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VI FORM PROSPECTUS



Northamptonshire's only Catholic VI Form



Christ's Love is our Foundation



RESPECT



TRUTH



COMPASSION



JUSTICE



FAITH

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It is not enough for
the young people
to be loved, they
must know that
they are loved

St John Bosco





Welcome.

I am truly honored to lead Thomas Becket Catholic School's VI Form. Our VI Form is a vibrant and nurturing environment, striving for success and preparing our students for their next steps.

Ours is a community rooted in love and respect for each other, aligning itself with the wider school ethos in that the students are at the heart of everything we do; and this is epitomised by the pastoral support they receive. Integral to this are the relationships we establish not only with our students but with parents and guardians as we recognise the importance and impact this has.

What we offer in terms of academic progression as well as opportunities 'above and beyond' the classroom is integral to the development of our students. The expectations we have of all our students is that they will work hard, be ambitious and engage with all of the opportunities presented. We encourage and motivate students to pursue academic excellence whilst also acknowledging that VI Form is not just about academia but about developing the whole person and I am incredibly proud of the students who leave us as curious, confident, independent young people who can take their place as valuable members of society.



I look forward to welcoming you.

Victoria Donovan
Head of VI Form



Take a glimpse into
life at TBCS



MISSION AND VISION



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As part of the Catholic Church, our mission is to serve the needs of all students and staff in such a way that they may reach their spiritual, moral and academic potential.

Thomas Becket Catholic VI Form
Mission Statement



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Our Vision: To provide every student with a caring and supportive environment.

To equip every student with the Christian principles of self-worth, responsibility and respect.

To create an environment where all members of the community are recognised, valued and celebrated.

To equip every student with the skills and knowledge required for their future education, employment and adult life.

Our Core Values:





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Leaders have made sure that the range of academic and vocational courses match pupil's needs

STUDYING WITH US



“It is a really exciting time to join Thomas Becket VI Form, with our new ‘Pathways to Success’ that have been designed to ensure that whatever dreams or aspirations our students have for their future they are supported.”

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum to enable individual passions, skills and talents to be fulfilled. We recognise that there isn't a ‘one-size fits all’ approach to this and as such we use our expertise, experience, and know-how to help get our students to where they want to be.

Please see the school website for more detailed information regarding the entry requirements specific to each course.



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Teachers in the VI Form are expert in their subjects.

Pathway 1 - APS 3.8 - 4.8

L3 BTEC / Vocational Courses

Applied Science Single
Applied Criminology
Business Studies Single
Health and Social Care Single
Health and Social Care Double
Sport Single
Uniformed Protective Services Single

Pathway 2 - APS 4.9 - 5.4

L3 BTEC

Applied Science Single
Applied Criminology
Business Studies Single
Health and Social Care Single
Health and Social Care Double
Sport Single
Uniformed Protective Services Single
Graphics

A Level

Art/Photography
English Language
Media Studies
Psychology
Sociology
Philosophy, Ethics and New
Testament Studies

Pathway 3 - APS 5.5 - 6.4

A Level

Art/Photography
Biology
Chemistry
English Language
English Literature
Geography
History
Maths
Media Studies
Physics
Psychology
Sociology
Philosophy, Ethics and New
Testament Studies

