

— THE PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN AT 6.10PM

St John Payne Catholic School

Sixth Form Open Evening

Welcome



ST JOHN PAYNE SIXTH FORM...

YOUR CHILD'S NEXT STEPS

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'The school excels in its pastoral provision for both staff and students'.
- Catholic Life Inspection 2024

Our Sixth Form Vision

- To develop rounded students who are able to move onto their chosen next steps and contribute positively to their community



WHY SJP SIXTH FORM?

- Our students are happy
- There is a real sense of community



'The school provides a broad curriculum. There are a wide range of options'.
- Ofsted 2024

WHY SJP SIXTH FORM?

OUR NEW STUDENTS ARE GLAD
THEY JOINED US

- 100% of our new starters stated that they have made new friends since joining us
- 100% of new starters stated that the 'internal' year 12's have made them feel "very welcome"
- 100% of students, when asked how they have settled in, replied "very well", with a number replying "extremely well"
- 100% of students replied that the staff have made them feel "very welcome"
- 100% said that they would "recommend SJP to new students"



I know my way round the school well now and feel settled with all my friends.

Everybody including the teachers were very welcoming and made me feel very glad that I joined SJP

There are lots of people I feel like I can talk to and everyone was very welcoming

I think I've settled in really well at SJP. Everyone's been really friendly and welcoming, the teachers especially are very supportive, and my classmates are easy to get along with, so I've already started feeling like part of the community. It's a new environment, but I'm getting used to the routines and expectations, and I'm really enjoying it so far.

People have treated me with a lot of respect and I feel like this is where I belong

I have found a good group of friends I enjoy being with.

I have settled in well as I already have friends and are very helpful to me and also I can ask them questions about the work and it has been a good transition for me.

Everyone has been really welcoming and friendly. The teachers and students have helped me feel comfortable and part of the school community. The Catholic culture was a new thing for me since I didn't have that in my old school, but it's been a whole new and positive experience.

The subjects I'm doing are really interesting and my teachers are really understanding

Teachers are very welcoming and so are the students, they are patient when you don't know what you're doing

I feel I have settled in well

SJP teachers and students have made it a nice smooth change over from schools

I have found a good group of friends I enjoy being with.

The school is very organised and keeps you up to date which makes the transition easier



WHY SJP SIXTH FORM?

- Dedicated sixth form centre
 - Sixth form café
 - Study area
 - Toilet facilities



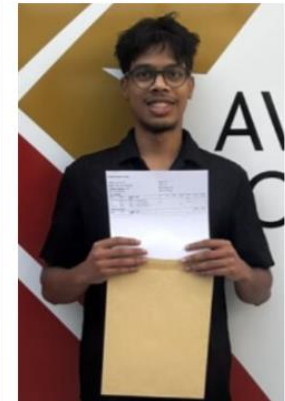
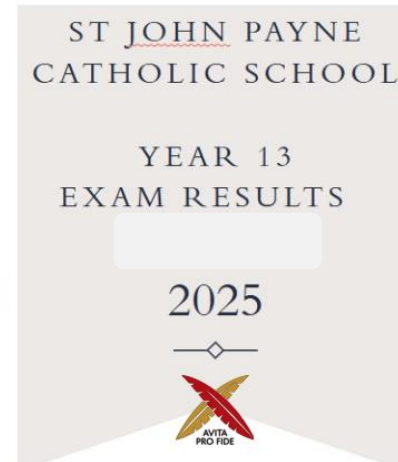
'Teachers are rigorous in how they prompt pupils to deepen their thinking. This enables pupils and students in all key stages to build a rich body of knowledge'.

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WHY SJP SIXTH FORM?

- We have a tradition of outstanding exam results
- Our 2025 cohort:
 - A level - Positive value added of +0.43
 - Vocational - Positive value added of +0.41



