

About All Saints Catholic High School

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School Population	Year 7 – Year 11 : 1037 Year 12 – Year 13 : 351
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Group Size	Group 7
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Academic Organisation

Administered through a departmental structure, the curriculum is designed to offer a balanced range of courses to all of our pupils, irrespective of the level at which they may start. In the lower school particular emphasis is placed on the teaching of the basic skills and on helping our pupils towards a deeper understanding of the principal areas of human experience.

At present in Year 7 and Year 8 the year is split into two bands for English, Religious Education, Physical Education, Design & Technology and Mathematics. French or Spanish are taken by all students in Y7 and Y8. Science is set by ability across the whole year group after Year 7. Other subjects in this Key Stage are taught as class groups. From Year 9 students make choices of subjects to study outside the core offer.

The Integrated Resource and physical modifications to the building allow pupils with a range of special educational needs to be admitted to the school. Specialist staff work in collaboration with subject teachers to support these pupils in both mainstream lessons and withdrawal groups.

Support for Students

As one would expect in a Catholic school, the organisation of the school is tailored to ensure quality care is given to each and every pupil throughout our school. Students are organised in Year Tutor Groups. Form Tutors play an essential role in the care structure and additional input is given by a range of support services. Five Year Progress Leaders each look after 7 forms. The school management system allows tutors to gain a comprehensive view of performance of pupils in their care. Post 16, there are 16 forms, working to a Director of Post 16 and two Assistant Heads of Post 16.

Staffing

The school seeks to employ the best teachers as a matter of policy, whilst preserving the Catholic ethos of the school. The Governors restrict some teaching posts to Catholics; most Religious Education staff are Catholic, but other jobs have no such restriction. A significant proportion of staff are non-Catholics. Currently there are 105 teaching staff and 83 Support staff.

Management Structure

The Leadership Group currently consists of the Headteacher, a Deputy Headteacher, four Assistant Headteachers, two Associate Assistant Headteachers and a Strategic Leader.. The school has Directors in post who have strategic responsibilities for curriculum areas, working with Subject and Curriculum Leaders.

Building and Facilities

The school completed a £16 million Building Schools for the Future programme in 2011, which has given it high quality teaching spaces.

There are outstanding sports facilities which include a double basketball court hall, a single basketball court hall, a Sports Science classroom, a general classroom for Physical Education teaching, a sensory room and four changing areas. Outside there are 10 multi-use synthetic pitches. The centre is used by the community and a commercial company in the evenings and at weekends.

OFSTED

The school was last inspected by OFSTED in April 2018 and was judged to continue to be a Good school, with Outstanding safety and spiritual and moral provision. A Section 48 Inspection in 2016 judged the school's provision to be Outstanding.

Initial Teacher Training

The school is actively involved with two local universities in the training of student teachers in a number of subject areas. It also works in partnership with two providers for School Direct and SCITT places. Approximately 20 students have substantial placements each year and a larger number work with the school on short-term projects. There is a developing research culture within the school, with all departments engaged in development work.

Community Links

The school has developed strong relationships with parents, parishes and the local community in general. Contact with our local parishes is close and our priests regularly come into school to celebrate Mass. The Chaplaincy Co-ordinator works in close co-operation with the Religious Education Department and the Year Progress Team to develop the Christian ethos of our community.

Co-location

All Saints is co-located with Seven Hills School, an Outstanding Local Authority school for children with learning difficulties, on the same site; this shares some facilities with All Saints' students.

Safeguarding

All Saints is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including enhanced DBS checks.

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