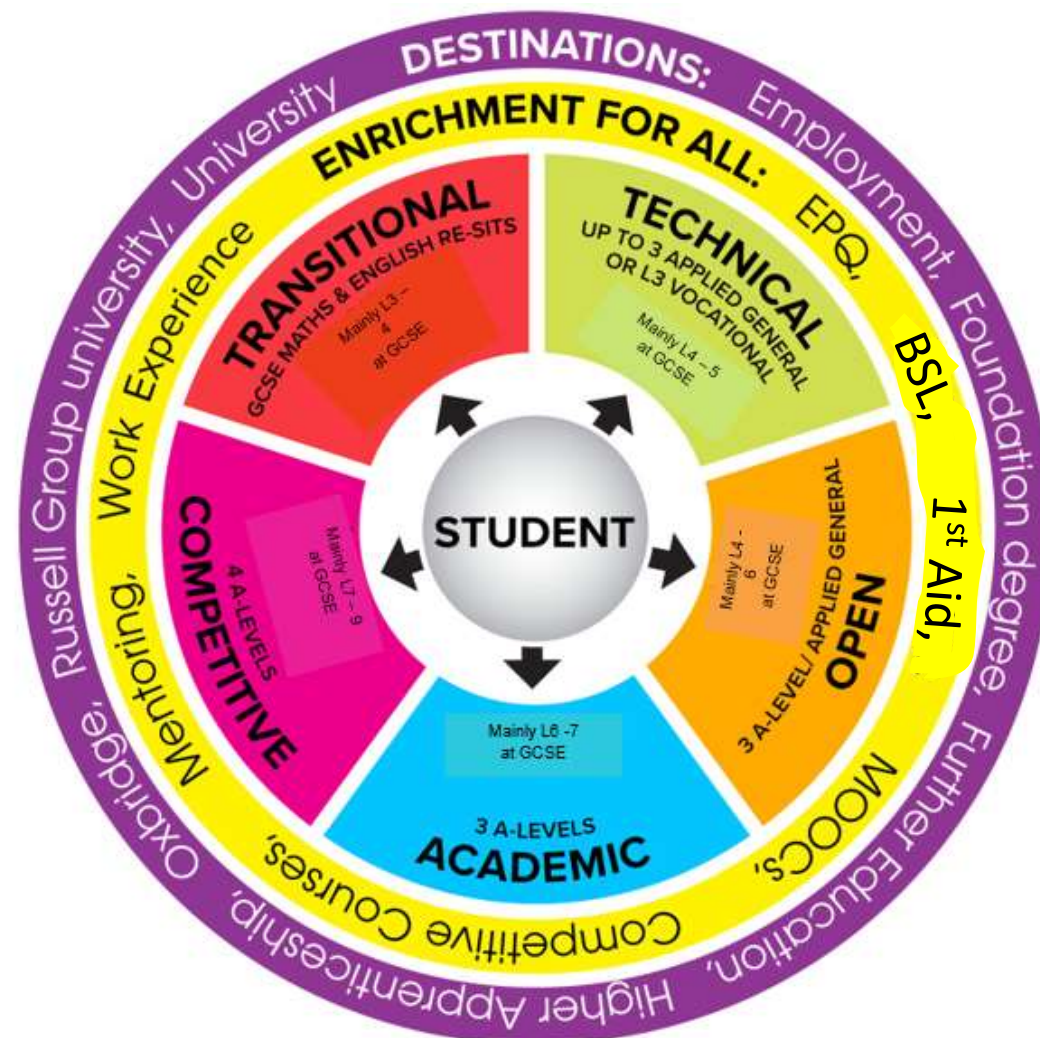
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Proposed new courses for September 2021+

- A successful Sixth Form evolves and diversifies its curriculum in response to the needs and interests of its students.
- In recent years, we have listened to Year 11 and introduced a number of very popular and successful courses including; Digital Games Design, Criminology, Applied Science, Digital iMedia, Applied Law, Child's Play Learning & Development, and Applied Psychology
- For September 2022, we are offering Dance and reintroducing Music.
- Due to popular demand, we may expand existing subjects, Geography and Chemistry, to two classes in Year 12.

The new courses and classes will only run if;

- **Student uptake makes the course viable and students opting for them meet the entry requirements**



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Top five in YOUR Sixth Form

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Listening to Year 11 The 'Top 5' survey

Students were invited to tell us what they want in their Sixth Form through a 'Top 5' survey.

*We are here to meet their needs...
...and we act on them!*



What makes the McAuley Sixth Form special? A massive choice of Level 3 and a Level 2 Foundation Year

Over 30 Level 3 (A level and vocational equivalents) courses and a Level 2 Foundation Year. It is important that you do your research!

