



# St John's

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### COME AND SEE US!

We always encourage prospective parents, carers and students to visit our school. We believe the best way to experience St. John's is to see it for yourselves, and we welcome your visit where we can showcase our fantastic school, our talented students and our dedicated staff.

**Please do not hesitate to email us at [admin@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk) to find out more.**

# SOAR

WITH

**St John's** CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
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## Welcome to Our Learning Community Guided by Gospel Values

At St. John's we pride ourselves on being 'A Learning Community Guided by Gospel Values', where each individual is valued and nurtured to grow in confidence and to embrace their God-given talents. As a supportive and caring school, we respond to the changing needs of all our students across the age and ability range and we are committed to the highest standards of teaching and learning. By providing a wealth of exciting educational and extra-curricular experiences and opportunities, we encourage our young people to be aspirational, fulfilling their potential and realising their dreams with determination and enthusiasm. By working in partnership with parents, carers, parishes, feeder schools and the wider community, we provide a caring, positive and stimulating learning environment in which each individual can succeed.

Our dedicated and highly motivated staff are always available to offer specialist help, support and guidance for you and your child. Being part of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust allows our students to participate in a variety of trust-wide events and initiatives, enriching their educational experience. Additionally, our staff benefit from collaborative opportunities to share best practices and innovative teaching methods, continuously enhancing the quality of education we provide.

At St. John's, our students are our best ambassadors, so please take the opportunity to speak with them about their St. John's experiences when you visit our school. We look forward to meeting you in the near future.

*Lisa Byron*  
Headteacher



"The school is committed to serving its pupils, to provide them with a high-quality and well-rounded education."  
Ofsted

# WHY CHOOSE St. John's?

## High Achievement

We prioritise our students, ensuring they have appropriate resources and bespoke support in order to reach their full potential.

## A Welcoming and Supportive Community

Join our community where everyone cares for one another and you'll feel right at home!

## Exciting Trips

Explore the world with our extensive trips to both global and national destinations.

## Planning Ahead

Experience a smooth and effortless transition from school to Sixth Form, achieving success at every level.

## Excellent Transport Links

Getting to St. John's is easy with our excellent transport links.



# Our Mission Statement



St. John's is

**'A Learning  
Community  
Guided by  
Gospel Values'**

Within our community, we value each and every individual, recognising their unique God-given talents and gifts.

We strive to encourage, guide and support our young people to become the best versions of themselves; to flourish and excel, making excellent use of their God-given talents and gifts to make a positive impact on the world around them.

**"St. John's is an inclusive community where diversity is valued."**

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# VIBRANT LEARNING EXPERIENCES



At St. John's, we believe in providing an education that not only strives for academic excellence but also focuses on the holistic development of each student.

Our mission is to inspire our students to be aspirational, guiding and supporting them to achieve their full potential and fulfil their dreams.

Our curriculum is broad, balanced, and challenging, designed to meet the diverse needs, interests, and skills of our students. It offers flexibility and choice, ensuring that every student can find a path that suits them, enabling them to flourish and succeed. From Key Stage 3 through to Key Stage 5, we provide bespoke pathways, including a range of academic and vocational opportunities, to prepare our students for their future endeavours.

Our inspirational, dynamic, and enthusiastic teaching and support staff are committed to motivating and challenging students to excel. With creative approaches to teaching, outstanding pastoral care, and a vibrant learning environment, we are dedicated to delivering a high-quality education to all our young people.



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to find out  
more about our  
curriculum

“Across all subjects, the school has identified the most important knowledge and skills it wants pupils to learn and remember. Teachers deliver the curriculum using strong subject knowledge.”

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# RECOGNISING TALENT & SUCCESS



At St. John's, we take great pride in celebrating the successes of our students, both inside and outside the classroom.

We recognise and honour their achievements through various events such as assemblies, awards ceremonies, and special celebration days. Whether it's academic excellence, athletic prowess, or artistic talents, we believe in acknowledging the hard work and dedication of our students in all areas of their lives.

Success at St. John's extends beyond academic studies. We celebrate the development of character virtues, recognising qualities such as resilience, compassion, and respect. These virtues are inherent in our students and are essential to their overall growth and personal development. By highlighting and rewarding these attributes, we help nurture well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

To ensure that all our students can achieve their full potential, we place a strong emphasis on creating a supportive and inclusive environment. We work diligently to make every student feel happy, safe, and secure within our school community. By creating a sense of belonging and valuing everyone's contributions, we create a foundation for excellence that goes beyond academic achievements. At St. John's, every student is valued, and every success is celebrated.

Follow us on social media to see how we celebrate all our student achievements!



