



St. Cuthbert's R.C. High School



Living out our CARE values: Catholic, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence



Welcome

I am delighted that you are considering joining St. Cuthbert's at this most exciting time in our journey. Choosing the right school for your child is difficult and one of the most important decisions you will ever make. This prospectus is designed to give you an insight into our school and our community. Whether you are new to St. Cuthbert's and considering us as the provider for your child's education or an existing member of our community, I hope you find this prospectus useful.

While we are a Roman Catholic school, serving the Catholic community of Rochdale, we are open to people of all faith and none. What we ask is that you share our values, Catholic, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence.

Here at St. Cuthbert's we provide a holistic education which develops and nourishes the academic, physical, social and spiritual side of all of our students. This holistic approach to education is reflected in what you will see in this prospectus. We believe this is what will improve the life chances of young people. Our recent Ofsted inspection report begins with the following:

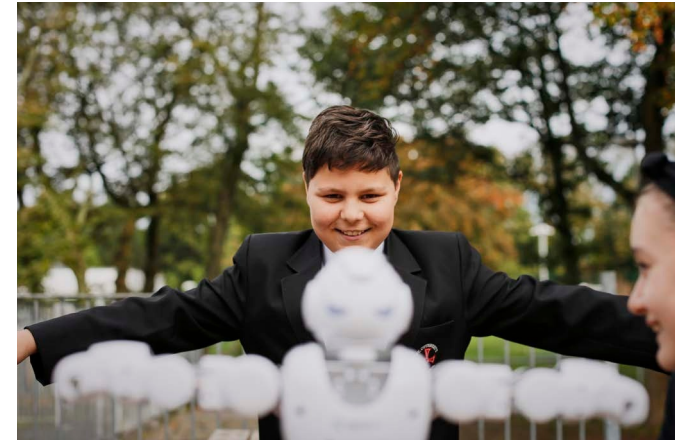
“This is a school where all pupils fit in and feel welcome, safe and happy. Pupils are knowledgeable about, and accepting of, each other's differences. They told inspectors that staff resolve any bullying incidents quickly.” (Ofsted, 2022)

St. Cuthbert's is a vibrant, constantly improving, inclusive and exciting school. As well as providing an excellent academic education we provide many other opportunities for students to grow and enjoy their time with us. We have excellent relationships with our parents and very much work in partnership with them.

A school prospectus cannot answer all of your questions. I would encourage you to visit, to look at our website, our Facebook page and speak to others who already send their children here. We have an Open Evening in September and also welcome, prospective and current parents to visit us by appointment while the school is open. We believe that seeing our fantastic learning environment and meeting our wonderful staff and children will help you to decide that St. Cuthbert's is the school to help your son or daughter to become the very best that they can be.



David Shields



Our School

Mission Statement & School Prayer

The Lord God requires of us that we should help others whenever we can, always make the right choices and be the best that we can be in everything that we do.

St. Cuthbert's Roman Catholic High School is a caring, diverse Catholic high school community with a distinct ethos upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome families from all faiths to join us and we promote a learning culture where everyone is valued and differences are respected and celebrated. We ensure that Christ is known to every student and every student is known to us.

Our diligent, talented and committed staff at St. Cuthbert's work closely with parents, carers and individually with students to ensure they fulfil their full potential. We seek excellence in all aspects of learning and expect high standards of academic and personal achievement.

This is central to what we do; helping our students use their God given talents so that they leave us as well qualified, well rounded, respectful citizens who have a positive contribution to make to their community.

“There is a culture of welcome and all students and staff demonstrate a very high level of confidence and outreach to all within the school community; recognising, valuing and celebrating diversity at all levels. Diversity is celebrated, ensuring everyone is treated with dignity and respect.” (Section 48 Inspection Report)



St. Cuthbert's R.C. High School Core Values

Vision - 'To make Christ known through our words and actions as we aspire to be the best that we can be in everything that we do'

Values

At St. Cuthbert's RC High School, our CARE values underpin everything that we do:

C*atholic: We help others whenever we can and will be outstanding ambassadors for our faith, our school and our community.*

A*spiration: We continually seek to improve ourselves and improve the world in which we live.*

R*espect: We always make the right choices and treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves.*

E*xcellence: To be the best that we can be in everything that we do and make the most of our God given talents.*

"Leaders help pupils to learn beyond the academic curriculum. Pupils learn about social aspects, such as relationships. The careers education that staff provide informs pupils well about their options for further education, employment and training." (Ofsted, 2022)



"A particularly strong feature of St. Cuthbert's is how staff and student relationships bear witness to Christian values of justice, compassion, forgiveness and love."

