

ST. ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Admission Policy 2012

The governing body of St Robert of Newminster Catholic School is the Admissions Authority for the Sixth Form.

In determining admissions to the Sixth Form, the Governors seek to preserve the religious character of this Catholic voluntary aided school and Sixth Form College.

St. Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College is a voluntary aided school within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Whilst giving priority to the admission of the existing St. Robert's Year 11 students to Sixth Form, we warmly welcome applicants of other schools who will support the faith ethos within our school and Sixth Form.

The governing body seeks to admit 300 pupils into Year 12 in September 2012 with up to 150 from other schools.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- 1) Students from St. Robert's have an entitlement to entry into the Sixth Form with the proviso that they meet the entry requirements.
- 2) Students from other schools are invited to apply if they meet the entry requirements and show empathy for our faith based ethos and standards within the sixth form community.
(Please note that evidence from a minister, faith leader or pastoral leader showing empathy for our faith based ethos should be submitted with your application)
- 3) Other students meeting the entry requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1) St. Robert of Newminster Catholic School will hold a Sixth Form Open Evening in January 2012
- 2) **Application Forms must be completed and returned to the Sixth Form Office by 16th March 2012**
- 3) The Governing Body will inform applicants by April 2012
- 4) Successful applicants must confirm the acceptance offer in writing by April 2012

Please note that all offers are based on applicants achieving the entry examination requirements and a positive reference from their current school.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet the minimum entry requirement for identified Sixth Form pathways as outlined below:

- For AS / A2 (level III) courses, a minimum entry requirement is normally 5 or more A*-C grades in separate GCSE subjects.
- For AVCE / AS (Level III) courses, a minimum entry requirement is normally 4 or more A*-C grades in separate GCSE subjects or 6 or more A*-C grades in subjects including Key Skills etc.
- For BTEC / First National (Level II) courses, a minimum entry requirement is normally 4 or more D grades in separate GCSE subjects.

Please note: that the GCSE average point score will be used in conjunction with the GCSE grades achieved to ensure students are offered / allocated the most appropriate courses.

Parents who are refused a place have a statutory right of appeal. Further details are available by writing to the Chairman of Governors at the school address.