Check that your SAR predicted grades are close to, match or exceed the entry requirements
Visit mcauleysixthform.org.uk for all course information and entry requirements

Welcome Results Destinations **Subjects** Apply Enrichment Contact **SEARCH**

*Dance	Digital Media	Mathematics
Applied Law	Drama and Theatre Studies	Music
Applied Psychology	Economics	Other Languages Qualifications
Applied Science	English Language	Performing Arts
Art	English Literature	Philosophy and Ethics
Biology	Film Studies	Photography
BTEC Sport	French	Physics
Business Studies	Further Mathematics	Production Arts
Chemistry	Geography	Psychology
Children's Play, Learning and Development	Government and Politics	Sociology
Core Maths (1 year AS only)	Health & Social Care	Spanish
Criminology	History	Technology (Product Design)
Digital Games Development	Level 2 Foundation Year program (one year programme)	Tourism



Level 2 Foundation Year

- This is a one year full time course.
- The program is typically suitable for students who are yet to pass GCSE Maths and/or English and would benefit from developing employability skills.
- The program is bespoke to the needs of the individual and supports students to achieve a Level 2 qualification in English and Maths in addition to two level 2 Asdan qualifications. All students undertake an enrichment programme, including First Aid, British Sign Language and workshops with Doncaster Chamber.
- Each week, students have 4 days in school studying academic qualifications and 1 day on a work experience placement either in or outside of school.
- Students mainly progress to apprenticeships within or at the end of the year. Some progress onto an A level program.



New courses in the Sixth Form

The Sixth Form curriculum includes subjects that students haven't studied before.

They are listed below and well worth a look! [Research the subject information](#) on the Sixth Form prospectus and [think carefully about questions](#) you would like to ask at the next 'Ask an expert' event.

A-Level Economics

L3 Diploma in Criminology

A-Level Sociology

A-Level Psychology

A-Level Film Studies

Btec L3 Digital Media

L3 Extended Certificate in Applied Science

Applied Psychology

A-Level Further Maths

A-Level Government and Politics

L3 Diploma in Tourism

Core Maths (AS level only- 1 year)

Dance

Applied Law

Digital Games Development

Child's Play, Learning & Development



Other subjects we offer

Students can 'opt in' to the additional qualifications below. Students sign up for these once they have enrolled in September.

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- A modern foreign language in the student's native tongue
 - eg Polish, Turkish, Urdu, Russian, Portugese

Many certificated extra – curricular opportunities include:

- Emergency First Aid, Introduction to British Sign Language, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Young Enterprise, CAFOD ambassadors, Doncaster Youth Council, Holocaust Foundation Ambassadors and many more....

What is the difference between vocational courses and A levels?

- Broadly speaking, vocational qualifications start to prepare a learner for a specific career, whereas A levels aim to give you a solid academic grounding in a given subject.
- Vocational courses are academically challenging.
- Vocational courses are assessed through a combination of coursework and exam and can be complimented by undertaking work experience, whereas A levels are much more classroom-based and tend to be assessed largely via final exams.

The above considerations highlight important distinctions between these two different types of courses. It is important that an individual student takes the time to **self-evaluate** and consider what is their preferred learning style, method of assessment and what subjects interest and motivate them.

‘Be informed, make the right choices for you, enjoy your studies’

The differences in approaches to teaching and assessment:

Questions for a student to ask as part of self-reflection

- Are you happy learning about new topics as abstract concepts, or do you find them easier to get your head around if you have hands-on examples and experiences? A levels tend to be more abstract and vocational learning courses more hands-on.
- What types of assessment do you do best in? If you score much more highly in coursework than exams, a vocational course may suit you better. If you get your highest marks in exams, A levels are a good bet.
- What working style would you find easier to stick to – working continuously over a two-year period (as you'll have to do if studying a vocational course) or having peaks and troughs depending on whether or not it's exam time (as is the case with A levels)?

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**THERE IS NOT
ONE PATH.
THERE IS NOT
EVEN THE
RIGHT PATH.
THERE IS ONLY
YOUR PATH.**

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Making Your Subject Choices



- Carefully research subjects. View the 'subjects' pages at mcauleysixthform.org.uk, ask teachers and friends in the sixth form, email the sixth form team at sixthform@mcauley.org.uk
- If you have an interest in university then research university undergraduate courses and their entry requirements at ucas.com Make sure the subjects you choose at A level are appropriate. Contact the sixth form team if you need more advice. Try reading [Informed Choices](#) – a Russell Group guide to making decisions about post-16 education
- If you don't have any careers ideas at this stage then DO NOT WORRY - most students don't at this stage! Choose subjects you really enjoy and/or naturally good at.
- If you change your mind about your subject choices after the 13th February deadline then let us know by email. We will try to accommodate your requests.
- Bridging work will be set for the summer holidays. This will help you decide if you like the subject or not as well as help you prepare for September.
- We are as flexible as possible. You can make changes to your subjects up to the end of September, Year 12.