Section 48 Inspection Report



Support and Guidance

At St. Cuthbert's we are committed to keeping your child safe whether that be with us in school, online or out in the wider community. Parental support plays a vital part in a child's education, so we work closely with parents and carers to ensure strong links between students, school and home. A good level of communication with parents is essential. We welcome parental input through our newly-established parental forum, whilst enjoying the opportunity to meet parents both within formal and informal events. Our dedicated school-based safeguarding team work with students and their families to provide universal support in the form of parenting support workshops, advice, signposting, onward referrals, meetings in school and home visits.

We are immensely proud of the inclusive education and care that we offer at St. Cuthbert's. Staff are committed to offering a wide range of activities and opportunities that extend beyond the classroom setting, supporting the needs and interests of all students. This may include counselling, workshops such as raising self-esteem and anger management or support returning to school following illness or long term absence.

"Pupils know that they can seek help from staff when they need it." (Ofsted, 2022)

Pastoral Care

At St. Cuthbert's we pride ourselves on the excellent quality of our pastoral care. All staff are committed to supporting and caring for our students to ensure they are safe, happy and successful. We have an excellent pastoral system with Form Tutors being a focus in our partnership with parents. Each student is assigned a Form Tutor who sees the student every morning and is a consistent point of contact, taking responsibility for the student's pastoral wellbeing.

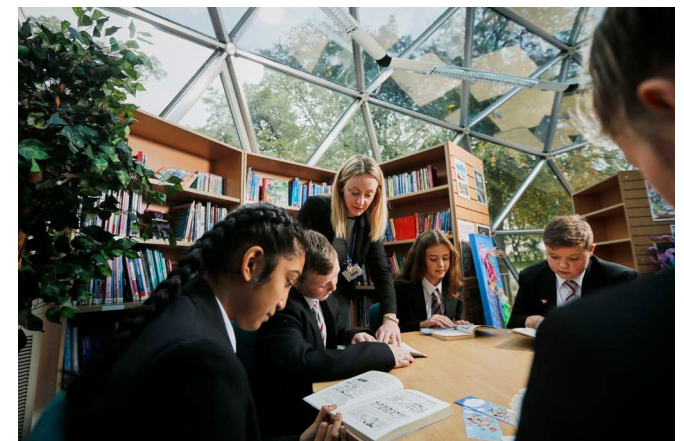
Good behaviour, attendance and achievement are recognised through our rewards system. We regularly celebrate students who make progress within their subjects and live out our values across all areas of our school and the wider community.

A culture of respect is actively promoted in our school. Our anti-bullying policy establishes the right for every child to feel safe and confident, making it clear that any deliberate behaviour that upsets or distresses another student will not be tolerated.

At St. Cuthbert's, we have a wide range of supportive initiatives and interventions available to any student who may need this at any point during their high school journey. Our Wellbeing Officer, SENDCo, Safeguarding Team and Pastoral Team work closely to ensure that this is of upmost importance when working with our students and their families.

We are committed to preparing our students to become healthy, responsible and mature young people of the future. We equip our students with the skills they need to become role models for all. Our students are positive role models who are actively involved in, and consulted with, regarding all key aspects of their learning.

"Leaders identify the needs of pupils with SEND accurately. They provide staff with key information to support these pupils in their learning." (Ofsted, 2022)



Growing in Faith

Our Mission Statement challenges every member of our community to be the best that we can be, not just academically but also spiritually. At St. Cuthbert's, students are given every opportunity to grow spiritually. Students are invited to pray daily, attend Mass regularly, take part in religious retreats and become GIFT Chaplains, who work with local and global charities. All of these opportunities allow each student to become spiritually aware, well-rounded individuals.

Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Cuthbert's

The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens the gifts received in Baptism through the further gift of the Holy Spirit and prepares us for the mission of Christian life. Within Year 8 at St. Cuthbert's, all Baptised Catholics will have the opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an important part of their spiritual journey and we work in partnership with our local parish churches to complete a programme of in-school and in-church sessions.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education

Our spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) education permeates throughout our curriculum. This plays a significant role in ensuring our students are safe, happy and successful.

