

THE
**HONOURS
PROGRAMME**



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INTRODUCTION

Established in 1987, St David's Catholic College is the only Catholic sixth form college in Wales. St David's is the only institution in Cardiff which is fully dedicated to the education and progression of 16 to 19 year olds.

In a bid to cater to the individual needs of our learners, we have established a programme designed exclusively for students who show particular academic aptitude. These will be students who show an interest that goes beyond the normal limits of the classroom, and a desire to explore the sorts of questions that would both expand their world view and improve their ability to engage in academic conversation.

The Honours Programme has seen many of its students go on to read for degrees at Britain's leading universities, in every subject from Art History to Zoology. Our record over the years of helping students achieve their full potential has been recognised and praised by universities, inspectors, parents, and students.

This prospectus outlines the course content, details what students can expect to gain from the programme and provides details on how to apply. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The key aims of the programme are to

**accommodate a need for
advanced learning, and**

**enhance students' post-
college aspirations**

by providing a programme of additional study, a range of extra-curricular opportunities and a tailored pastoral and destination support service. We also place specific expectations upon our students through the Honours Charter and monitor students' progress.

THE HONOURS PROGRAMME OF STUDY

The main objectives of the Programme of Study are to foster the following qualities, typically to an undergraduate standard:

- Knowledge and understanding of a range of complex ideas and theories
- The ability to negotiate divergent opinions and to effectively and appropriately debate issues and competing perspectives
- Competence in applying techniques of inference analysis and evaluation to sophisticated arguments

- Interdisciplinary discussion between subject areas
- Extended, academic-level reading

Integrated with the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification, the Programme typically pursues these objectives through topics such as: logic; ethics and decision-making; politics, society and the state; theology and Catholic social teaching; the extended reading project and philosophy of science.

SUPER-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

The Honours Programme offers, facilitates and supports a range of super-curricular opportunities. These include the SEREN network; The *Open* Honours Visiting Academic Lecture Series; the Cambridge Shadowing Scheme; UNIQ and Sutton Trust summer schools; visits to universities, including Oxford or Cambridge, Bath and Bristol; and academic societies run by students in areas such as philosophy, politics, poetry, physics, debate, chess and medicine.

All Honours students are expected to expand their experiences and enhance their competitiveness by compiling a portfolio of super-curricular activities.

SUBJECT CHOICES

Our belief is that a student's understanding of any subject is extended when they are introduced to the roots of that subject. This is at the heart of our desire to provide the broadest possible curriculum proposal. As a result, students are encouraged to choose four AS subjects, which are then supported and deepened by looking at the source, etymology, and fundamental ideas alongside their conventional studies.

PASTORAL AND DESTINATIONS SUPPORT

Our role is to assist students in achieving their full potential. However, we also recognise that MAT students can face additional pressures. Sometimes there is a need for extra support, whether personal or emotional, academic or financial. Every Honours student can expect dedicated support from Honours staff. We provide availability, flexibility, sensitivity and a wealth of experience in working with students from diverse backgrounds.

We also assist students in boosting their prospects for university and the wider world of employment. In collaboration with the College's Destinations Department, we provide one-to-one advice in choosing the right university, applying for university and preparing for admissions tests and interviews. Many of our students apply to Oxford, Cambridge or Russell Group universities. We support students in writing high-quality personal statements and preparing for competitive interviews and admissions tests.



EXPECTATIONS

- 1** A student of the Honours Programme can expect to be challenged at the highest level academically, socially, and philosophically.
- 2** A student of the Honours Programme can expect to receive well-informed advice on applying to the world's top universities.
- 3** A student of the Honours Programme can expect an enhanced university application experience in order to meet the demands of Russell Group universities.
- 4** All students of St David's College can expect to be cared for, advised, taught, and treated with the respect they deserve as a student within a Catholic college, and most importantly, as a child of God.

MARK LEIGHFIELD THEATRE

The Mark Leighfield Theatre, which is separate from the main College building, fosters further academic development by providing a lecture room which replicates a university learning environment, as well as additional study and mentoring space, where students can spend time in quiet study or discussing ideas they would like to share with their peers.

THE AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM

of the labour of the man whose business it is to raise manure for the plough. It can never be the interest of the proprietor and cultivator to restrain or to discourage in any respect the industry of man, which this supposed active slave undertakes. The greater the quantity of manure which he produces, the more will he be able to employ in all the different trades which compose it, and the greater will be the number of his dependants. It is not, therefore, the interest of the proprietor to hinder the manure dealer from raising more than he can sell, or to hinder him from selling to whom he pleases. It is the interest of the proprietor that he may employ as much of his manure as he can, and that he may sell it to whom he pleases. It is the interest of the proprietor that he may employ as much of his manure as he can, and that he may sell it to whom he pleases.

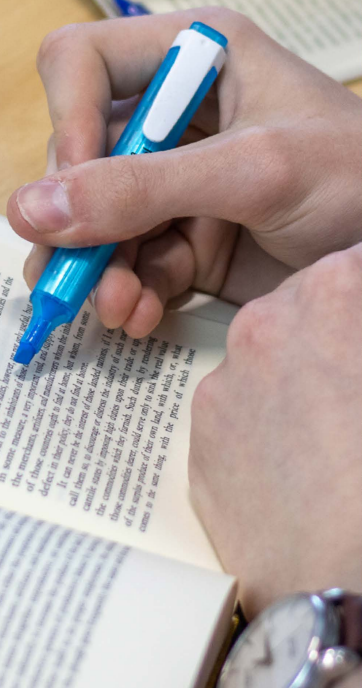
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HOW TO APPLY

If you wish to be considered for the Honours Programme, please state this on your College application form. Candidates are required to submit a separate application form for the Honours Programme. This is available on our website, at interview, or can be sent to you upon request. Potential members are then short-listed in August based on their GCSE grades and application. Short-listed members are then interviewed in September, where the final sixty students are selected.

ADMISSIONS GUIDANCE SESSIONS

Through our initial guidance sessions we are able to speak to every applicant on an individual level. This allows us to assess every student's specific needs, discuss desired career paths, and ensure the course package is tailored to the student. During this time, our admissions officers look for students they believe have the most academic ability and potential; who will most benefit from, and are best suited to, the rigours of the Honours Programme; and have the proven ability to take on academic challenge with real interest and engagement.



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