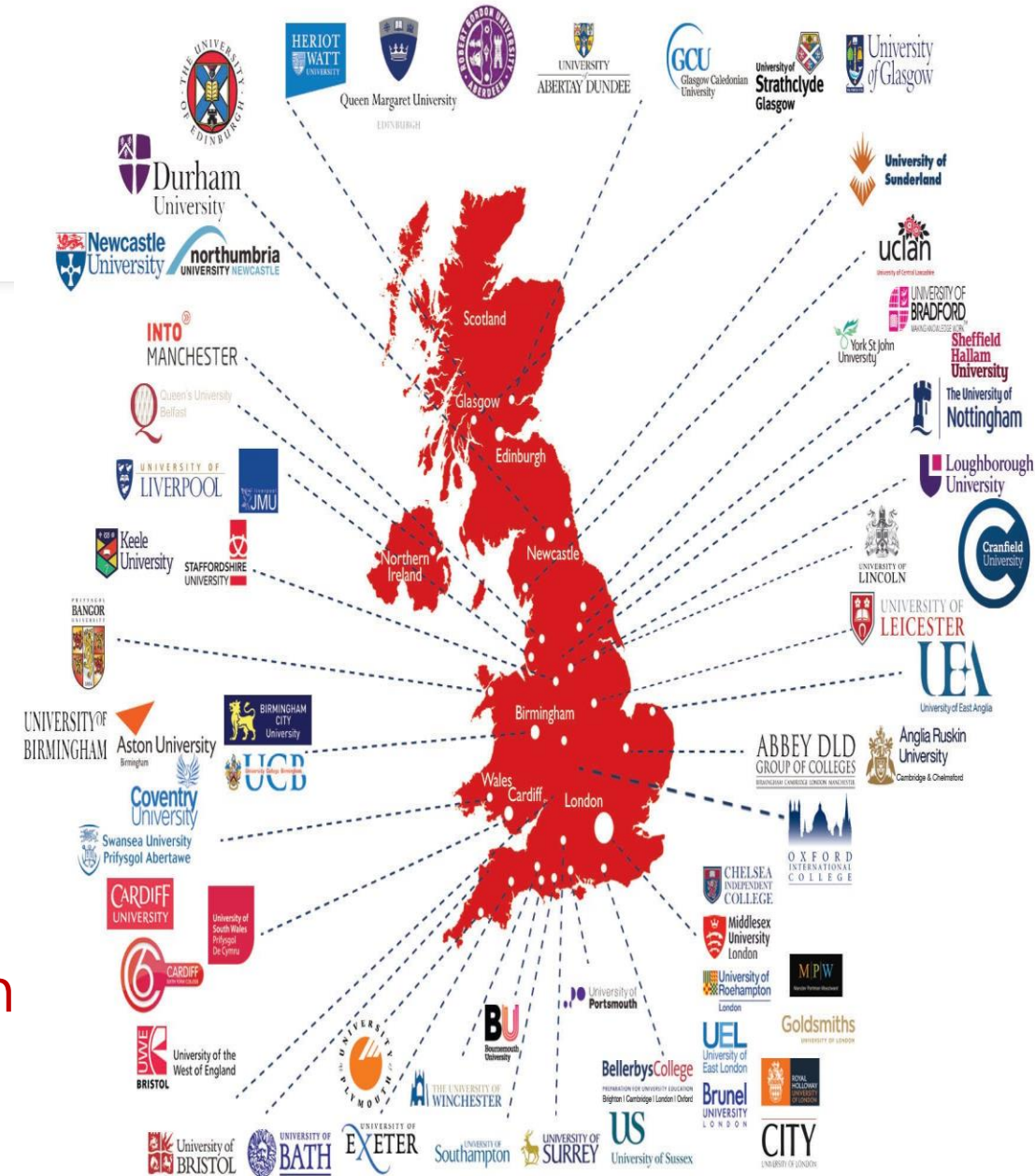
A Level Exam Results of 45 students from last year's cohort - Each block of three is one student.

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WHY SJP SIXTH FORM?

- Around 90% of our students typically move on successfully to university.
- The remaining 10% progress to apprenticeships and employment.
- For more information about the universities that our students have chosen, see the boards in the sixth form café



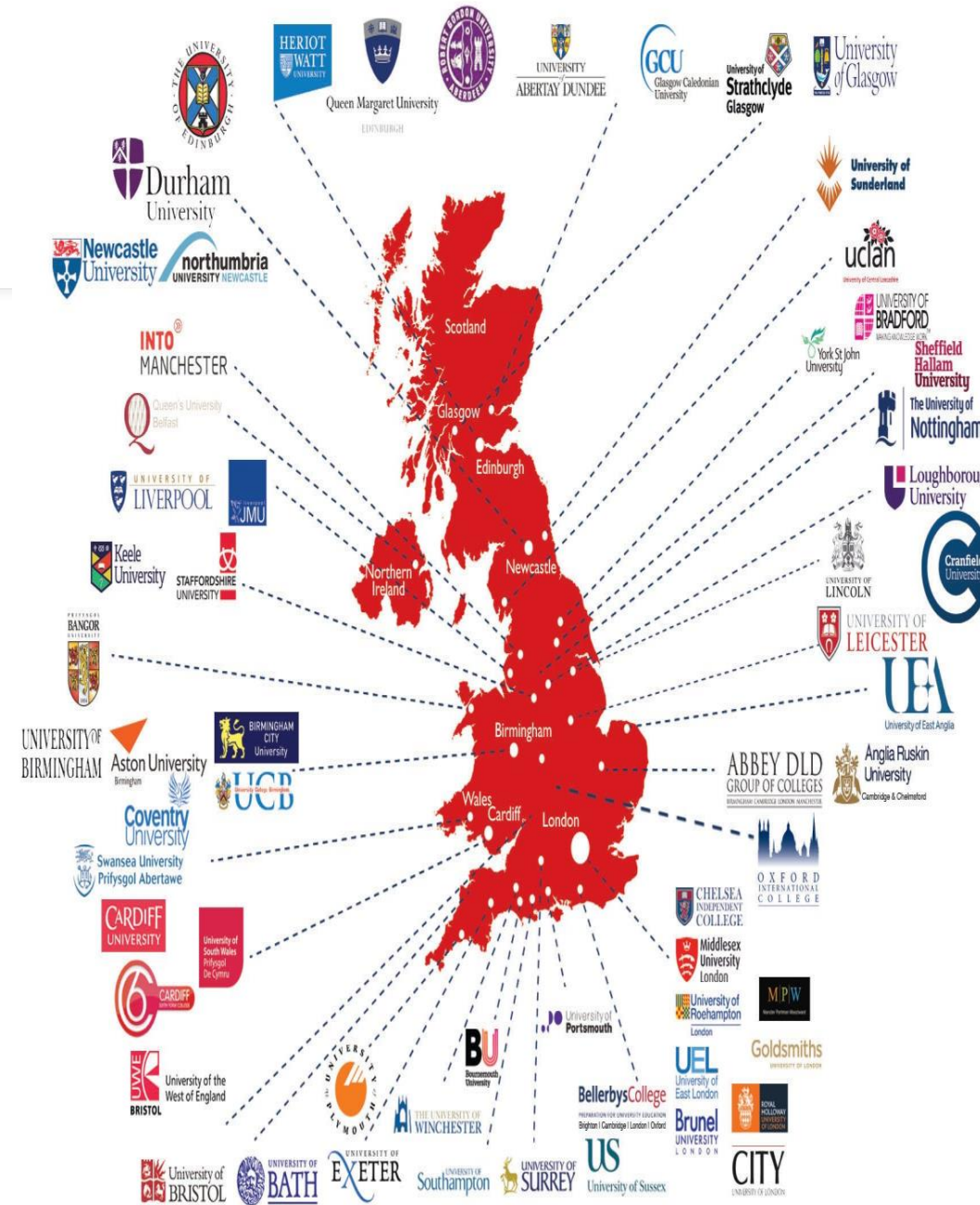
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2023 - 2025 Russell Group

