



# THE ST BART'S ACCESS COURSE

## LEVEL 2 COURSES

Students who do not meet the basic entry requirements (at least Grade 4 in both GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics, and at least three other GCSE grades at C or higher) have the possibility of taking a one year Access course. If this is completed successfully, students will then have the option to pick up A Level courses and remain in the Sixth Form for a further two years. To secure a place on the Access course, students, if they have taken GCSEs, will require an average GCSE score of a D. Students with a lower average point score are encouraged to explore alternative options in Further Education where more appropriate courses are available.

Teachers will encourage students to develop the independent learning skills required for further study or employment at the end of Year 12.

## COURSE SUMMARY

The course will be based around resit GCSEs in English and Mathematics. We are exceptionally successful in supporting students to achieve past grades in their resits. Our results far out-strip national averages. Alongside this, there will be two additional Level 2 courses and the option for further enrichment and study support courses. We are reviewing the current options (Travel and Tourism and Media). Details are still to be confirmed and the exact composition of next year's course will be added to the course guide online.





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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE (GCSE)

**Examining Board:** AQA

### COURSE SUMMARY

Students will prepare for a November or May resit. It is compulsory for all students who did not achieve a Grade 4 or higher in Year 11.

### WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

Students will improve their reading and writing skills and develop their analytical skills, their ability to craft their writing and their spoken language in preparation for the examination in November or May.

### COURSE ASSESSMENT

Two examinations worth 50% each.

Students will also be required to produce an oral presentation which will receive a pass, merit or distinction and will be added to the GCSE certificate.

## MATHEMATICS (GCSE)

**Examining Board:** Edexcel

### COURSE SUMMARY

This is a one year GCSE Mathematics course designed for Sixth Formers who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 or higher at GCSE. There will be three exams in June covering Number, Algebra, Geometry and Statistics.

*"I used to struggle in Maths. This year it has changed and I have built my skills up." Abi*

### WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

The emphasis is on applying Maths skills to solve problems in the context of examination questions. Students who apply themselves well can usually improve on their Year 11 GCSE grade.

### COURSE ASSESSMENT

Examinations in June.

*"My confidence has improved a lot this year." Jem*



## ADDITIONAL LEVEL 2 COURSES

Alongside English and Mathematics there will be two additional Level 2 courses. Details to be confirmed.