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Dear Parents/Carers,

Options Programme for Sixth Form Applicants Autumn 2021:

As students start to think about decisions regarding their next steps, the following details give you a sense of the information and guidance available from Oaklands Catholic Sixth Form College for students in Year 11.

We were delighted that our 2019 leavers achieved the one of the highest A*-B % pass rates in the area at 49.7%. In 2020 again, our learners excelled in spite of the pandemic and the early close of courses. Alongside every college and sixth form in the UK our A*-B rose to 68.6% A*-B grades after a combination of algorithm and centre-assessed grades were used to award students with their results. We based our decisions upon students' exam results in practice tests under supervised exam conditions as well as progress during the course.

In addition, Oaklands Sixth Form has broadened our choice of Study Programmes to offer applied Level 3 courses in Sporting & Physical Activities and Applied Science along with A Level Computer Science.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENTS 2020

This year we sadly are not able to meet with you all and so we have arranged a series of events online so that students and families can access the relevant information to make an informed choice about course choices in Sixth Form.

15 Oct 6-7pm / 3 Nov 7-8pm / 12 Nov 7-8pm [Webinars](#) with Director of Sixth Form Learning Mrs Belinda Ludlam. **Mrs Ludlam** and **Head girl Ojo Onuh** and **Head boy George Quirke** will be presenting about life at Oaklands, student activities in Sixth Form, subject combinations and enrichment opportunities. We will present while staff are on hand in a Chat facility to answer specific related questions about their subjects in Sixth Form.

To access these events please make a [Zoom account](#) (it is free) so that you can click on the code for the meeting and join us next week to watch and hear the webinar.

[Website gallery](#) - These images offer a virtual tour of sixth form and our labs, studios and environment for study

[TheSixthFormOaklands](#) – **Join our Instagram account** and encourage your son/daughter to follow us. We are posting pictures and snippets of interviews constantly to allow potential applicants a chance to see what life as a sixth former is really like.



Subject choices Students can select from the range of subjects and listen to a short video presentation about the course, methods of assessment, number of exams or coursework and career opportunities for each.

Applications are open now in an [online format](#) We look forward to hearing from you!

The Timeline for the Year

Oct-Feb 2020-21 Year 11 students who have applied to Oaklands will attend an interview with Mrs Ludlam, Director of Sixth Form Learning or another member of the Senior Leadership Team at Oaklands. An offer of appropriate courses will be made at this time.

December 2020 The final deadline for initial applications to Oaklands Sixth Form is Thursday 17 December 2020. The timetable for the following year is built on the subject choices of students who apply at this time. Students who miss this deadline and apply later, can fit into the timetable already set.

Jan – May 2021 If conditions allow, we will invite students into Sixth Form for early evening tours and informal chats. We will confirm this in a letter to you after Christmas.

July 2021 Sixth Form taster lessons will be take place on July 2021 for all prospective Year 12 applicants to Oaklands Sixth Form for September 2021. Staff will offer a taster lesson in their subject to allow students to see how the subject is taught at Sixth Form and also to understand the nature of the subject if it is a new area of study, e.g. Law, Film Studies, Government & Politics, Psychology, Sociology, etc.

At the end of this options programme it is hoped that students will have made the right choices *for them* and will be able to start courses in September 2021 with the minimum of alteration and review.

I wish every student the best of luck and good judgement in their choices. The decision about where to study and what to study must not be taken lightly and it is more challenging this year with no presence at open events. Effective, well-informed choices will affect the rest of the student's education and life choices.

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All students are very welcome at any time to contact Oaklands Catholic Sixth Form College for well-informed advice and guidance regarding Post-16 choices.
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Yours faithfully,

Mrs B. Ludlam
Director of Sixth Form Learning