

# WHERE WILL YOU BE... AFTER HOLY CROSS



It might seem a long way off, but if you are considering an application to a competitive university and/or degree course, you need to be thinking about this now to both support appropriate choice of A levels/L3 subjects and develop your C.V. (e.g., relevant work experience may be essential and time to access and plan this is important).

### *Things to consider before you start*

- Choose subjects you enjoy and are good at.
- Start reading around your subjects e.g., find TED Talks on YouTube, extend reading in English Literature.
- Take up any opportunities you can to attend lectures & participate in extra curricular activities.
- Remember that your GCSEs really matter. Take them seriously and work hard.
- For Oxbridge you are likely to need seven grade 8s at GCSE in 2021. The better your GCSEs the better your chances.
- Medicine and Dentistry - you will need to gain excellent grades especially in Maths and Science.
- Russell Group Universities (which represents 24 leading UK universities) are looking for 2 Facilitating Subjects such as English Literature, History, Modern Languages – e.g. French, German, Spanish, Classical Languages – e.g. Latin, Ancient Greek, Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Geography.
- 'Top' universities will, for some courses, be looking for A Level grades of A\* AA or higher.

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***Any student who attends Holy Cross College is valued as an individual. We want to ensure that you have every opportunity to excel in your subject choices and develop as a person. These are some of the opportunities that will be available to you as a Holy Cross student:***

- A dedicated Progress Tutor.
- One to one meetings with your subject and Progress Tutors at least twice a year to discuss your progress and set targets.
- The opportunity to undertake an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), an option for those students who may wish to add to their offer and make them more attractive to top universities. Some Medical Schools in particular are encouraging students to do one.
- Extension activities in all your Advanced level subjects.
- Individual careers guidance to help your application to university or work.
- Preparation for specialist university entrance exams (presently in Law, Medicine and History).
- Sessions on applying to Oxford or Cambridge.
- Mock interviews.
- The chance to engage in work experience.
- A dedicated Learning Support Department who can give individual help in such things as time management and study skills.
- The chance to become a member of many clubs and societies such as the Student Representative Council, 4C Charities group, to enhance your C.V.