Pathway 4 - APS 6.5+

A Level

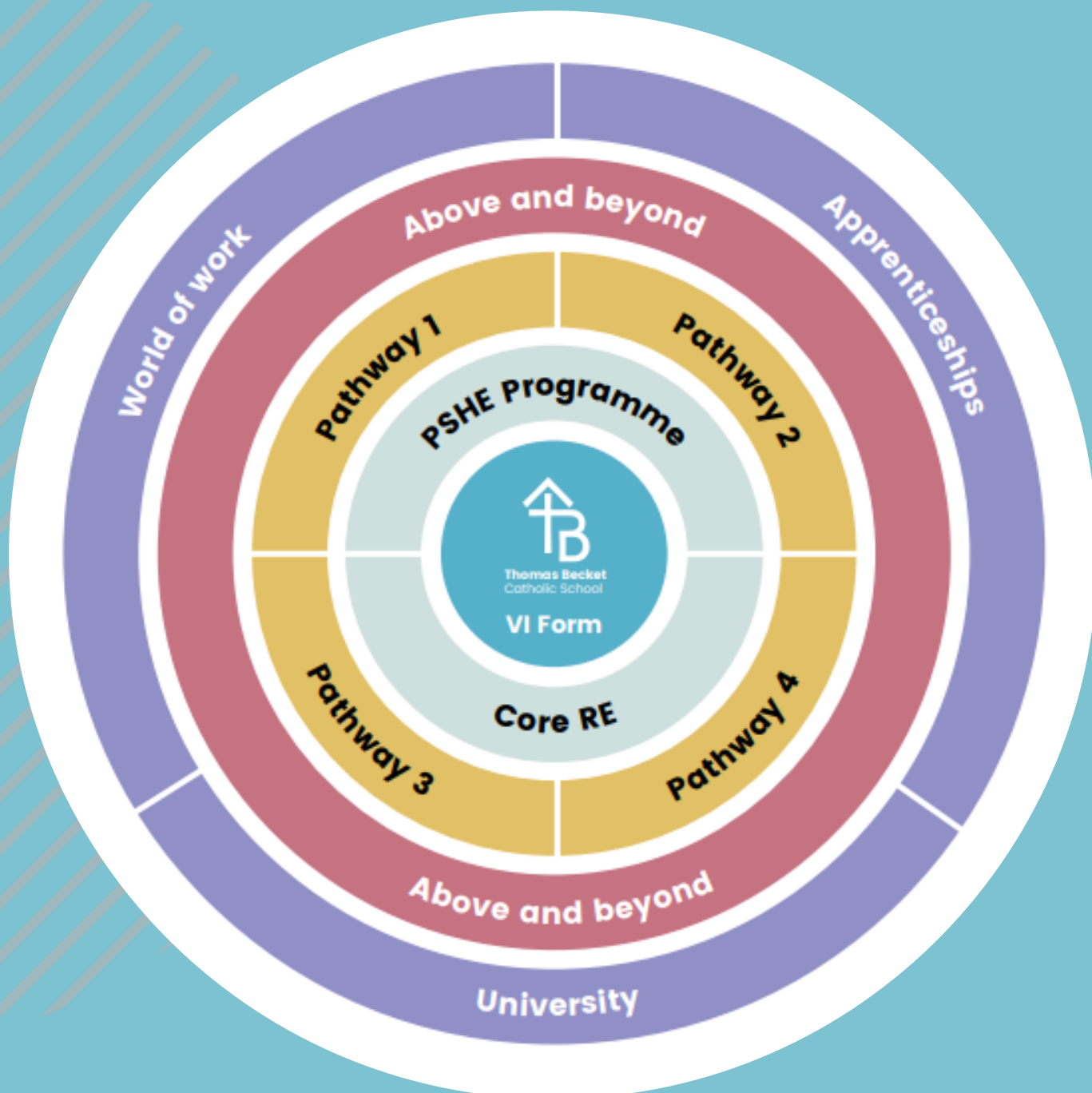
Art/Photography
Biology*
Chemistry*
English Language
English Literature
Geography*
History*
Maths*
Media Studies
Physics*
Psychology
Sociology
Philosophy, Ethics and New
Testament Studies

We recommend that all students study a total of three Level 3 qualifications.

All courses are subject to viable student numbers.



YOUR FUTURE





ABOVE AND BEYOND

We provide students with opportunities to participate and engage in fundraising activities, community initiative, and as mentors in key subjects for our lower school students.

Through these enrichment opportunities, we enable them to develop leadership skills, explore and discover new talents whilst positively impacting the lives of others.

‘I am grateful for the different opportunities this VI Form has offered me especially: work experience, mentoring and community days. This has provided me with a range of skills which will be helpful for my future career.’

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Students make meaningful contributions to their school and the wider community.

In-school Mentoring

Every Year 12 student commits to one hour a fortnight supporting and mentoring students in the lower years. This largely takes the form of in-class support where they provide help, offer feedback and lead small group activities.



Charity

Throughout the school year, our VI Form students demonstrate what selfless, committed and resourceful young people they are, by organising various fundraising events to support local and national charities.

We believe wholeheartedly in doing good for others, which in turn prepares our students for a lifetime of leadership and service.

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The teachers at Thomas Becket VI Form have gone above and beyond to equip us with valuable skills necessary for life after VI Form.



Community

We value our school and wider community very highly and as a VI Form we annually pledge a day to support our local community with our 'Community Day'.

On this day, our students get out and into our wider community to contribute to, and help with, as many local projects as possible. The event offers the opportunity to contribute and give to others, but also an opportunity for their own personal growth. Whether they are supporting students in a primary school setting, contributing to the development of a Forest School or volunteering at food banks or charity donation centres, they get exposure to people and scenarios that broaden their awareness and understanding of the world around them.

Our students learn new skills in these situations and work collaboratively with their peers and other people of different ages and experiences.



Student Trips

We offer an annual residential retreat to the Longtown Outdoor Learning Centre in Herefordshire.

We recognise the need to provide our students with the opportunity to regroup and recharge before the onslaught of external exams. The impressive location, rural environment and the tranquility of the countryside offers our students the perfect opportunity to switch off and take a break. It is also a chance for students to leave us having had the opportunity to be involved in making fond and exciting memories.

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Thomas Becket Catholic School gave me the opportunity to go to my dream university and my teachers pushed me to work to my best ability, even though I found it hard at times. The VI Form staff really helped with any worries and also with my UCAS to make sure it was a very good experience.

Former student





PREPARING YOU FOR THE FUTURE

We recognise that each student is on their own unique journey with different goals, dreams and talents

We appreciate there are a variety of post VI Form pathways available to our students and as such, we seek to provide guidance and support to all; ensuring they are aware of the various opportunities available and supported with the undertaking of application requirements.

We want to ensure that whatever a students' future ambitions might be, that they are encouraged to be aspirational, equipped with relevant knowledge and skills and be ready to take their place in the wider world.