Helping you make your choices and GCSE to Post-16 Transition





1:1 Guidance Meetings

“All pupils have a 1:1 guidance meeting. We spend a lot of time carefully listening to each individual’s ideas, aspirations and needs. This personal attention to detail ensures that pupils are best prepared for success on programs of study that are accessible, stimulating and help them progress to their chosen pathways.”

- ALL McAuley Year 11 pupils will meet with a member of the Sixth Form or Senior Team.
- All are experienced in advising about next steps
- Each Sixth Form or Senior Leader will be assigned a specific form group.
- Meetings are between staff and student and take place face to face in school.
- The process is VERY time consuming (240+ meetings!) but extremely worthwhile.
- Year 11 are always a pleasure to chat with. Most have great aspirations and are realistic about their next steps. It is always very helpful if pupils have done some research



1:1 Guidance Meeting Aims

- ✓ Find out whether pupils have thought about their post-16 plan!
- ✓ Opportunities for pupils to 'bounce' their ideas and ask questions
- ✓ Ensure that plans are realistic eg cross reference SAR predictions against entry requirements
- ✓ Provide advice appropriate to individual needs and longer term interests eg relevance of subjects for university applications
- ✓ Signpost where to go for information about other post 16 options eg apprenticeships, colleges, employment, sixth forms, UTCs etc
- ✓ Referrals to other experts as necessary eg pupils with no idea about their next steps are referred to Careers for follow up meetings.
- ✓ Reassure pupils that they will be ready to move on and are every bit good enough to succeed and be happy!



'Preparation for Success'

Helping Year 11 transition into the McAuley Sixth Form and other information sharing events

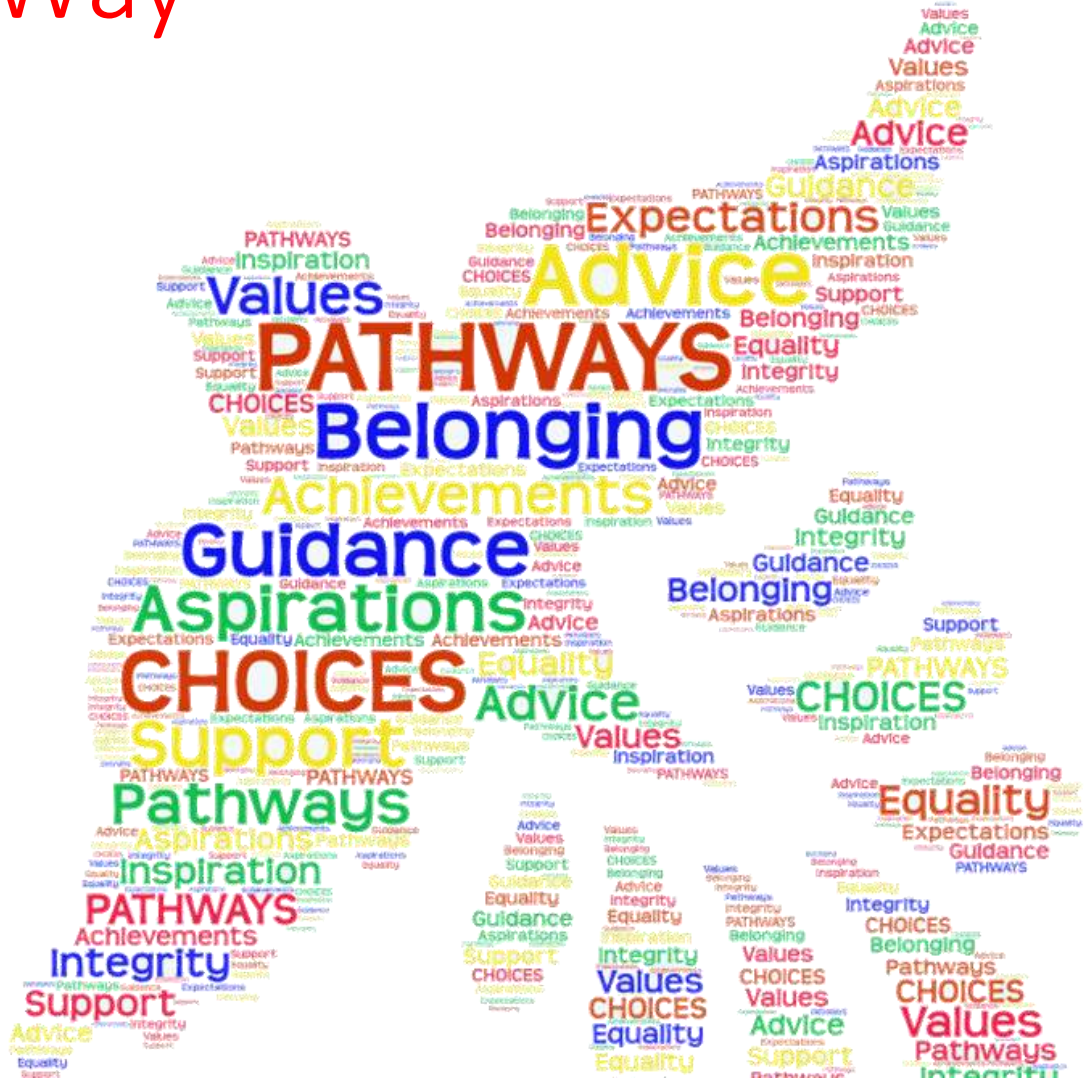
- 'Ask an Expert' subject Q&A forum online via schoolcloud – date tbc
- Y11 form group tours of the Sixth Form – December - January
- 'Coffee Corner' informal Q&A drop ins – half termly in school or online
- Online prospectus mcauleysixthform.org.uk – information available all year
- 1:1 consultations with SLT and Sixth Form Team – December – February
- Careers meetings with Mrs Hepworth – by appointment throughout Y11
- 'Step into Sixth Form' Taster week – June 2022
- FREE adventure day out for all applicants – July 2022
- 'Bridging Work' inc subject and skills based tasks – June – August 2022
- 1:1 Enrolment Meeting – GCSE results days August 25th and 26th 2022
- Induction week including FREE trip – Sept 2022
- Y12 Parents Settling in 'Zoom' Meeting – September 2022

