



The English Martyrs

Catholic School and
Sixth Form College

Prospectus

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A Welcome to...

The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College and an honour to have been appointed Head of School in September 2025. The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College has been at the heart of Catholic education in Hartlepool for over 50 years and is a school where every child is valued, known and encouraged to thrive. The school has strong traditions, but is also equally forward thinking in our mission to provide outstanding education and care to our students.

Developing every aspect of a student's development is important to the staff at our school. Outstanding pastoral care supports a strong sense of community. All members of the school community strive to embody the school virtues of:

- Compassion and Justice
- Confidence and Self-belief
- Respect and Responsibility
- Honesty and Resilience

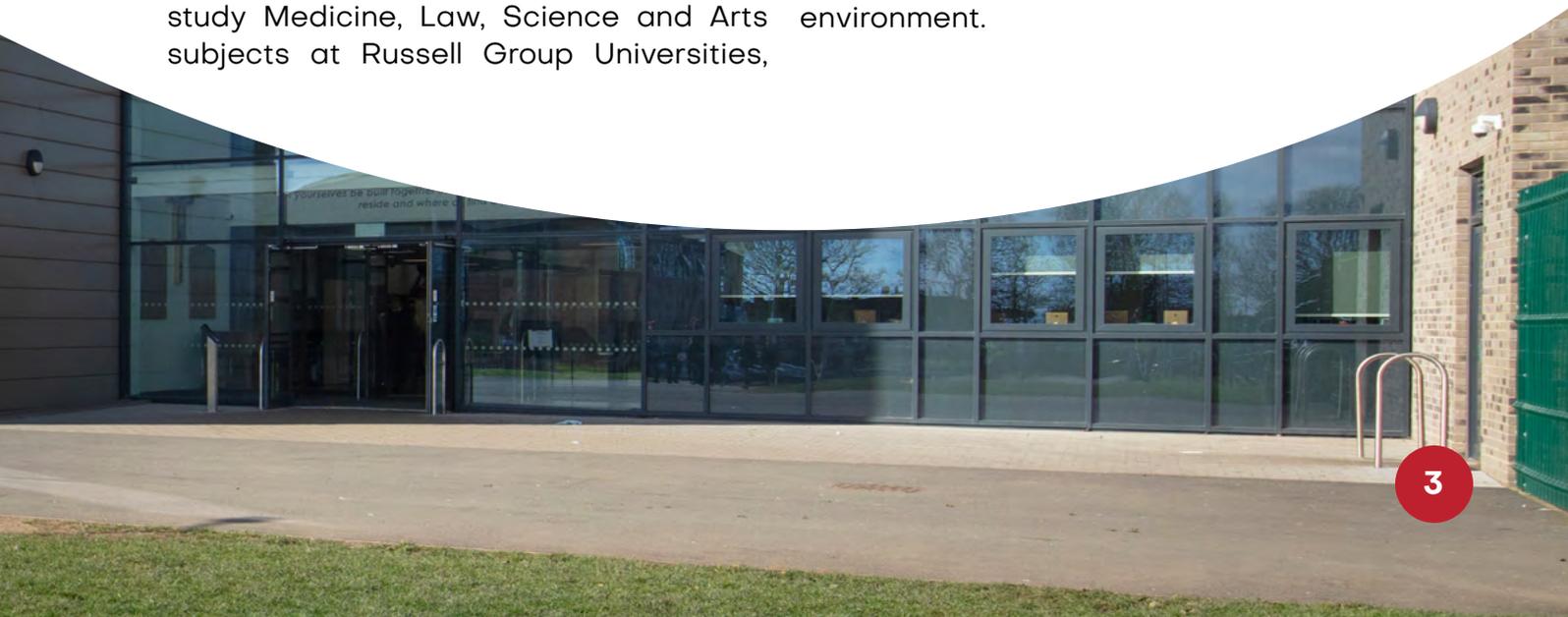
Both our School and Sixth Form strive for academic excellence. We are academically ambitious for our students, delivering a curriculum which is broad, balanced, and enriched with opportunities that go beyond the classroom. Your child's individual talents will be nurtured to encourage a love of learning.

Many of our students have gone on to study Medicine, Law, Science and Arts subjects at Russell Group Universities,

whilst other students have pursued their future in vocational courses including nursing, education, policing and performance. Our objective is to ensure that all students feel equipped for their next step, no matter what they choose.

We believe that education is most powerful when it is in partnership between home and school. Parents and carers play a vital role in the success and well-being of our students, and we deeply value their support and involvement. We want our students to be fully prepared for the modern world and to positively contribute to society.

Our ambition is simple yet unwavering: to deliver exceptional care and outstanding performance, ensuring that every child not only achieves their full potential but thrives in a safe, supportive, and inspiring environment.



Why Choose Our School?



