



YSGOL UWCHRADD GATHOLIG JOSEFF SANT
ST JOSEPH'S RC HIGH SCHOOL



PROSPECTUS • PROSBECTWS

Serving God Through Learning Together
Yn Gwasanaethu Duw Trwy Ddysgu Gyda'n Gilydd



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Welcome from the Headteacher

I am delighted to welcome you to St Joseph's RC High School. We trust you will find our prospectus gives you an insight into what life is like here at our school and what we stand for. We are hugely proud of our Catholic school and all of our young people who flourish not only academically but also as confident young people who are ready to make a positive contribution to society.

Our mission and vision for the young people we teach is firmly rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and underpinned by Gospel values enabling them to gain a real sense of what it means to belong to a Community of Faith where all are challenged to develop their full potential. St Joseph's RC High School has the very highest expectations of all its students and staff.

We are committed to ensuring that each individual child experiences the best education possible and achieves their full potential academically. We will always focus on improving the quality of the education our young people experience and we will ensure that they are well prepared to take their place in the world with purpose, enthusiasm and strength of character.

We recognise that a young person's happiness and wellbeing are the foundations to success and therefore we ensure that their school days are the best of their lives by having a holistic approach to their academic, social and spiritual wellbeing.

Our pastoral staff are keenly aware of the social and academic needs of each student and help every child to develop resilience and self-worth; we support them through any setbacks and celebrate their successes.

At St Joseph's, we believe that a great education has the power to transform lives, and this precious gift is one you can be confident that our hard working and talented staff will tirelessly strive to give to every child, every day and in every lesson.

We look forward to meeting you at our open sessions in the Autumn Term and to working with you to provide an excellent education for your child.

Mrs J Jarrett
HEADTEACHER





Our Mission

PUTTING FAITH IN EDUCATION

This school exists to serve the Catholic community in providing an education for our young people within a faith environment, grounded in the vision of Jesus Christ.

Our school aims to ensure that all are able to realise their potential, take their responsibilities seriously, respect themselves and others and grow in the love of God. We aim to serve each other, the Church, parents/carers and the wider community.

We recognise that every person is created in God's image and we value every individual as an equal with unconditional acceptance. We strive to create an atmosphere where each person is inspired, encouraged and supported to the highest levels of educational achievement.

The core purpose of St. Joseph's is "Serving God Through Learning Together". This philosophy is at the heart of everything we aspire to do for each member of our community.

"The provision for pupils' spiritual and moral development and for collective worship is outstanding" Archdiocesan Inspection



Timeless Values

OUR SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD

St. Joseph's is an English Medium, Catholic Voluntary Aided School for girls and boys aged 11-18 years in the Archdiocese of Cardiff. It was established to provide secondary education for the Catholic population of Newport, Caldicot and Chepstow. Since then it has flourished with over 1400 students on roll, including over 300 students in the sixth form.

The school is sited in a new building completed in September 2004, that incorporates many exciting features including interactive technology being available in all classrooms, purpose-built suites for Science, Technology, ICT, Drama, Art and Music, a well resourced library, Sixth Form study area and a Sixth Form social area.



We care deeply about learning and are relentless in our pursuit to provide all students with the means and opportunity to identify and develop their potential intellectually, physically, spiritually and socially.

Our school has a sustained record of excellent performance in examinations. This outstanding achievement has been recognised by Welsh Government and Estyn.

Similarly, in our last Estyn Inspection public examination results at all Key Stages were recognised as an outstanding feature. Standards of behaviour and attendance were also recognised as outstanding, as were the pupils' ability to take responsibility for their own learning.

We place great value on our partnerships with parents and carers. We believe that student success is founded on an effective partnership between the student, their parents/carers and St Joseph's. By working together we will be stronger and this strength will help make the learning experience an outstanding one for each child. We pride ourselves on being a school that listens and always welcomes feedback. To support this partnership parents and carers are kept informed of their child's education and progress through written reports, parents' evenings and information evenings.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

School policies in relation to Admissions, Curriculum, Learning and Teaching, Special Educational Needs, Disability, Equal Opportunities, Behaviour, Attendance, More Able and Talented Pupils, Child Protection, Health and Safety, Sex and Relationships are published on the school website, www.sjhs.newport.sch.uk Copies of annual achievement and attainment tables are available in the Governors' Annual Report to Parents.

Printed copies of all of the above will be made available on request by telephoning the school on 01633 653110 or emailing us at sjhs@newport.gov.uk.