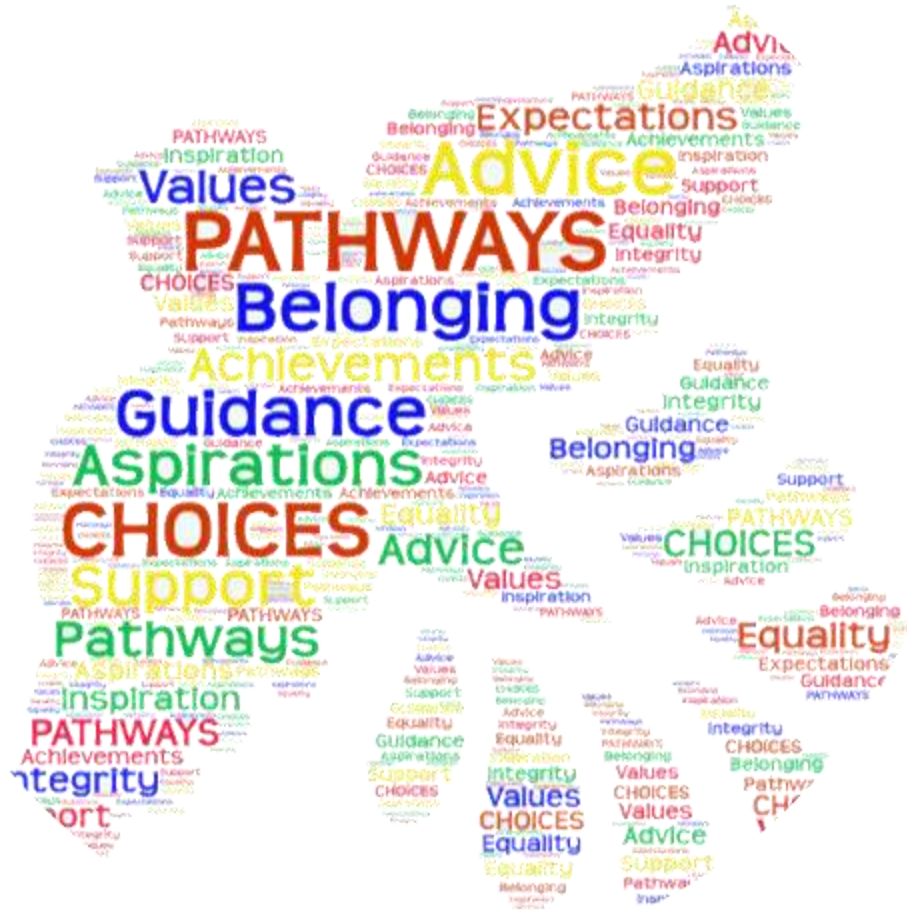
Pathways...The McAuley Way

Mrs Hepworth, Careers Lead

Emails

- Check your school emails regularly
- Email mhepworth@mcauley.org.uk to arrange a careers meeting and to explore all your Post 16 options
- Online events – sent via email, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter





Independent Advice and Guidance

Please remember that all the advice and guidance given is there to help you to explore all your options.

Your careers appointment is in addition to your Sixth Form 1:1 guidance meeting with myself or a member of the Sixth Form or Senior Leadership Team.