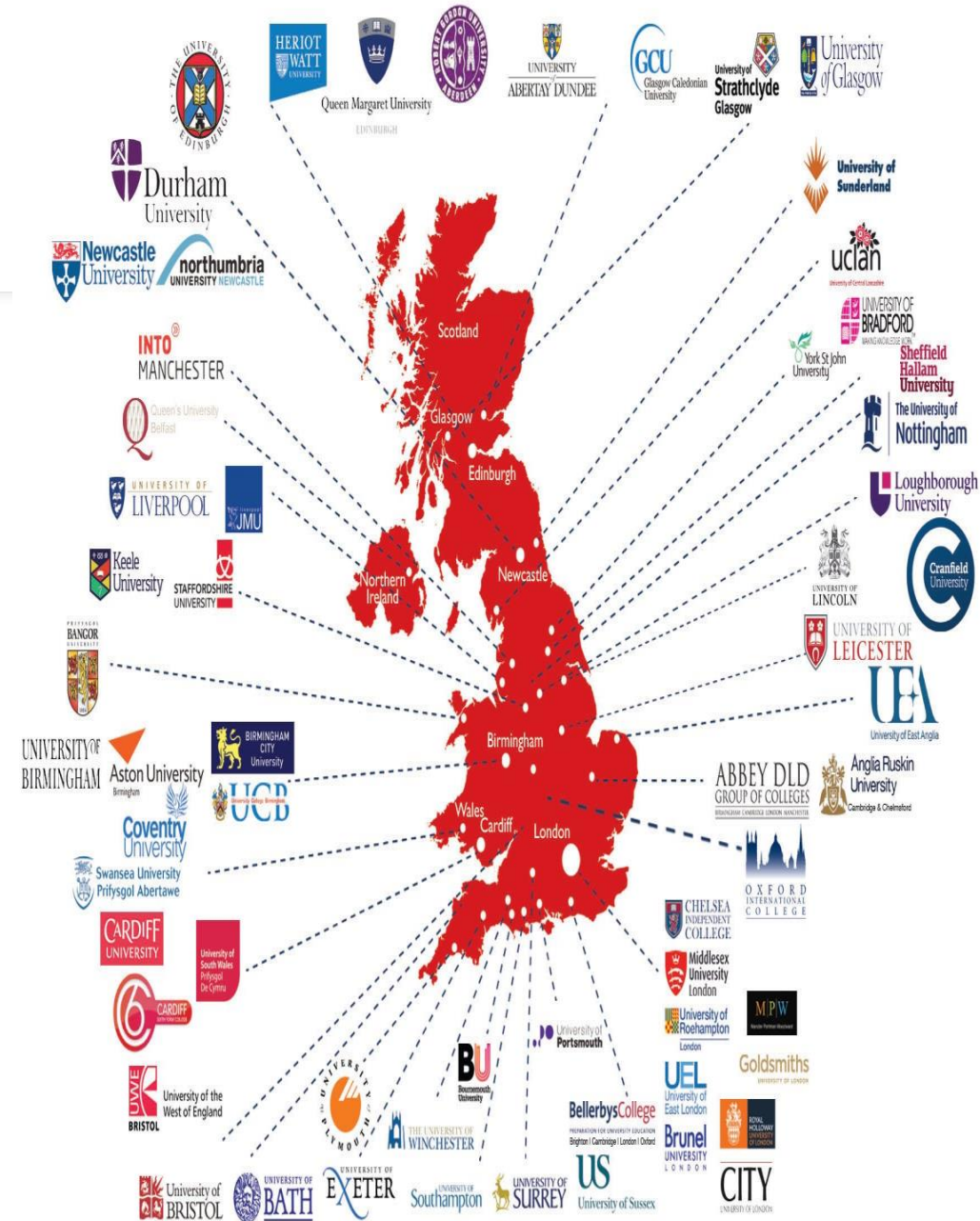


- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- Imperial College London
- Newcastle University
- Queen Mary University of London
- Queen's University Belfast
- King's College London
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- University of Exeter
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- University of Leeds
- University of Southampton
- University of Sheffield
- University of Warwick
- University of York





