



### Other activities

- Book and Brew Tuesday and Thursday break time
- Prize Bingo Thursday lunch time
- Film Friday every Friday lunch time
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Colouring Competition
- Christmas Lunch which has become an eagerly awaited tradition
- Christmas Craft Club Wednesday lunch time after October half term up to Christmas



The nurture facility is rated highly by Ofsted and continues to grow in popularity. It is highly supervised but maintains its homely and relaxed feel. Pupils become close and supportive with each other and develop positive relationships with TAs that are present each day.

To sum up the ethos of nurture:

***"Nurture is a lovely place to be"***

***and is said to be...***

***"A pupil centred environment"***



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



***Nurture***



**Breakfast club:** Nurture is open from 08.00 each morning, and is staffed by teaching assistants. It offers an opportunity for pupils to join us for a healthy breakfast. Fresh fruit, cereal and toast is available along with fruit juice or hot drinks. Not only is it a chance for pupils to eat and catch up with friends, it teaches social skills and responsibility as pupils have the chance to become breakfast monitors, organising food preparation and ensuring the room is left tidy.



Many pupils use the time to talk to the teaching assistants about any concerns they may have, or help with organising themselves for the day ahead. During this time some pupils take the opportunity to use school facilities to shower and change their uniform.

**Nurture** offers pupils a safe and friendly environment where they can spend their breaks. Although primarily aimed at pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant or SEND youngsters, we welcome all pupils from each year group. The mix of age groups and abilities has resulted in good friendships being formed across school.

**Book and Brew:** This has proved very popular, especially with younger pupils. It takes place on Tuesday and Thursday break times, the pupils have hot chocolate and biscuits whilst a teaching assistant reads to them. David Walliams is a favourite author for this. Not only is it an enjoyable way to spend break, it teaches listening skills and the need to share, as a plate of biscuits is put on each table and it is the pupils responsibility to make sure everyone gets one. Good manners are expected and our pupils rarely let themselves down.

**Games:** A large variety of games are available which can be played in groups or individually. Pupils who at the beginning of the year found it difficult to work in a group now join in happily, learning to take turns, play fairly and accept losing. Lego helps fine motor skills and there have been some very imaginative constructions with Connex. Some excellent forward thinking has been demonstrated when playing draughts and dominoes and a good spirit of competitiveness is shown.

