



Your Guide to Sixth Form

Making the transition from school to Sixth Form can be quite a daunting prospect. There are lots of factors to think about. In this short guide we highlight some of the key areas to consider to help you make the right decision for your future.

7 Reasons why we think you should choose Cardinal Newman Sixth Form

There are many reasons to study with us, but here are our top seven...



1.

We put you first

Our team of subject teachers and tutors will help you to choose the programme of study that gets you where you want to go. It's your life and we are here to help you achieve your goals. At every stage we are here to listen, advise and support your choices.



2.

We support you fully

We don't want anything to be an obstacle between you and your ambitions. If you're having trouble managing your time or need guidance on writing essays or revision we'll make sure you get the right support.

3.

Excellent facilities

Our Sixth Form centre comprises of a spacious common room with fully equipped kitchen and a designated lecture theatre. Students have privileged access to the library and can borrow laptops. All of our students have access to Coventry University library.



4.

Work experience

At Cardinal Newman you will be encouraged to undertake work experience to help develop your interests and skills. This could be shadowing medical practitioners, working in Whitehall, or journalist placements.

5.

We keep you well informed

You will be kept up to date with your progress in line with your target expectations. We keep you and your parents or carers informed about how you are doing, and how you can best be supported in your studies.



6.

We get results

We are consistently one of the top 3 performing sixth forms in Coventry. Students achieve amazing outcomes even in the hardest subjects. In Maths 'A' level 42% achieved A*/A and 74% A*-B, whilst 53% achieved A*/A in English and 79% A*-B. Ofsted state that teaching is consistently well planned and challenging.



7.

We help you take your next step

Whatever you hope to do after Sixth Form our team of tutors will help you to get there. Our team provide expert guidance in UCAS preparation, choosing apprenticeships, employment or a gap year experience.

Our A Level results speak for themselves

51%

Students achieved A* - B

22%

Students achieved A* - A

100%

Positive destinations

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What to look for when choosing Sixth Form



Of course, we hope you decide to stay here at Cardinal Newman but we know that this is a big decision and we want you to make the right one. Here are our top ten areas to consider:

• Results

You need to be confident that you will be able to get the results you will need to progress to your chosen university, apprenticeship or employment. Schools will summarise how many students achieved A*/A, A* - B and A* - E grades. Don't forget that getting the best grades is about being in an environment that is both academically stimulating and also offers excellent pastoral support.

• Destinations

What are students doing after they finish? Does this include the pathway or university that you are interested in? Are many students progressing to degree apprenticeships?

• Support with university applications

Every student applying to university will submit a formal Personal Statement. It is important to consider the assistance you will receive in crafting this document. You also need to know what support is available for any specialist entrance tests or interview preparation.

• Apprenticeship support

This is a growing destination for many students that might be right for you. Find out what degree apprenticeship destinations are available.

• The timetable

It's important to consider how many teaching hours you are given per subject. The more time you have in lessons the better chance you will achieve your potential. Class size may influence how much individual support you receive.

• Subjects

Consider which subjects you need for your university or apprenticeship pathway that suit both your interest and academic ability. You should find out what the subject content is and if you will be assessed through exams or coursework or both. You should be provided with detailed information about your chosen course.

• Support

A sixth form bridges the gap between school and university or apprenticeship. Although greater independence and learning autonomy is encouraged we know that students still need support as they adjust to this new mindset. Some sixth forms offer supervised study periods where you can get your homework and revision completed. It is also useful if there are facilities for after school study.

• Enrichment

When it comes to making applications for university and degree apprenticeships it is the extra or supra curricular activities that will make an application stand out from the crowd.

• Culture

The key to success in life is attitude and values, not knowledge or skills alone. Check that the values and ethos are right for you.

• Location

Make sure you have a good travel plan that is sustainable for the duration of your course. How far away is the college to you? What are the transport options and costs? When would you need to leave and arrive and how long will it take? How could you get there in the event of disruptions?