



ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Specialist Science and Sports College



“It has ever been my delight to read, to study and to teach.”

St. Bede

A great education within a Christian environment.

St Bede's Catholic College is a great place of learning with a unique culture and climate. Our core mission is to ensure that each child is challenged and given every opportunity to flourish and grow spiritually, academically and socially within a Christian environment, founded on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Visitors comment on a calm and industrious place where children are stimulated and challenged to develop their talents and encouraged to strive for excellence. Achievement and effort are valued and celebrated. Within and outside the classroom numerous opportunities exist for young people to unlock their talents and develop self-worth, esteem, confidence, resilience and independence.

Children are enthusiastic about life in college and embrace the many opportunities to grow in faith, developing religious understanding, a respect for other faiths and a sense of service. Spiritual and moral development lies at the heart of our work and is a major strength within this vibrant and diverse faith community, where every child is valued.

“This is an outstanding school because students are extremely proud of their Catholic college and wholeheartedly embrace the many opportunities provided for all to grow in faith. Leaders at all levels support and model the ethos of the school and are committed to ensuring that this is embedded in school life.”

Diocesan Inspection 2021



Enabling young people to achieve academic excellence.

Young people are encouraged to strive for excellence in every aspect of their work. We hold high expectations of ourselves and all those who work within our community and these translate to the children in our care. They are enabled from the early stages to be active, enquiring, 'open minded' thinkers; to be ambitious for themselves and broaden their horizons.

The college has a long-standing tradition of scholarship and academic success. The value of hard work is never underestimated; this, coupled with inspirational and enthusiastic teaching, enables everyone to fulfil their potential and walk tall with confidence.

As important and impressive as they are, education at St Bede's is about much more than examination results as you will discover when you visit this vibrant community where quality is all pervading.

“The pastoral care is fantastic and there is a strong partnership with parents/carers.”

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With excellent teaching, children thrive.

Excellent teaching and high expectations enable all children to learn and make outstanding progress. Teachers promote a love of learning, scholarship and intellectual curiosity. They are reflective practitioners and planning is informed by rigorous monitoring and assessment. Children of all backgrounds and abilities are set ambitious targets and supported in achieving these.

Our young people very soon adopt a responsible and conscientious attitude to study and flourish in a climate of good conduct and mutual respect. The clear rules, routines and high expectations which exist are embraced by all.

There is immense support for the professional growth of teachers who show an enthusiastic commitment to self-improvement, which in turn leads to better outcomes for our young people.

“Pupils are keen to learn. They listen carefully to teachers and respond well to their questions. Pupils learn content in an order that helps them to make sense of their work.”

Ofsted 2021



Experience an enriched curriculum supported with extensive co-curricular opportunities.

The curriculum matches the needs, ambitions and interests of the children and prepares them well for further academic study. A core curriculum of English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Formation and Physical Education is studied by all and results in these subjects remain impressive over time. The optional subject selection starts from Year 9 and is further refined for GCSEs.

Teaching is planned to meet the needs of each group, with scaffolding in place to support all to make excellent progress. The creative subjects provide an excellent and balanced educational experience. Facilities within the college are superb and modern. Within the Sixth Form, the curriculum is ever evolving to meet learners' needs and aspirations.

Co-curricular opportunities available are extensive, enriching the college experience and developing character and resilience.

“The school is a vibrant place. Pupils have the opportunity to develop their talents and interests. At lunchtime, the school is abuzz with pupils playing sports, performing drama pieces and practising musical compositions. There are many opportunities for pupils to develop their leadership skills through sports leadership, chaplaincy and the prefect system.”

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Renowned for Outstanding Pastoral Care and Guidance.

The well-being of the child is at the heart of our work and pastoral care is fundamental to our success. We try to ensure there are no invisible children in our college and are ever mindful that young people flourish when they are happy, safe and learning.

Praise is used often and in public, children know our expectations; they invariably respond positively to encouragement and a smile. Care, guidance and support are superb and result in excellent and harmonious relationships. All children, including the most vulnerable and those with special educational needs, make excellent progress as a consequence of high quality teaching and pastoral guidance.

Parents are our partners in education; we value their support and work with them to secure the emotional and social aspects of learning.

“Pupils are respectful, friendly and polite. Their behaviour reflects the St Bede’s Way that encourages pupils to work hard, be kind and do the right thing. Pupils cooperate with one another. They accept each others’ differences and are tolerant. Pupils have an appreciation of different beliefs in society.”

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