Mathematics



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Modern Languages

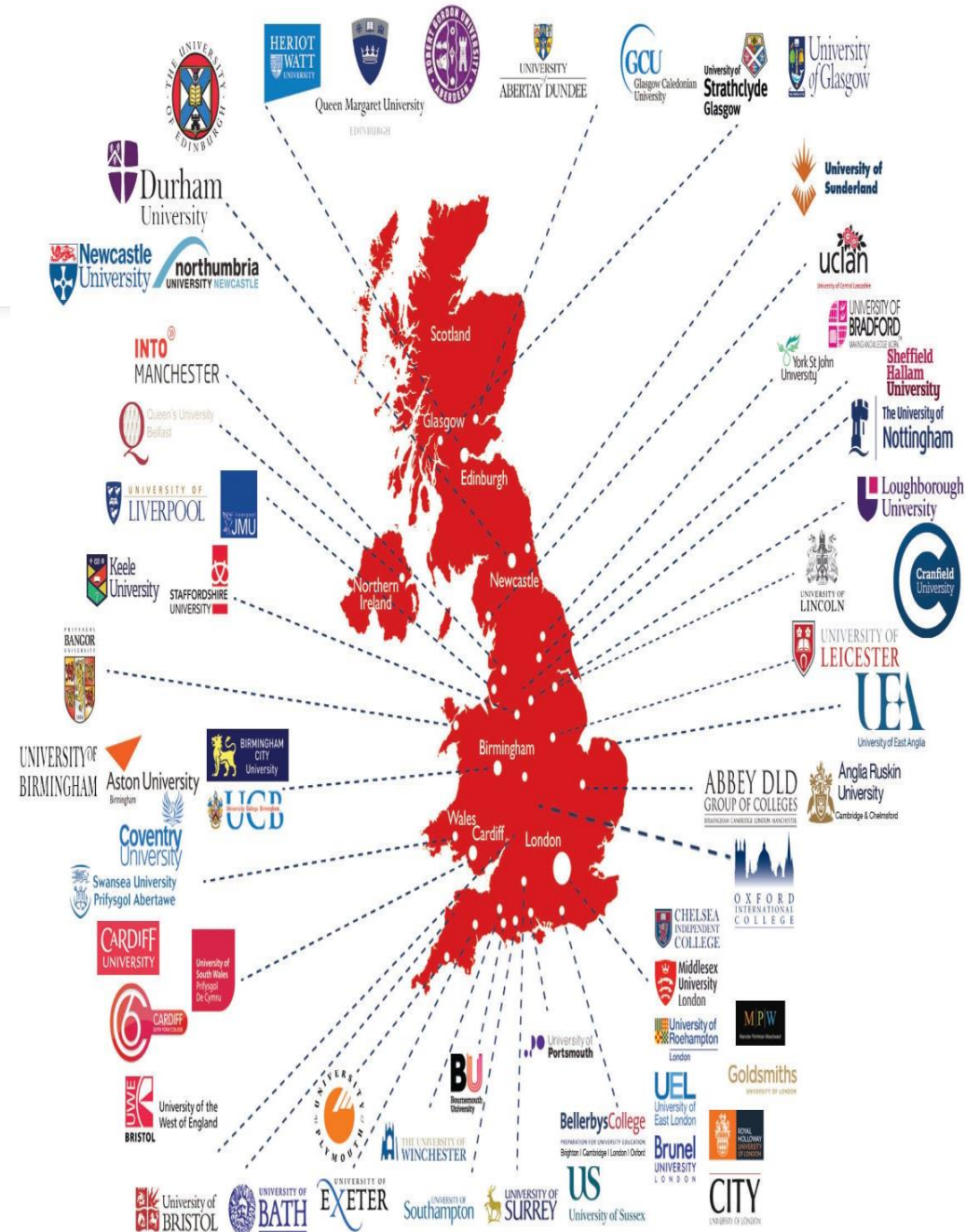
Nursing

Optometry

Philosophy and Modern Languages & Cultures

Physiotherapy

Politics x 5



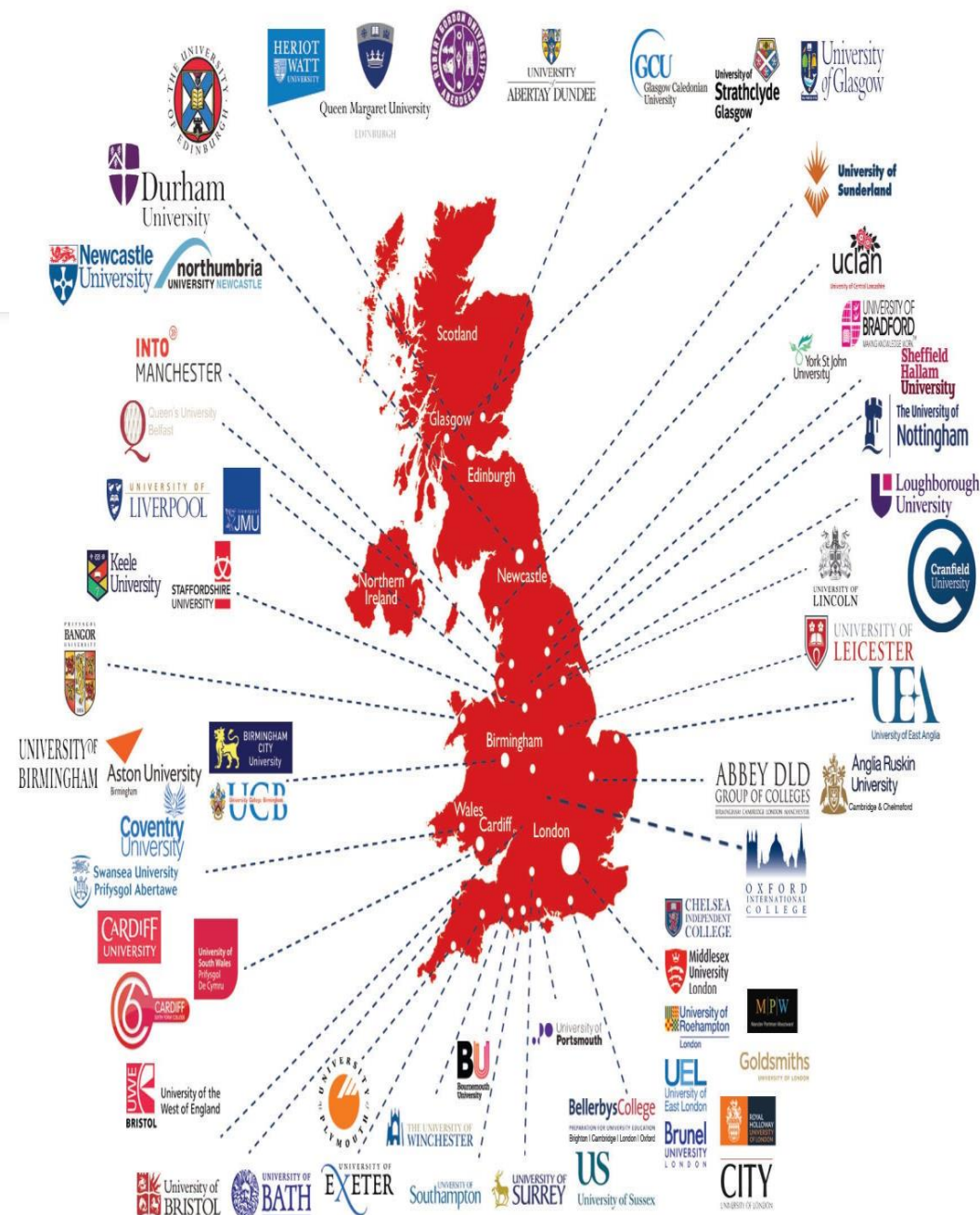
OUR 2025 COHORT PROGRESSED TO STUDY...

Psychology x 5

Sociology x 5

Software Development

Sports Development



Academic success is of paramount importance...

- However, at SJP we recognise education is about so much more than exam results.
- Your child will get many other opportunities to help them to grow as a person.



'Pupils and staff see the school's diversity as its strength. Pupils feel part of a welcoming and inclusive family. They are valued, whatever their faith, sexuality or home language'.

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A snapshot of the opportunities available

- Servant Leadership
- Sporting opportunities
- Mentoring younger students
- Work experience
- Lourdes Pilgrimage
- Sixth Form Leadership Team
- Volunteering at Columbus college



'The staff, leaders and governors work tirelessly with the common aim of creating a joyful, Christ-centred community where students flourish'.





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2 Important questions:

1. What subjects do they want to study?
2. What level do they want to study?



**We offer both
Academic and
Vocational
Level 3 courses
(all last 2 years)**



How do the course types differ?

A Level

- More academic - knowledge & understanding
- Assessed entirely by exams at the end of the 2nd year

Vocational (AAQ, BTEC)

- A Level equivalent
- learning is principally via work-related skills
- Coursework based (60%), with exams (40%)



3 Pathways

1: Academic - A levels

2: Mixed pathway – combination of A levels and vocational

3: Vocational courses



A Level or Vocational?

Vocational courses are a great alternative to A Levels, with many students now progressing to undergraduate study with A Levels, vocational qualifications, or a combination of the two.

Vocational courses (Level 3) carry the same UCAS points as A Levels

A Level

Grade A* - 56 points

Grade C - 32 points

Vocational

Distinction* - 56 points

Merit - 32 points



Each year we offer an increasingly broad curriculum to support the aspirations of a growing intake.

