



September 2022

To Parents and Carers of Pupils in Years 5 & 6
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to extend an invitation to you and your daughter or son to attend our school's **Open Evening on Thursday 22nd September 2022.**

Cardinal Allen Catholic High School is committed to providing a high quality education for all our pupils. In our last [full inspection](#), we were deemed a 'Good School' with Behaviour and Safety of Pupils, and Leadership and Management, both being evaluated as Outstanding. When Ofsted called again in February this year, they confirmed that we remain a [good school](#), saying "*Pupils are happy to attend this kind and welcoming school where pupils achieve well*". Our [Section 48 Denominational Report](#) was glowing in its praise for our pupils and we were adjudged as an Outstanding Catholic School. Our public examination results are consistently good, and the most recent published progress scores rank us as amongst the best performing schools in the district, but we are anything but complacent, and we are as determined as ever to ensure that all our pupils experience success and gain the best possible academic results. We also consider it vitally important that our young people develop personal and social skills to meet the challenges and responsibilities of adult life in a fast changing, technological world.

We believe that Cardinal Allen offers an excellent and increasingly well-resourced environment for learning, with highly qualified and committed teachers, a full range of curriculum opportunities, and a wide choice of clubs and enrichment activities. Our pupils also continue to benefit from significant investment in developing and upgrading our accommodation and facilities – amounting to more than £1million over the last eighteen months alone.

Cardinal Allen is a fine school, and we enjoy an active and supportive partnership with parents and carers in working together to develop the full potential of every pupil in an atmosphere conducive to learning, achievement and personal growth. Above all, it is a school where the principles of hard work and service to others are valued and encouraged.

We enjoy a very close relationship with St Bernadette's, and it is a joy each September to welcome the children from such a great school. I must also stress that all pupils at St Bernadette's, Catholic or otherwise, have a higher admission criteria than pupils from elsewhere; in fact, over the last ten years, every pupil placing Cardinal Allen as first priority has been offered a place. I will be meeting the children when I visit over the coming weeks, but if you would like to arrange a tour of Cardinal Allen beyond our Open Evening – even during the school day – please just get in touch.

Feedback from last year was that two Headteacher addresses worked much better and eased congestions, as such, this year our doors will open at 4.45pm and I will address parents at 5.00pm and again at 6.00pm – you will be handed a 'ticket' as you arrive indicating which talk you should attend. This way, we hope to have fewer people in the main Hall and reduce congestion around the corridors and classrooms.

I look forward to meeting your child and to seeing you at our Open Evening. There is also lots of information on our [website](#), but if you do have any questions about applying to Cardinal Allen, please feel free to call or email me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Cafferkey
Headteacher

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