Sixth Form Applications Roadmap



THE **McAuley**
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
sixth form prospectus

[Welcome](#) [Results](#) [Destinations](#) [Subjects](#) **[Apply](#)** [Enrichment](#) [Contact](#)

Search...

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Applications Timeline

FRI 15 - WED 20 OCTOBER 2021

Y11 'Top 5' survey to be completed in registration time.

MON 18 OCTOBER 2021

Sixth Form Online prospectus goes live.

WED 1 DECEMBER 2021

Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening. Link to resources made available via social media platforms and schoolcomms. Live Q&A session via TEAMS at 6pm

MON 6 DECEMBER 2021

Applications window opens. at 6pm.

DECEMBER 2021 - FEBRUARY 11 2022

1:1 consultations with members of the Senior Leadership and Sixth Form teams for all Y11 McAuley students.

subjects

There are a wide range of subjects on offer at McAuley, for full details choose a subject below...

Choose a subject

apply online

MCAULEY STUDENTS

STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

- » [Entry Requirements](#)
- » [Applications Timeline](#)
- » [Application FAQs](#)
- » [Important Documents](#)



Sixth Form Applications Roadmap

MON 7 - FRI 11 FEBRUARY 2022

1:1 consultations with Y11 applicants from other schools.

SUN 13 FEBRUARY 2022

Applications deadline.

FRI 25 MARCH 2022

'Early Enrolment' and 'Conditional' offers made based on SAR 2 expected grades.

FRI 13 MAY 2022

New round of 'Early Enrolment' offers sent based on SAR3

MON 13 JUNE 2022

Launch event - 'Preparation for Success' bridging work inc applications/enrolment update and information about Taster Week via TEAMs

MON 4- TUE 5 JULY 2022

Taster Lessons*. All applicants invited to sign up. (*Subject to restrictions being lifted)

WED 6 JULY 2022

Early Enrolment Day + tours of whole school for applicants from other schools + LAMA/enrichment session for those applying for 4 A levels

THU 7- FRI 8 JULY 2022

FREE Adventure Day Out* (Kingswood tbc) for those who attended taster lessons (Subject to restrictions being lifted).

The applications window is just one part of a longer term process.

Changes can still be made after the deadline – including in September - we will accommodate changes wherever we can. At this stage we need an idea of students' most likely choices. This enables us to plan.



Preparation for Sixth Form

Bridging work





What is bridging work?

- To support students to make the transition from GCSE onto the A Level/BTEC programmes of study, departments have set out a range of activities that must be completed over the summer holidays in preparation for September.
- The aim of these tasks is for students to demonstrate independence, initiative and a general understanding of the A Level subjects they will be studying.
- The aims are for you to understand if you like the course and for you to be ready to start learning at post-16 level.
- Prizes are available for 'exemplary' work – over £800 of vouchers awarded last year!



Why do bridging work?

You can test the subject – do you like it?

Bridging work should help you decide whether the subject is for you; we would rather you studied courses that interest you and you are ready to study.

You are going to be spending two years studying this subject for over ten hours a week so you need to be sure!

You can see whether the difficulty of this subject is right for you



- All Year 11s students who wish to gain a place in our Sixth Form will need to complete the Bridging Work.
- The Bridging Work should be handed to the subject teachers on your first timetabled A-level lesson in September.
- Bridging Work will be assessed by your teachers. You are expected to 'Pass' to continue on the course.
- Prizes will be given to those submitting 'exemplary' work. Over £800 of vouchers were awarded to the current Y12 cohort!!



Completing bridging work demonstrates
your commitment and it is your
opportunity to impress us.



How to apply





What makes the McAuley Sixth Form special? A simple application process

- Applications can be made from 6pm on Monday 6th December 2021.
- Current McAuley Year 11 pupils apply via MOODLE.
 - ✓ Make up to four preferred subject choices; one in each block 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - ✓ You may select a 'reserve' subject in each block
 - ✓ There is space to tell us if there are any 'clashes'
 - ✓ You can make changes on MOODLE anytime up to the deadline
- Applicants from other schools apply via the online prospectus
 - ✓ Make up to four preferred subject choices and up to two reserves
- Deadline 13th February 2021. Late applications will be considered
- We aim to accommodate any changes you wish to make after the deadline



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A simple application process

Taking last year's options as an example:

- Subjects in each block are timetabled to take place at the same time
- This means that students can only take one subject in any one block
- Some subjects appear in more than one block
- There are a huge number of possible combinations of subjects!
- There is a 'block 5' that includes Core Maths and heritage languages