(Courses will only run if there is sufficient levels of interest)

- **Art & Design**
- **Biology**
- **Business**
- **Chemistry**
- **Computer Science**
- **Drama & Theatre**
- **Economics**
- **English Language**
- **English Literature**
- **Film Studies**
- **French**
- **Geography**

A Level

- **German**
- **Government & Politics**
- **History**
- **Mathematics**
- **Further Mathematics**
- **Music**
- **Photography**
- **Physics**
- **Physical Education**
- **Psychology**
- **RS – Philosophy & Ethics**
- **Sociology**



Vocational Courses

- BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Business – worth 2 A levels
- WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate in Criminology
- AAQ Level 3 in Health & Social Care
- AAQ Level 3 in Medical Science
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport
- AAQ Level 3 in IT Data Analytics



How many courses do students need to study?

- Students will study 2 year A Levels/Vocational
- Students study 3 subjects
- Some students may have the opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- A small number of students wish to study 4 subjects. This will be agreed on an individual basis.



How we support Y11 to access our Sixth Form

- Open evening
- Sixth Form led assembly – December
- Assembly explaining how to apply on-line - January
- Subject Fair led by our Sixth Form - January
- 1 to 1 meetings – February onwards
- Sixth Form Taster Day – 24th June 2026



New students will have an 'interview' and will be invited to our taster day

Entry requirements

- Entry requirements ensure your child will have the ability to fulfil their potential in their chosen courses.

Pathway 1: Academic - A levels: 38 points (from the best 8 GCSE's).

Pathway 2: Mixed pathway – combination of A levels and vocational: 34 points (from the best 8 GCSE's).

Pathway 3: Vocational courses: 30 points (from the best 8 GCSE's).



Our Entry requirements

Subject Entry requirement:

- Each subject will have their own specific entry requirements
- This can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus & discussed this evening



Applying online via our web site.



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INTRODUCTION

The Sixth Form at St John Payne is a vibrant place and our outstanding record of academic attainment enables our students to successfully access a range of future pathways including university, apprenticeships and employment. We are rightly proud of our post 16-provision.

The Sixth Form is academic in its focus yet offers a broad range of A Level subjects to meet the personal interests and ambitions of our diverse student body. We are committed to providing our students with the highest quality teaching in the best possible facilities and to this end, were delighted to open our new Sixth Form building in autumn 2017.

The biggest change from studying in Years 7-11 is that we expect students to take greater responsibility for their learning. Throughout their time with us, students are supported to develop the independent study skills that enable them to manage their time effectively. Supervised study periods are provided in Year 12, to encourage students to use non-teaching time productively. Students are progressively given more autonomy and independence to prepare them for future pathways.

Our extra-curricular and pastoral provision is crucial in helping students develop into well-rounded individuals ready to make a contribution to society. Students naturally play an active part in the wider life of the Sixth Form and the School and we place much emphasis on this with students encouraged to emulate Christ's example as servant leader.

Thank you for your interest in our Sixth Form. Full details of our curriculum can be found in our [prospectus](#).

Mr D Hewlett



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Stage 1: Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on 13th November 2024, providing an excellent opportunity for all students to learn more about our Sixth Form including the courses we offer. We will attach further detail as the date nears.

Stage 2: Making an application

Current St John Payne Students will receive an invitation via email allowing them to register their interest in our Sixth Form and allow them to indicate the subjects they would like to study at A Level. External Students should complete the online application form by 4pm on Friday 31st January 2025.

External applicants can apply by clicking the following link to start their application:

<https://sjp.applicaa.com/year12>

Deadline for external application is Friday 31st January 2025.

Internal applicants will be sent a link to start their registration (the deadlines above do not relate to internal applicants).

Stage 3: Informal Meetings

Both current St John Payne students and external applicants will be invited to attend a short individual meeting with a member of the School Leadership Team to discuss their application. These meetings take place in March and April. We will discuss students' future plans and advise on suitable pathways. Successful external applicants will receive a formal letter confirming the offer of a place. They will need to let us know if they accept the offer at this stage. All current SJP students are offered a place in our Sixth Form providing they meet the entry requirements detailed in the prospectus and have demonstrated good behaviour for learning throughout Key Stage 4.

Stage 4: GCSE Results Day

Students who have indicated that they will be returning to the Sixth Form at St John Payne will need to formally confirm that this is still their intention by completing the final stage of their online application by 8pm on GCSE Results Day.

External students need to contact the school on receipt of their GCSE results. Those who have met the entry



