

# St Michael's Church of England High School

## A Church of England Academy

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*'Growing in Body, Mind and Spirit'*



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to share some wonderful news!

### **Pupil Outcomes**

We are absolutely delighted that once again our excellent pupil outcomes have been recognised by SSAT (The Schools, Students and Teachers Network) in this year's Educational Outcomes Awards. The award recognises that St Michael's is among the highest performing secondary schools in the country, based on 2023 performance data and information from Ofsted.

St Michael's was recognised in two categories, receiving awards for being in the top 20% of schools nationally for pupil progress and in the top 10% of non-selective schools for pupil attainment in the 2023 end of KS4 exams.

The SSAT Educational Outcomes database compares all state-funded schools in England. To be recognised with an Educational Outcomes Award is a significant achievement and a testament to the work of the whole school community.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said:

*"Congratulations to St Michael's Church of England High School, Chorley on winning two SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards. This success is down to the superb learning and teaching, outstanding support and inspirational leadership of students, staff, parents and governors. You have made a huge difference to the lives of the young people in your school. Thank you."*

We offer our congratulations once again to our former Year 11 pupils for their wonderful achievements.

### **Holocaust Education**

We have also received confirmation that St Michael's has successfully achieved the UCL Beacon School Award in Holocaust Education for 2024-2028. The assessment process paid tribute to numerous aspects of exceptional practice within school and particularly highlighted the impressive input from our articulate and knowledgeable pupils who displayed such empathy and emotional literacy. The assessor outlined how aligned Holocaust Education was to our school ethos, vision and values and recognised unique and exceptional practice in so many elements; the whole school staff training led by Mr Egelnick, the links between departments, the relationships and respect between pupils and staff, the high quality learning and teaching taking place across the school and the clarity and consistency of the Holocaust Curriculum.

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### **Archbishop Young Leaders Awards and Visit from the Bishop of Blackburn**

I am sure that you have seen from the website that we were very honoured to have the Bishop of Blackburn, Bishop Philip, visit St Michael's on Friday 26 April to present awards to the pupils who had completed the Archbishop Young Leaders Award. Bishop Philip also led a Eucharist service and spent time being challenged by our pupils in RE lessons. He expressed his absolute joy at being able to spend time with our wonderful pupils and staff and remarked on what a special school St Michael's is.

### **Sporting/Dance Success**

Our pupils won the Chorley and District Dance festival which resulted in the wonderful opportunity of being able to perform at the Lancashire Competition held in the Winter Gardens at Blackpool on Monday 29 April. The Year 7 football team were also successful in winning the Hospital Cup last week and enjoyed the privilege of being able to play at Victory Park. Year 8 boys have got through to the Lancashire Cup Final, the Under 13s boys handball team played in the North of England finals last week and the Under 15s handball team are due to play in the North of England finals this week. We also celebrated success with the Year 8 Girls Indoor Athletics who are county champions.

What a wonderful uplifting start to the term it has been. Thank you to all parents/carers for all that you do to support your children in the pursuit of excellence.

Yours sincerely



Jayne Jenks  
Headteacher