Block 1 2022 leavers		Block 2 2022 leavers		Block 3 2022 leavers		Block 4 2022 leavers	
Applied Law		Applied Psychology		Applied Science		Biology	
Criminology		Art		Chemistry		Business Studies	
Drama		Biology		Digital Media		Child Development	
English Language		Business Studies		Economics		English Literature	
Film Studies		Criminology		English Language		Further Maths	
Geography		Digital Games Dev ^t		History		Performing Arts	
Health & Social		French		Mathematics		Philosophy & Ethics	
Mathematics		Government & Politics		Sociology		Photography	
Physics		Health & Social		Technology		Physical Education	
		Mathematics		Spanish		Psychology	
		Physics				Tourism	



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A simple application process

Taking last year's options as an example:

- On the application form, you can select one preferred subject and one reserve subject in each block
- Most students apply for 4 subjects then 'drop' one in September. Some apply for 3 subjects from the outset.
- If there is a 'clash' (two subjects that you want to choose but they are in the same block) then there is a space in the application form to tell us.

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A simple application process

Taking last year's options as an example:

- The options in each block for September 2022 entry will be confirmed before applications go live at 6pm Mon 6 December.
- Applicants to the Level 2 Foundation Year select 'Level 2 Foundation Year' in each block.
- If you wish to apply for 3 subjects then select 'no subject chosen in this block' from the drop down list

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McAuley students

This page will help you find out how to apply for a place in the McAuley Catholic High School Sixth Form.

Current McAuley Applicants

Current McAuley students can apply via the online Moodle platform from Thursday 2 December 2021. Instructions below.

1. Click on the **Moodle link** on the school website.
2. Login using your email username and password.
3. Click on the 'Year 12 Applications for 2022 entry' link on the left hand side of the page.
4. Once you have read the welcome and other content on the page, scroll down and click on 'Application Form' link
5. You can return to this page and make changes at any time before the **February 13 2022 deadline**.

If you have any queries about the applications process then please email sixthform@mcauley.org.uk or contact the Sixth Form Office on 01302 537396 ext 161.

The deadline for applications is **13 February 2022**.

How to apply McAuley students

This is the number that
starts with 00....

You can make changes up to
the 13th February deadline

Changes after the deadline
can only be made by contacting
sixthform@mcauley.org.uk



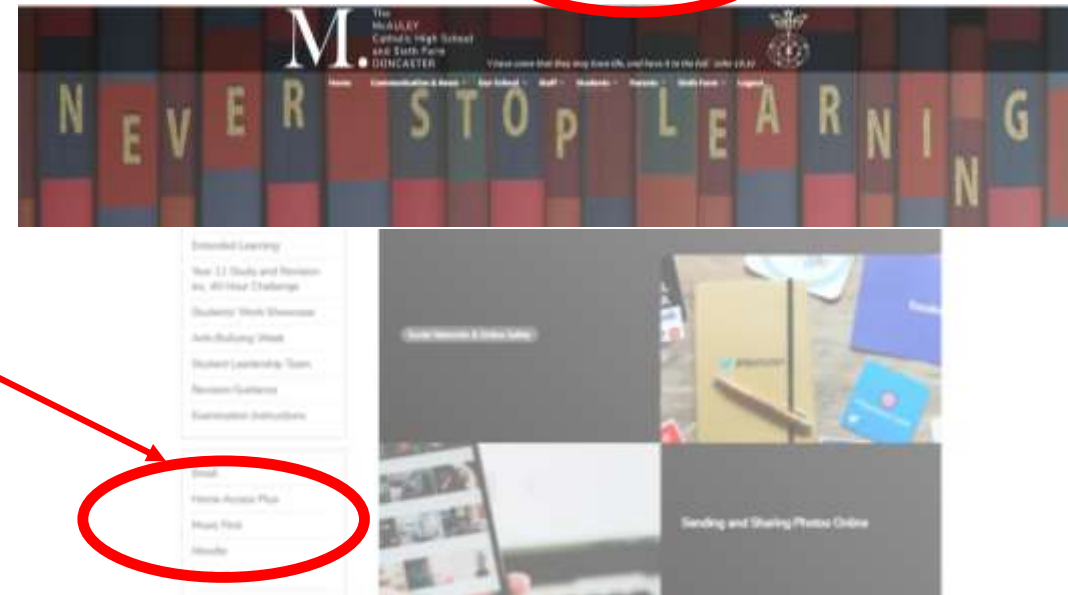
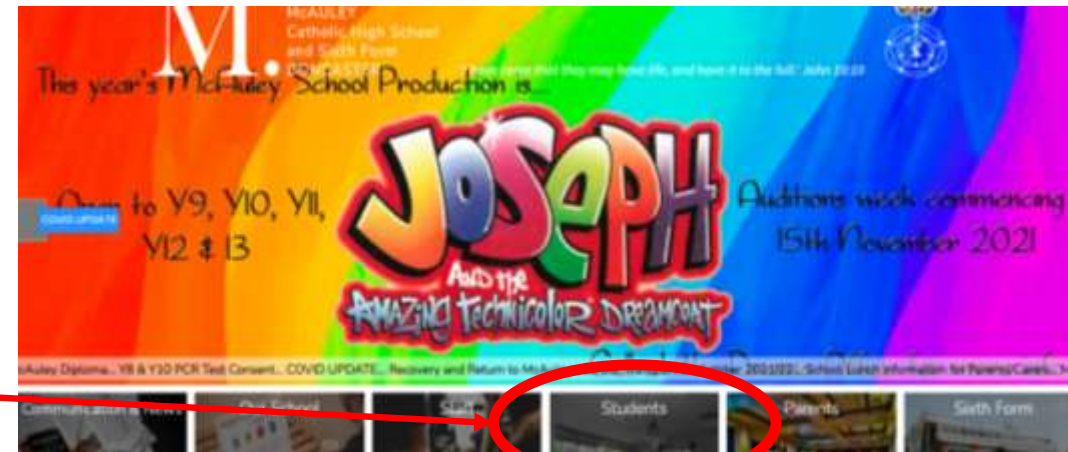
A simple application process McAuley Year 11 pupils - MOODLE