- Tutors will help students to construct applications and personal statements
- Our knowledge and relationships allow us to write bespoke and personalised references
- We help students to prepare for interviews
- We arrange for guest speakers and careers talks
- We organise University trips and attendance at UCAS conventions
- We provide contact with employers
- We hold apprenticeship and employment days within the school

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Leaders provide students with good advice about their next steps in education, training or employment.





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The positive and reassuring attitudes of the staff help to create a positive and ever-growing community as well as a sense of family and camaraderie that encompasses both students and teachers.

Former student



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“Sixth Formers are taking the lead and setting an example of service for the common good in a wide variety of ways.”

**Diocese of Northampton,
Section 48 Inspection, June 2019**



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Coventry University

Manchester Metropolitan University

Norwich University of the Arts

Nottingham Trent University

Swansea University

The University of Law (London)

University of Birmingham

University of Gloucester

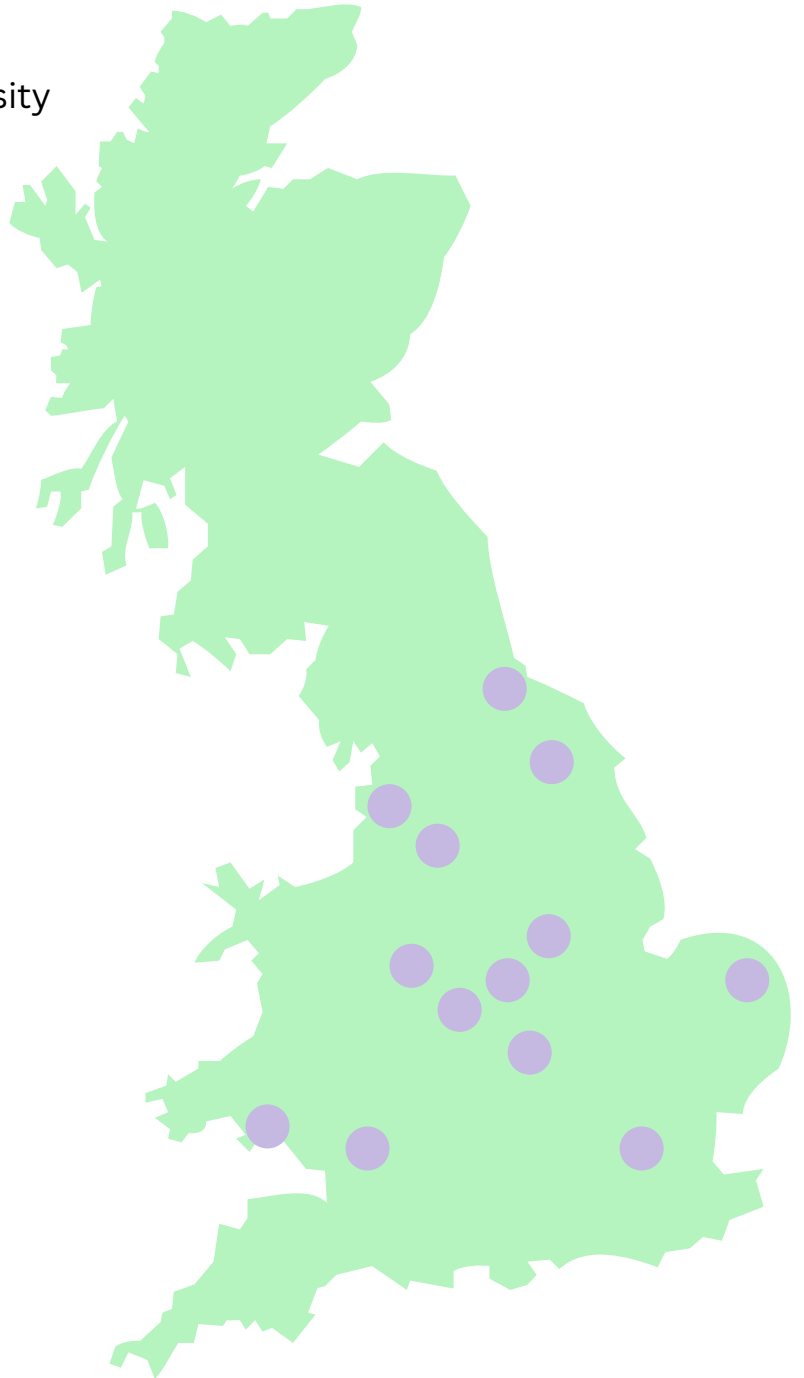
University of Hull

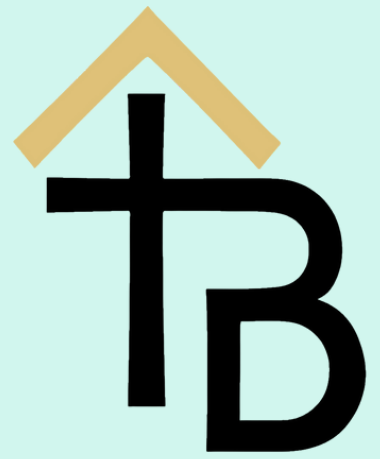
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University of Lincoln

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University of Northampton





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