Learning

AN EXPECTATION OF EXCELLENCE

At St Joseph's RC High School we are passionate about learning. We love nothing more than seeing students develop into confident, independent learners. That means we expect all our students to work hard and perform to the best of their ability. We offer a curriculum that is broad, balanced and relevant ensuring that every child is well catered for. In Years 7, 8 and 9 (Key Stage 3) students study:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education
- Welsh
- Geography
- History
- ICT
- a Modern Foreign Language
- Design & Technology
- Art
- Drama
- Physical Education
- Personal Social Education
- Music

Students are taught Essential Skills across the curriculum which are designed to help students become lifelong learners.

In Years 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4) students begin to specialise in their option subjects, ready for their examinations. Our curriculum is well balanced and includes a wide range of academic and vocational courses to suit every student's needs and aspirations. All students study English, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, Religious Education, ICT, Welsh and a number of optional courses.

The majority of our students then join our Sixth Form where we are part of the Newport West Post-16 Partnership, www.newportwest.co.uk. Our partner institutions include Bassaleg School, Coleg Gwent, Duffryn High School and Newport High School. The partnership allows us to provide opportunities for students to study an unrivalled range of A Level courses.

Students with additional learning needs and those identified as more able and talented are supported throughout the curriculum by all of our staff.

"My son has grown in every way possible under the care, guidance and excellent teaching at St Joseph's." Year 10 parent

"The quality of teaching is an outstanding feature." Estyn





Beyond the Classroom

FINDING THE WORK-LIFE BALANCE

St Joseph's is more than a Roman Catholic High School focused on excellence in academic success; it is a school in which sport, as well as music, drama and dance play a vital role. A truly holistic education means encouraging every student to develop their intellectual, social, moral and physical skills. We ensure that a wide range of activities can fit alongside academic study including:

SPORT

- Athletics
- Rugby
- Football
- Netball
- Hockey
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Multi-gym

MUSIC AND DRAMA

- A Senior Choir
- A Junior Choir
- An Orchestra
- School Productions
- Drama

OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Young Enterprise
- National Bar Mock trials
- Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)
- Mathematics
- Liturgy
- Young Writers' Group
- Photography
- Art
- Food
- CAFOD Action Group
- Film Group
- ICT/CAD/CAM
- Eco-Club

OTHER TRIPS AND TRAVEL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Ski Trip to Austria
- Ski Trip to America
- Paris / Spain
- Sorrento
- Barcelona
- Battlefields of the Great War: Lille
- Kintbury Retreat
- Llangrannog: Welsh
- Science: Cerne



Academic and Pastoral Care

NURTURING, SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Our inclusive family ethos, based on the 3Rs: Respect, Responsibility and Relationships underpin every other aspect of life at St Joseph's RC High School.

From their first day, your son or daughter will be effectively supported in our caring community. Central to this is your child's tutor group, within one of eight tutor groups. Form tutors play a vital role in keeping a watchful eye on your child's academic and personal development. Student and tutor meet at least twice a day (for example for registration, afternoon reflection or assembly). The tutor is the first point of contact and the daily link

between home and school. All students are expected to maintain the highest standards of behaviour and take pride in their work and learning environment. Each student is a valued member of the school community and achievement is celebrated at every opportunity.

STUDY AND HOMEWORK

Homework is essential for all our students. It consolidates work done in class and encourages independent study and learning. Statistics show that homework is a key part of success in exams. Every student is issued with a personal planner to record homework and parents/carers are requested to check and sign it every week.

EXAMINATIONS, REPORTS AND CONSULTATIONS

Students' academic progress is measured by formal written examinations, continuous assessment, classroom-based tests and teacher observation. School reports are written by teachers and are issued once a year. These state what has to be done to move up to the next stage of learning in all subjects. Parents' meetings are arranged at least once a year to give parents/carers and teachers an opportunity to discuss the progress of students. Parents/carers may also request personal appointments to discuss specific matters with teachers. We welcome the concern and support which prompts such requests.

“Extra-curricular activities make a significant contribution to the holistic development of the pupil. An extensive range of opportunities is provided ...” Estyn



FIND OUT MORE

We hope that this prospectus gives you a flavour of how we aim to achieve the flourishing of the whole child.

If you are interested in our school then feel free to pay us a visit. We believe that the best way to find out if we are right for you is to see what the school is like during the day.

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HOW TO FIND US



TRAVELLING WEST (FROM NEWPORT)

Take the J28 exit.
At roundabout take 2nd exit – keep left onto the A48 (Castleton, St Mellons road).
At traffic lights turn left on to Pencarn Way (signposted Duffryn)
At roundabout take 2nd exit continuing on Pencarn Way
St Joseph's RC High School is on your left.

TRAVELLING EAST (FROM CARDIFF)

Take the J28 exit.
At roundabout take 4th exit – keeping left onto the A48 (Castleton, St. Mellons road).
At traffic lights turn left on to Pencarn Way (signposted Duffryn)
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