

ST. EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WOLVERHAMPTON
A Specialist Mathematics and Computing College

GOVERNORS' STATEMENT ON PROGRESSION TO THE SIXTH FORM

1. Governors see St. Edmund's Sixth Form, a separate but collaborating institution in the Compton Park Consortium, as the natural progression route for post-16 study for pupils on roll at St. Edmund's in Year 11. Provided they meet the entry criteria for their chosen courses pupils with special educational needs are equally entitled to progress to the sixth form and it is the duty of the school to see that they are appropriately supported.
2. They recognise the importance of sixth form studies and therefore endorse a formal programme of impartial guidance to all pupils in Year 11. This guidance will comprise:
 - a) information about post-16 courses in the consortium for the following 2 years (brochure / prospectus /Year 11 into Sixth Information Evening / individual guidance interview)
 - b) information about the entry requirements to specific courses and the chances (target grades / predicted grades / mock results) of attaining those entry requirements. At present those requirements are:

4 AS/Applied A Level	GCSE average point score 40 + 5Cs
3 AS/Applied A Level or Advanced Diploma	GCSE average point score 38 + 4Cs
Level 2 courses	GCSE average point score 31 + 2 subjects at D & 2 subjects at E
 - c) access to independent careers advice about progression routes outside St. Edmund's
3. They also recognise that post-16 study marks a new phase in students' lifelong learning and therefore consider it appropriate that pupils complete a form (Progression to Sixth Form) outlining the courses they would like to study, their current subjects, their KS3 SATs grades in English, Mathematics and Science and their GCSE/Applied GCSE/AiDA/CiDA/DiDA target grades. This form may also have a space for a letter from pupils explaining the reasons for their choice of St. Edmund's Catholic Sixth Form.
4. Governors recognise that not everyone will wish to continue their post-16 education at St. Edmund's but they aim to have 85 students on roll in Year 12 and 65 in Year 13/14. Where a pupil wishes to progress into the sixth form but there is little likelihood of him/her
 - attaining the appropriate grades for the courses he/she wishes to study
 - upholding the ethos of a Catholic School
 - forming independent study habitsthere will be a formal guidance session with parent(s), the Head of Sixth Form and the Deputy Head.
5. Where it is unlikely that there will be 85 on roll in Year 12 and/or 65 in Year 13/14 governors are pleased to consider up to 30 applicants from other institutions who will complete a Progression to Sixth Form form very similar to the one under 3 (above). External applicants may expect that their home institution will be contacted for a reference.
6. Where the school and the pupil cannot reach a mutually acceptable decision parents wishing their son/daughter to study at St. Edmund's Sixth Form have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel.
7. All Year 12 students sign a Sixth Form contract, which outlines what they can expect from St. Edmund's and what they are expected to contribute to and participate in at the school, as part of the induction process in September.