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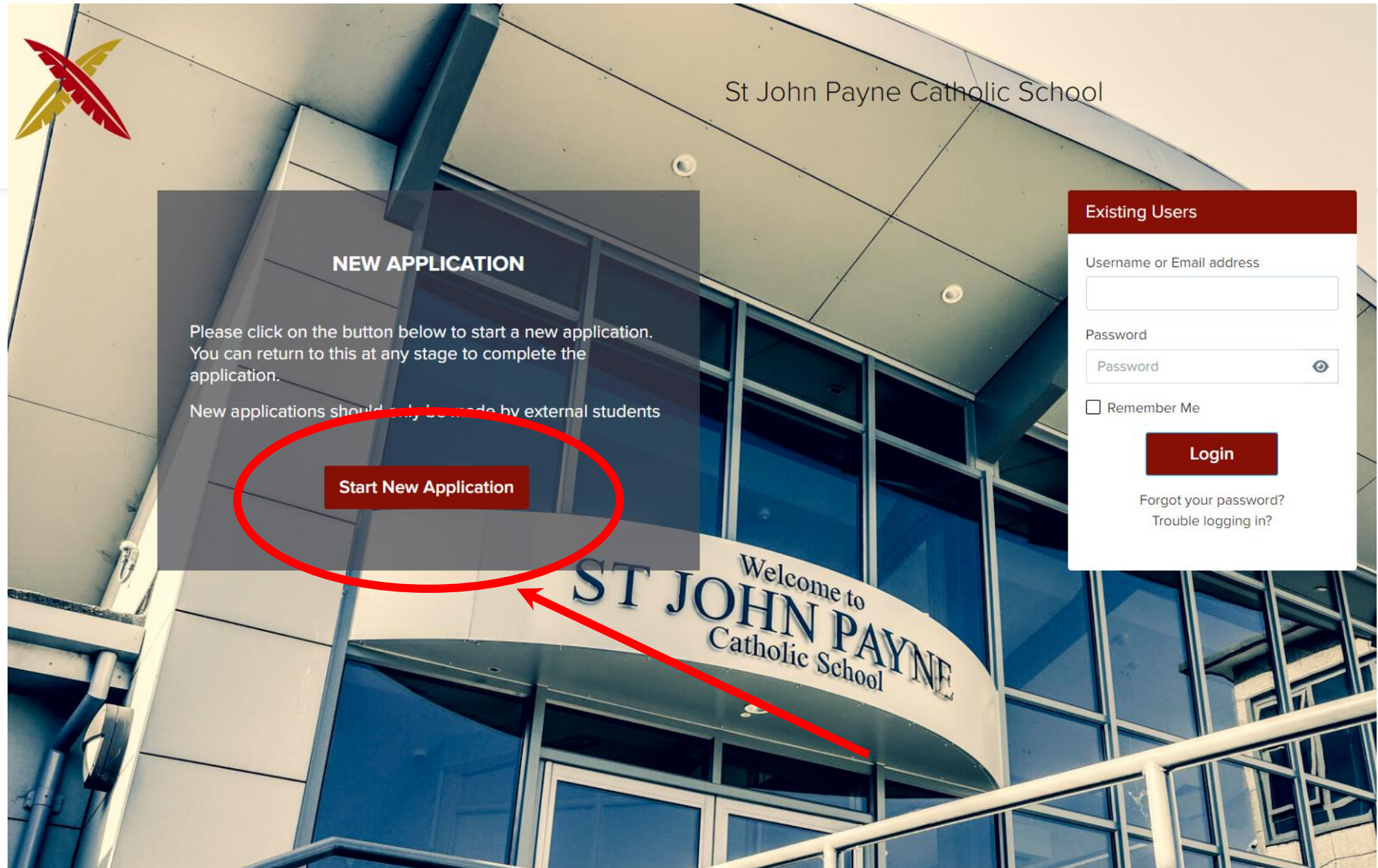
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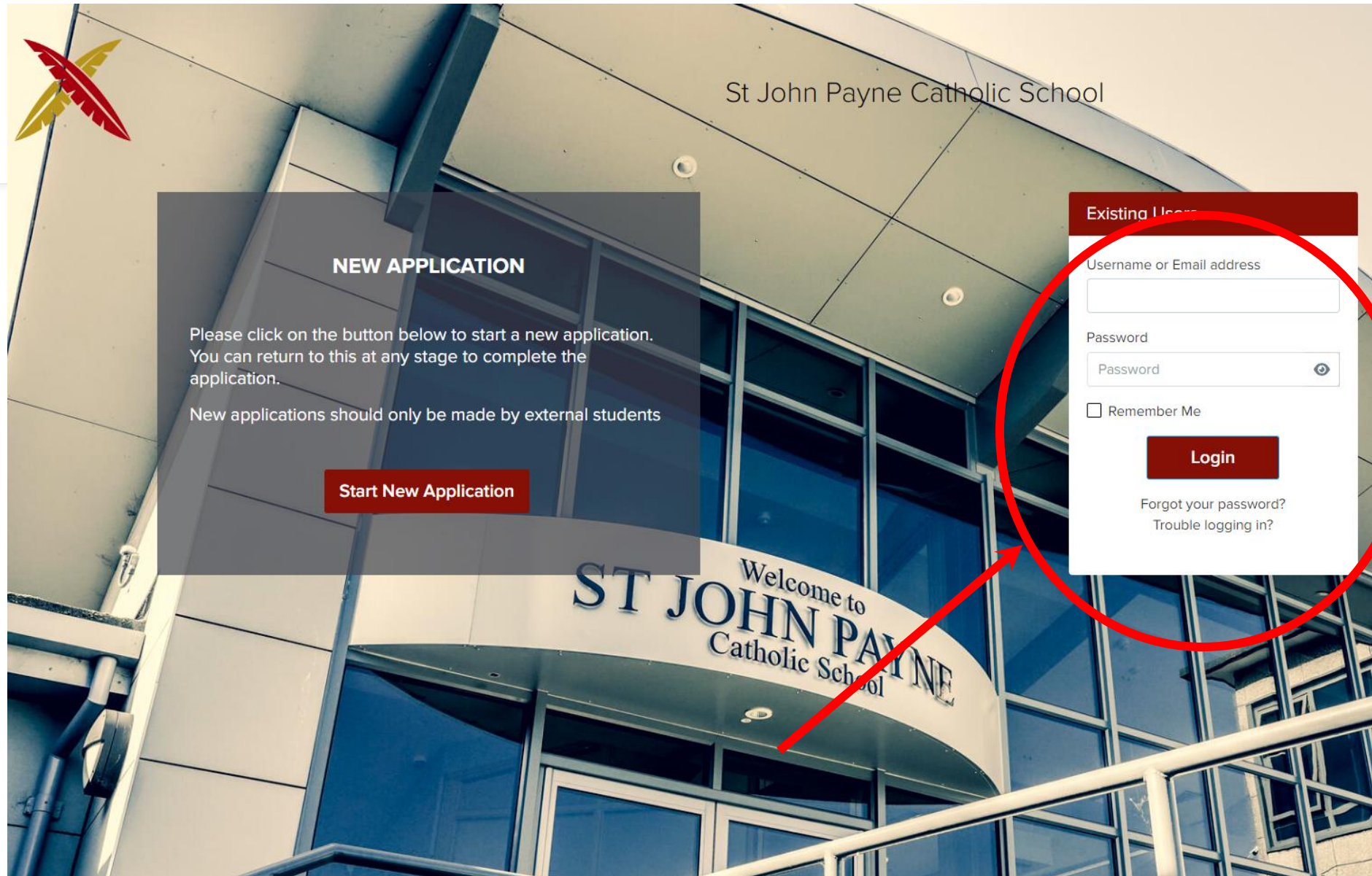
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To start a new application