The school is committed to offering students the opportunity to:

- Develop in their faith journey
- Identify, reflect on and explore experiences and distinguish between right and wrong
- Discuss moral issues, develop and talk about their own attitudes and values
- Develop an understanding of social responsibilities and citizenship
- Celebrate a diversity of cultures
- Be prepared for a life in modern Britain as responsible citizens



Achievement and Success

All of our students have gifts and talents that we always look to develop and celebrate at St. Cuthbert's. We recognise that it's not just in the classroom where achievement flourishes, but also across school and beyond. As well as offering substantial extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities, our school community regularly comes together to recognise and reward students for all they achieve and the positive contributions they make to our school and wider community.

Whether it is student praise and rewards from staff through the use of ClassCharts achievement points, or it is the collective acknowledgement gained within our termly year group reward assemblies, staff at St. Cuthbert's strive to recognise the hard work, commitment and dedication our students demonstrate on a daily basis.

Additional Needs

Our SEND team ensure that all students' individual learning needs are catered for. The specialist, knowledgeable and experienced team work alongside students, parents, carers, staff and other stakeholders to ensure that all students can achieve their potential. Pre- arranged transition visits allow our staff to understand the needs of each individual before they start at St. Cuthbert's. Parents, Carers and students are also given the opportunity to share their views prior to their child moving to high the school. This collaboration ensures that the students have a personalised pupil passport so that staff can best meet and support their individual needs within lessons.

Experienced staff support learning in the classroom, deliver personalised intervention programmes and promote positive attitudes and behaviour. Allocated areas within school also allow students the chance to access activities and socialise in a quiet, supportive environment during their break-time and lunch-time. We endeavour to support all of our students. If you feel your child needs additional help with their learning, please contact Miss N Hamnett (SEND Coordinator)



“Leaders want the best for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and or disabilities (SEND) and those who are disadvantaged.” (Ofsted, 2022)

Curriculum

Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church, the curriculum at St. Cuthbert's provides ambitious educational opportunities for all members of our community. The curriculum equips our students with the knowledge, skills and personal characteristics to flourish as global citizens bringing about the common good.

Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3 marks the start of an exciting journey for students as they embark on a pathway designed to enrich students' ambition, love of learning and equip them with the skills, cultural capital and powerful knowledge they need to lead happy and successful lives. Students study a broad and balanced curriculum to allow them the opportunity to thrive and flourish in all subject areas. Students follow a core curriculum of: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, a Modern Foreign Language, Art, Drama, Music, Food Technology, Design Technology, Computer Science, Skills for Life and P.E. fulfilling the National Curriculum requirements in an innovative and engaging classroom environment. This is further enriched by a personal development programme which endeavours to build independence, resilience and confidence in students.

Key Stage 4

Students in Year 10 have the opportunity to personalise their own curriculum pathway and we offer a wide range of courses allowing students to follow the route most appropriate to their needs, interests or future career path. All students follow a core curriculum of Religious Education, English Literature and Language, Mathematics and Humanities. Students then have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of GCSE and vocational qualifications including Art, Business Studies, Computer Science, Drama, Food and Nutrition, Health and Social Care, Music, a Modern Foreign Language, PE, Psychology, Sociology and Sports Studies. In addition to their assessed curriculum students' physical, personal and social education continues in Skills for Life and Physical Education. During this key Stage we aim to enrich our students' experience by offering regular study and intervention sessions, careers education and a range of extra-curricular activities so they leave school as well qualified, self-regulated and confident young adults who are ready to make a positive contribution to their community and wider society.

“Leaders make sure that the design of these curriculum includes the essential knowledge that pupils should learn.” (Ofsted, 2022)



Extra-Curricular

St. Cuthbert's RC High School prides itself on upholding the dignity and worth of all children within school, therefore the enrichment programme aims to develop an ethos of belonging to "Our School" and developing students' cultural capital and character education. Our enrichment programme aims to help students to develop their interests and abilities, provide valuable learning experiences outside their academic studies and promote independence and interpersonal links with students in other years. The enrichment programme has been designed to support students develop the essential skills they will need to progress onto higher education and employment. Our enrichment programme offers a wide range of activities across our school including opportunities within our Core subjects, Sports and PE, Performing Arts, Technology, Computer Science and so much more.