1. Click on 'students' via the school website

www.mcauley.org.uk

2. Log into MOODLE with your 6 digit code and password

3. Click on **Year 12 Applications for 2022 Entry**
Follow the instructions
make your selections
make a note of any clashes
click 'submit' when you've finished - **DONE!**



All current Year 11 McAuley applicants will apply via the Moodle platform from **6pm on Mon 6th December 2021**.
Instructions available via the 'How to Apply' section of the online prospectus at mcauleysixthform.org.uk and via assembly
Deadline for applications **13th February 2021**

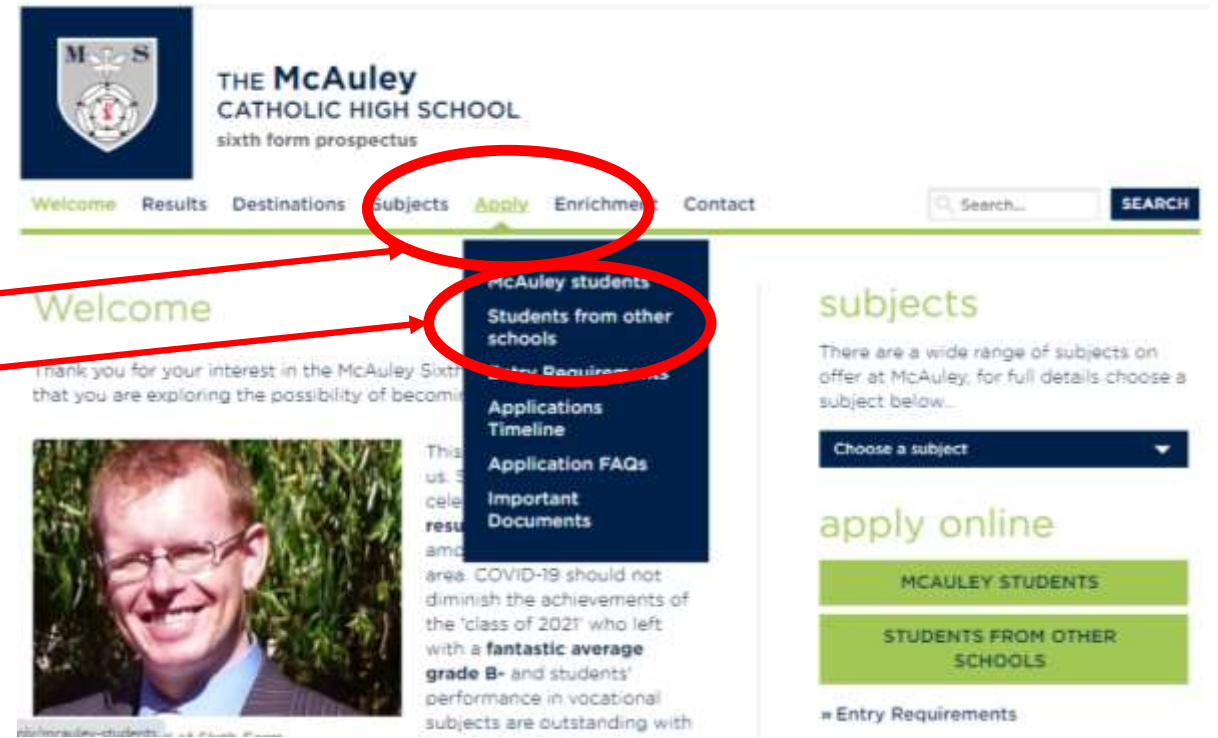
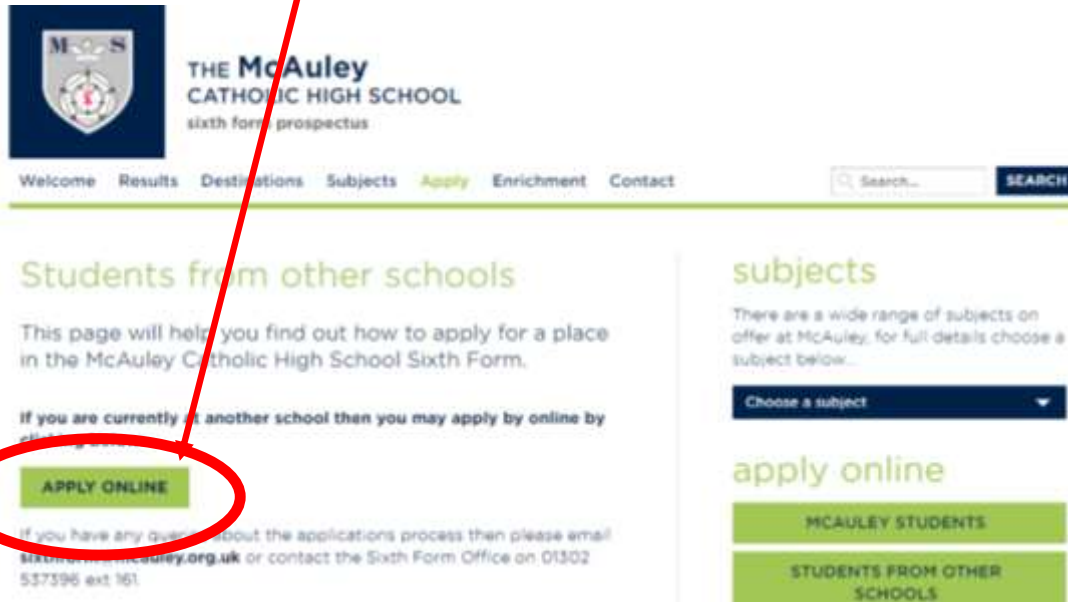