At The English Martyrs, we pride ourselves on providing our students with high-quality Catholic education and pastoral care for over 50 years.

We believe that each child's individual gifts and talents should be nurtured, and students should be actively encouraged to find joy and friendship in lessons, in after school clubs and in extracurricular activities.

We are a faith community that acts with compassion, justice, honesty, self-belief, respect, responsibility, confidence and resilience. Our students embody these virtues and are a credit to their families and to our school.

Join us on an educational journey where every child is valued, motivated, and empowered to thrive and excel in all areas of life.



A Broad and Balanced Curriculum

Where children can experience a range of subjects. Our staff are enthusiastic subject specialists and provide high-quality lessons, set purposeful work, and help students to become more confident and skilled.

We encourage students to be passionate about their learning and to find fulfilment in their achievements.

Key Stage 3

Students develop their knowledge and skills with increasing fluency and confidence.

Specialist teachers nurture a love of their subject through relevant, challenging, and exciting lessons.

Key Stage

All students study a range of disciplines, including core and option subjects. Students can pursue GCSE and BTEC courses.



For further information on our curriculum, please scan the QR code.

Progress into Sixth Form

Progression into EMS6 offers students the chance to continue their journey in a supportive and inspiring environment. With small class sizes and bespoke pastoral care, every student is given the individual attention they need to thrive. EMS6 is a dedicated Sixth Form space, with its own building, library, study areas, a large common room and a bistro/cafeteria, creating a strong sense of independence from the main school.

The college day runs in line with the school day, finishing at 2.45pm, but students enjoy the freedom to leave campus when they do not have lessons. There are also opportunities to gain valuable work experience within the school, such as paid roles working on the tills in the main building.

Consistently graded Good in its last three Ofsted inspections, EMS6 combines academic ambition with outstanding care, helping students grow in confidence and prepare for their next steps in higher education, training or employment.





The English Martyrs
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE







Pastoral Care

Students are nurtured to grow personally, socially, and spiritually.

Form Tutors, Pastoral Leaders, Academic Pastoral Leaders, Student Support, and Careers Teams support each child individually. We are very proud of our House System, which encourages collegiality, teamwork, and competition.

Leadership Opportunities

Opportunities for students to develop leadership skills are plentiful, including:

- ✓ House Captains
- ✓ Sports Captains
- ✓ Sports Leaders
- ✓ Head Students
- ✓ Sixth Form Leadership Team
- ✓ Student Council
- ✓ Prefects
- ✓ The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- ✓ Chaplaincy Team

Our School Day

Time	Period	
8:45am	Registration	Registration
9:00am	Period 1	Period 1
10:00am	Period 2	Period 2
11:00am	Break	Break
11:15am	Period 3	Period 3
12:15pm	Lunch	Period 4
12:45pm	Period 4	
1:15pm		Lunch
1:45pm	Period 5	Period 5
2:45pm	End of Day	End of Day

Our school day is as shown in the table below. Each student starts their day with their tutor and has an assembly once per week.



Our School Uniform

The regulation uniform is as follows:

- White School Shirt (cotton or polyester/cotton)
- EMS School Tie
- Black Trousers (not jeans)
- Black Skirt (A-line, flared or pleated of knee-length) to be worn with plain opaque black tights. (Skirts with front or side splits must not be worn)
- EMS Black Blazer with Embroidered Badge
- Formal Plain Black School Shoes
- Anorak or Coat (no denim jackets, tracksuit tops or hoodies)
- (English Martyrs School Jumper is optional.)



To order our school uniform, please scan the QR code.

PE Kit

- Long-sleeved reversible top with house colours
- Short-Sleeved red/black T-shirt
- Plain black shorts (not cycling shorts) – A small logo is permitted on shorts but otherwise must be plain
- Black football socks
- Trainers (appropriate for sport)
- Bobble for long hair

Optional PE Kit includes:

- Football boots
- Base layers (red or black)
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or sports legging – A small logo is permitted but otherwise must be plain

Uniforms can be purchased through Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd in school on selected days or online at michaelsehgal.co.uk





Enrichment

We have an exciting and varied range of activities that complement the taught curriculum. These additional opportunities help students to develop social skills, invest in the things they love, and broaden their experiences.

All students are encouraged to participate in activities that build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and allow them to have fun with their friends.

After-school enrichment sessions for 2025-26 include:

- ✓ iDEA Award in ICT
- ✓ Football
- ✓ House Activities
- ✓ Dungeons & Dragons Club
- ✓ History Film Club
- ✓ Table Tennis
- ✓ History Club
- ✓ Various Art Clubs
- ✓ RE Club
- ✓ Subject Mastery Sessions
- ✓ Gaming Club
- ✓ Social Darts
- ✓ Creative Writing
- ✓ Educake
- ✓ Lego Club
- ✓ Debate Club
- ✓ Jigsaw Club
- ✓ Mindful Colouring

And much more!