"I absolutely love being part of the year 8 Netball team; being a part of the team allows me to socialise and gives me a sense of community as everyone supports each other. I also love the competition element of the sport." (Year 8 pupil)

"I have enjoyed Debate Mate as it has developed my confidence and I have been able to improve my communication skills by learning how to develop a convincing argument." (Year 9 Pupil)

"The School Show has been electric. It has given me the opportunity to make friends with people I wouldn't normally hang around with. I found my best friend there!" (Year 11 Pupil)

We also aim to broaden students' horizons by providing opportunities for educational trips and visits. Over the past year, students have had the opportunity to take part in the following trips:

- Outdoor adventure weekends at PGL
- Live Shakespeare performances in Stratford-Upon-Avon
- West End theatre trips
- University campus visits
- Army Residentials



**"Pupils benefit from an effective personal development curriculum. Pupils are well prepared to make the most of their lives in and beyond school. Many pupils enjoy the various clubs, activities and responsibilities that they are offered. These include sports, music, drama and puzzle clubs."
(Ofsted, 2022)**



Transition

At St. Cuthbert's we have a dedicated team of transition staff including members of the Senior Leadership Team, Pastoral Staff and Support Staff, who work closely with students on their journey from primary to secondary school. We endeavour to make this transition as smooth and efficient as possible, by providing a wide range of transition activities. Consequently, Year 6 students will feel more confident about their move to secondary school.

“Communication has been a real strength, with ClassCharts I know my child’s lessons, behaviour and attendance are all in one place and I can message staff from there and so can he.” (Year 7 Parent)

In the summer term of Year 6, students joining St. Cuthbert's are invited to attend a number of different events such as a Transition Day where they enjoy lessons, meet their teachers and make new friends. We hold additional induction opportunities for students who may need a little more support, including those with additional needs. Such opportunities include a Friendship morning for those students coming from primary schools with smaller numbers.

Parents and Carers are also invited to attend an Information Evening, to meet staff, including their child's Form Tutor, and ask any questions that they may have. There will also be information available on how Parents and Carers can best support their child at secondary school.



Our Students

Head Girl

"I have always prided myself on making good decisions and choosing to come to St Cuthbert's was the best decision I have ever made. St. Cuthbert's is a multicultural, diverse, and welcoming school. Students are pushed to their full potential by dedicated and ambitious teachers who help all students in the journey to 'be the best that we can be in everything that we do' as stated in our school mission statement. They not only support us academically, but also socially and mentally which I feel has been crucial in my progress.

Being Head Girl has been a special experience for me. Being offered the opportunity to speak with staff about how students can contribute towards our school's development has been invaluable. The role has motivated me to stray out of my comfort zone and to do things I would never have imagined doing. These are the memories I will treasure forever. I am immensely proud of my school, for shaping me into the person I am today and for giving students the perfect platform to allow them to grow into bright, strong-willed and ambitious individuals ready to face the challenges of the world. If you choose to come to St. Cuthbert's, I can assure you, that it will be a decision you will not regret."

Jussara Da Cruz

Head Boy

"Choosing to come to St. Cuthbert's was the best decision I could have made. The staff have been of great support to me and all other students; they have helped me to be the "best I can be", both in my education and in my life as a whole. The St. Cuthbert's community celebrates diversity, and all students are given many opportunities to grow and reach their highest potential. The school allows students to discover new talents and develop existing talents, gain confidence and ultimately strives to bring the best out of all students, regardless of their backgrounds, faith or religion. I feel distinct pride in my role as Head Boy and it has been an achievement that I will never forget. The role has given me a sense of responsibility for myself and others, but also the opportunity to help students in the St. Cuthbert's community and in our partner primary schools. Rest assured that St. Cuthbert's can provide the best secondary school experience for your child, in that I have no doubt."

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How to gain admission to St. Cuthbert's R.C. High School

St. Cuthbert's is a Roman Catholic high school provided by the Diocese of Salford and is maintained by the Rochdale Borough Education Authority.

Whilst we are a Catholic school we welcome applications from all religious and cultural backgrounds. To enable prospective students and families to make an informed choice, we warmly welcome all to attend our Open Evening which is held at the start of the Autumn term. At this evening you will have the opportunity to listen to the Headteacher's welcome speech, have a guided tour of our school and meet staff and students. If you are unable to attend, please see our website for details on how to arrange a tour of our school by contacting our Transition Team via email: Admissions@scrchs.com

Admissions to St. Cuthbert's are processed by your Local Authority. Please visit our website www.scrchs.net/admissions/How-to-Apply and where you will find direct links to Rochdale, Oldham and Lancashire authorities.

We would like to invite any prospective parents and carers to come and see for themselves all that St. Cuthbert's R.C. High School has to offer. Please email the school at headteacher@scrchs.com to book a tour of our school



Let's keep in touch

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