To log into your application



Deadlines and next steps

- Internal Application Deadline: Friday 30th January.
- Please don't make final course choices until after the 'subject fair', in January.
- External applications are very welcome.

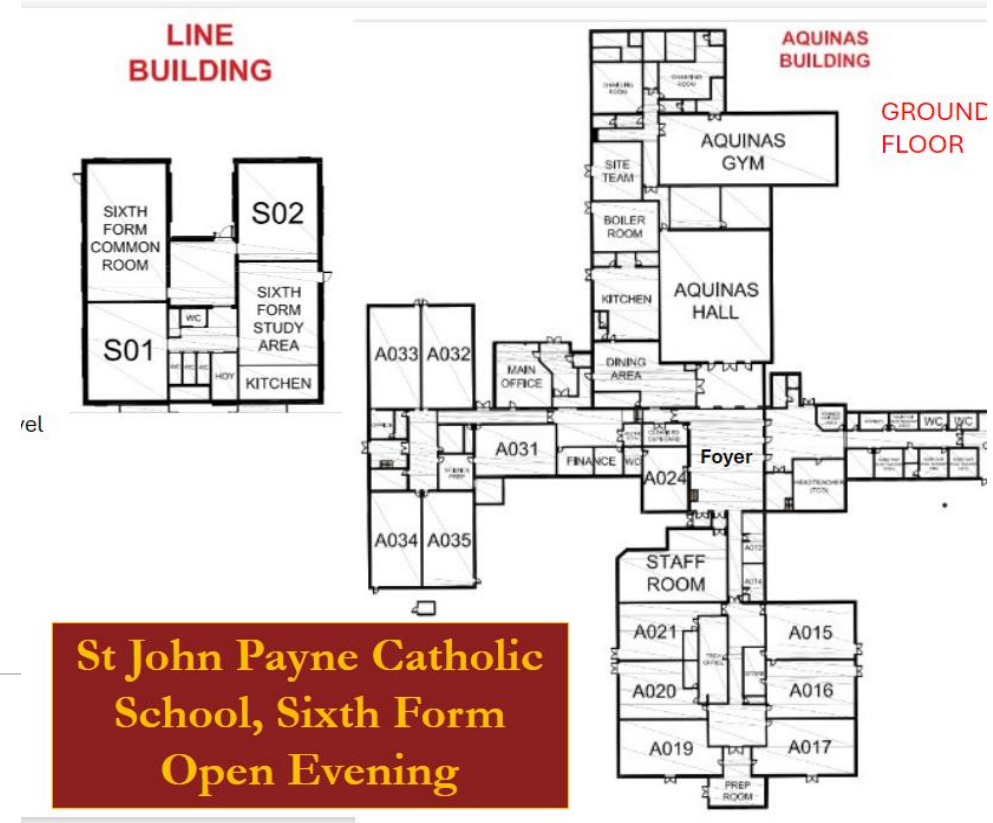


Sixth Form Open Evening

- Subject teachers are at various locations in this building (see map) where they can discuss the specifics of their courses.
- Maps, showing subject locations are available
- Please take a look around our 6th form centre – refreshments available.

'Staff are exemplary role models for pupils, consistently bearing witness to the school's Catholic life and mission'.

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If you have any questions, you are welcome to stay behind and speak to me.

If you are new to the school and would guidance on where to go, please also stay behind.

Thank you so much for coming.