Catholic Life

Our Catholic ethos has a distinctiveness in that we follow the guiding principles of the Gospel and explicitly teach the virtues of honesty, self-belief, resilience, compassion, responsibility, and justice.

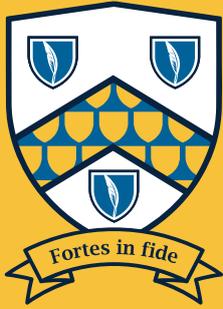
Our Parish, Diocesan, and Trust family support us in ensuring each one of our students can flourish spiritually.

Wider Opportunities

Our aim is that all students take part in a wealth of activities that broaden their horizons, help them learn new skills, make new friends, and pursue things they love.

Music, Art and Sport

Our Music, Art, and Sports Departments offer many opportunities that bring new learning, skills, and lots of joy.



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Our Trust

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust
is a family of 35 schools across
County Durham, Darlington, Hartlepool,
and Stockton-On-Tees.

Our mission is to provide the highest quality education, fostering a collaborative environment where resources and best practices are shared among our schools.

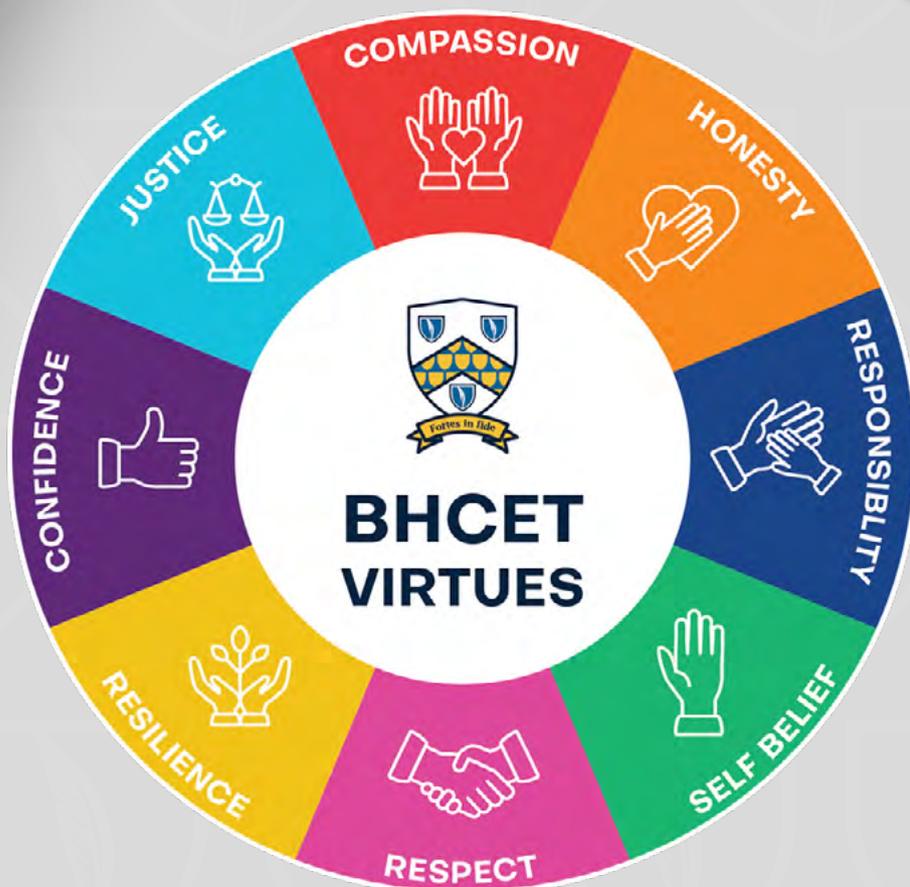
We are committed to the educational welfare of our pupils. This is why we place Christ at the centre and children at the heart.



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JUSTICE & COMPASSION

We value fairness and empathy, treating others with kindness and understanding.

HONESTY & RESPONSIBILITY

We prioritise truthfulness and accountability, taking ownership of our actions and decisions.

CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE

We foster courage and adaptability, empowering individuals to face challenges and overcome setbacks.

RESPECT & SELF BELIEF

We embrace diversity and individuality, fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and confident.



Apply for a Place at The English Martyrs



Choosing the correct Secondary School is a very important decision for you and your child, and at The English Martyrs we aim to make the transition as smooth as possible for all involved.

Scan the QR code to apply



An application can be made for a place for a child at any time outside the admission round and the child will be admitted where there are available places.

To gain a place at The English Martyrs, you will need to apply through Hartlepool Borough Council's website. Please click the link for more information or scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can contact the school office.

<https://eyes-par-portal.hartlepool.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

'Christ Has No Body Now On Earth But Yours'



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