A simple application process

Applicants from other schools

1. Visit mcauleysixthform.org.uk
 Click on the 'Apply' tab
 Select 'Students from other schools'

2. Click 'Apply online'



3. Follow the instructions
 make your preferences
 click 'Send Application'- **DONE!**

Deadline for applications **13th February 2021.**

You will be invited for a 1:1 consultation with a member of the sixth form team w/c 7th Feb 2022

Offers





The BIG announcement 'Early Enrolment'

It is possible to enrol into the McAuley Sixth Form BEFORE you get your GCSE results through 'Early Enrolment'!

Early enrolment offers are made to all applicants who:

- consistently secure Good or Excellent ATCL and
- whose predicted grades are tracking to meet the minimum entry requirements

The first round of offers will be based on SAR 2. A later round will be based on SAR 3.

Make sure you cross reference your predicted grades against the entry requirements as published in the Sixth Form prospectus



'Offer decisions'

It is essential that students enrolling onto courses are 'set up for success'

There are three types of offer:

'Conditional' – for students whose predicted grades are close to, match or exceed minimum course entry requirements. Enrolment onto courses will be confirmed if/when the required GCSE grades are met

'Early Enrolment' – for students whose predicted grades match or exceed minimum entry requirements AND Attitude to Classroom Learning is consistently 'Excellent' or 'Good'

'Application Declined' – typically for students whose predicted grades are significantly below the minimum course entry requirements. Students receiving this decision will receive 1:1 advice and guidance and may reconsider their application.



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It is essential that students enrolling onto courses are 'set up for success'

The Headteacher reserves the right to adjust entry requirements in light of individual, pastoral or academic circumstances.

Minimum entry requirements are one way, but not the only way, of ensuring students enrol onto appropriate courses.

We are guided by entry requirements but not governed by them.

We take a 'whole person' view on suitability for courses.

Attitudes, behaviour and future aspirations are major factors if discretion is to be given

Whatever your grades on results day – talk to us – you may be surprised what options we can offer you!



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Any questions?

- Join us for live for a Q&A session hosted by the Sixth Form Team on Wednesday 1 December 6pm. Use the link <https://tinyurl.com/29f2b4sd>
- If you think of any questions after the event then please email your question to sixthform@mcauley.org.uk and a member of the sixth form team will contact you





Further information

Virtual Open Evening Resources

www.mcauley.org.uk/index.php/sixth-form-voe-home

Online prospectus

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Contact us

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The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

Thank you for viewing this presentation

Thank you for viewing this presentation. Please do browse the other Virtual Open Evening resources and videos where you will see and hear from our BEST ambassadors - students themselves!

We wish you every success in your GCSEs and we look forward to working with you next year.

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