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to find out more about how we celebrate student success

# OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY



“St. John’s Catholic School and Sixth Form College’s clear vision is underpinned by its distinct Catholic ethos.”

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## At St. John’s, our Catholic ethos is central to our diverse and inclusive community.

We firmly believe that every student is blessed with many God-given gifts and talents, and we strive to nurture and develop these gifts in a supportive environment. Our commitment to living out the Gospel Values is evident in all aspects of school life, guiding our actions and shaping the character of our students.

Our students have various opportunities to live out the Gospel Values, both locally, nationally and internationally. We encourage our students to be actively involved in their local communities, fostering a sense of responsibility and compassion. Through various initiatives and projects, students learn the importance of giving back and making a positive impact on the lives of others.

One of the most transformative experiences we offer is the opportunity to participate in the Lourdes Pilgrimage. This journey allows our students to serve those less fortunate, bringing comfort and joy. It is a profound experience that reinforces the values of empathy, selflessness, and solidarity.

There are numerous opportunities for students to take part in collective worship and to plan and lead prayer/reflections. By being active participants in our Learning Community guided by Gospel Values, students are supported on their faith journeys, developing their understanding and encouraging their spiritual growth.

At St. John’s, we are dedicated to cultivating a community where faith, service, and personal growth are intertwined, preparing our students to be compassionate and responsible citizens.



# POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS



*“Pupils are supported with their personal development extremely well. The school’s pastoral programme ensures that all pupils learn about a range of important topics in an age-appropriate way.”*

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At St. John’s, we believe that frequent communication with parents and carers is vital to supporting our students’ academic and personal development.

We provide regular opportunities for parents and carers to discuss their child’s progress throughout the year, ensuring that they are well-informed and engaged in their child’s education.

We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers to create the best possible environment for our students. By maintaining open lines of communication and encouraging parental involvement, we can better understand and respond to the individual needs of each student. Our aim is to build strong, positive relationships with families, recognising that their insights and support are crucial to the success and wellbeing of our students.

At St. John’s, we also place great importance on the opinions and voices of our students. We pride ourselves on providing excellent pastoral care and creating numerous opportunities for students to speak out and be heard. Whether through the student leadership team, feedback surveys, or informal discussions, we ensure that our students have a say in their school experience. This inclusive approach helps us to continually improve and adapt, ensuring that every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to achieve their full potential.

# EXCITING ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



At St. John's, we pride ourselves on offering a wide range of extra-curricular activities, ensuring there is something for everyone.

Whether students are interested in joining the school choir, participating in drama productions, representing one of our sports teams, or embarking on adventurous outdoor expeditions, there are amazing opportunities for everyone to discover and ignite their passions.

We place a strong emphasis on the importance of students stepping out of their comfort zones and involving themselves in the wider life of school. Engaging in extra-curricular pursuits not only enhances students' personal growth and social skills, but also enriches their overall educational experience.

We are dedicated to broadening students' horizons, offering a wide range of national and international trips throughout the academic year. At St. John's, we believe that these enriching experiences are essential in preparing our students to become well-rounded, informed, and empathetic global citizens.

We are aspirational for our young people and provide many opportunities and activities to encourage and enhance our students' leadership skills so that they may make a positive and significant impact on the world around them; their enthusiasm and achievements in contributing to the wider life of our school are testimony to their hard work, dedication and passion for living life to the full.

"Pupils have benefited from the school's successful bid to the Turing Scheme. This has provided pupils with unique opportunities for cultural visits this year to Canada, America and Europe."

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Follow us on social media to experience our incredible international adventures!

# SOAR HIGHER

**St John's** SIXTH FORM  
COLLEGE



“Students in the Sixth Form study a wide range of subjects and qualifications. They are supported very well to meet the increased academic demands of sixth form learning.”

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Our successful Sixth Form at St. John's offers a wide range of academic and vocational courses, ensuring that every student can find a pathway that suits their aspirations and abilities.

We provide tailored support and guidance to help our students make informed decisions about their future, whether that be pursuing higher education, starting an apprenticeship, or entering the workforce. Our dedicated staff are committed to helping students achieve their goals, offering personalised advice and mentoring throughout their Sixth Form journey.

Sixth Form students play a vital role in our school community. They accept responsibilities, support lower school students, and engage in both local and international projects. We encourage them to be excellent role models, demonstrating the values, virtues and ethos of our learning community. By taking on leadership roles, carrying out work experience and participating in community service, our Sixth Form students develop essential skills that prepare them for future success, fostering a sense of responsibility, empathy, and global citizenship.



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to find out more about the courses we offer at our Sixth Form



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**"The school has high aspiration for pupils.  
It provides them with a wide range of exciting  
and worthwhile educational experiences."  
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