



Deus Fortitudo Mea

St. Augustine's

Catholic High School & Sixth Form

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God Is My Strength



“ The Principal exudes a determination to enable every pupil to achieve his or her potential.”

Ofsted, 2017

Welcome

to St. Augustine's

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Thank you for considering St Augustine's Catholic High School and Sixth Form for your child's education. As parents and teachers, we recognise that there is nothing more important than investing in every aspect of your son or daughter's future – academic, moral, physical and creative.

As a 'Catholic School for All' we aim to educate students of all faiths or none, by drawing on the wisdom of the gospel values within the context of the 21st century. St. Augustine's Catholic High School is uncompromising in the pursuit of academic excellence. We aim to develop the character of your child by emphasising the importance of moral courage, integrity and service to others. Students leave us with internationally recognised academic qualifications together with a much deeper and reflective perspective on life – confidence balanced with modesty, ambition harnessed by humility and aspirations championed by respectfulness. Most of all, I can reassure you that your child will leave school, prepared, ready and eager for the challenge of moving on to the next stage of their life.

St Augustine's is a happy, vibrant school with a strong sense of family that is the cornerstone of our values. Students quickly build friendship groups and the numerous enrichment opportunities that are offered allow them to make vertical connections with students in year groups across the school. We have a distinctively Catholic ethos that supports deep personal faith whilst welcoming diversity and difference in beliefs and culture. I hope that as you explore our website and join us at one of our Open Days, you will gain a sense of who we are, and what we are about. We look forward to welcoming you.

Mr Gerald O'Connor, Principal



Academic Excellence

We are immensely proud of our academic results. In 2017 we were identified as Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted and in 2019, we were ranked consistently in the top 1% of schools for our GCSE results.

The Fair Secondary School Index of 2019 ranked us as the 13th best school in the UK's League Tables. Put simply, our academic syllabus is rigorous. Our Key Stage 4 curriculum gives students three years to focus on core subjects and option choices. The taught curriculum is completed by February half term each year, allowing ample time to revise and hone exam technique. Our monitoring programme of academic performance is tight to ensure that all students are robustly reviewed and interventions put in place in an expedient manner to support any deteriorating performance. Our benchmarks are set high – above the national average to embed the expectation that everyone achieves their best.

Being a Teaching School, our staff are highly trained professionals who constantly seek marginal gains in their own practice with many supporting staff in other schools. Whether at Key Stage 4 or Sixth Form, our subject staff deliver a curriculum to inspire students to want to learn and explore the world around them. Both traditional and vocational courses are taught in order to be inclusive to the needs of all of our students. To enhance learning, both UK based and European trips are arranged thereby allowing students to become fully immersed within their relevant subjects.



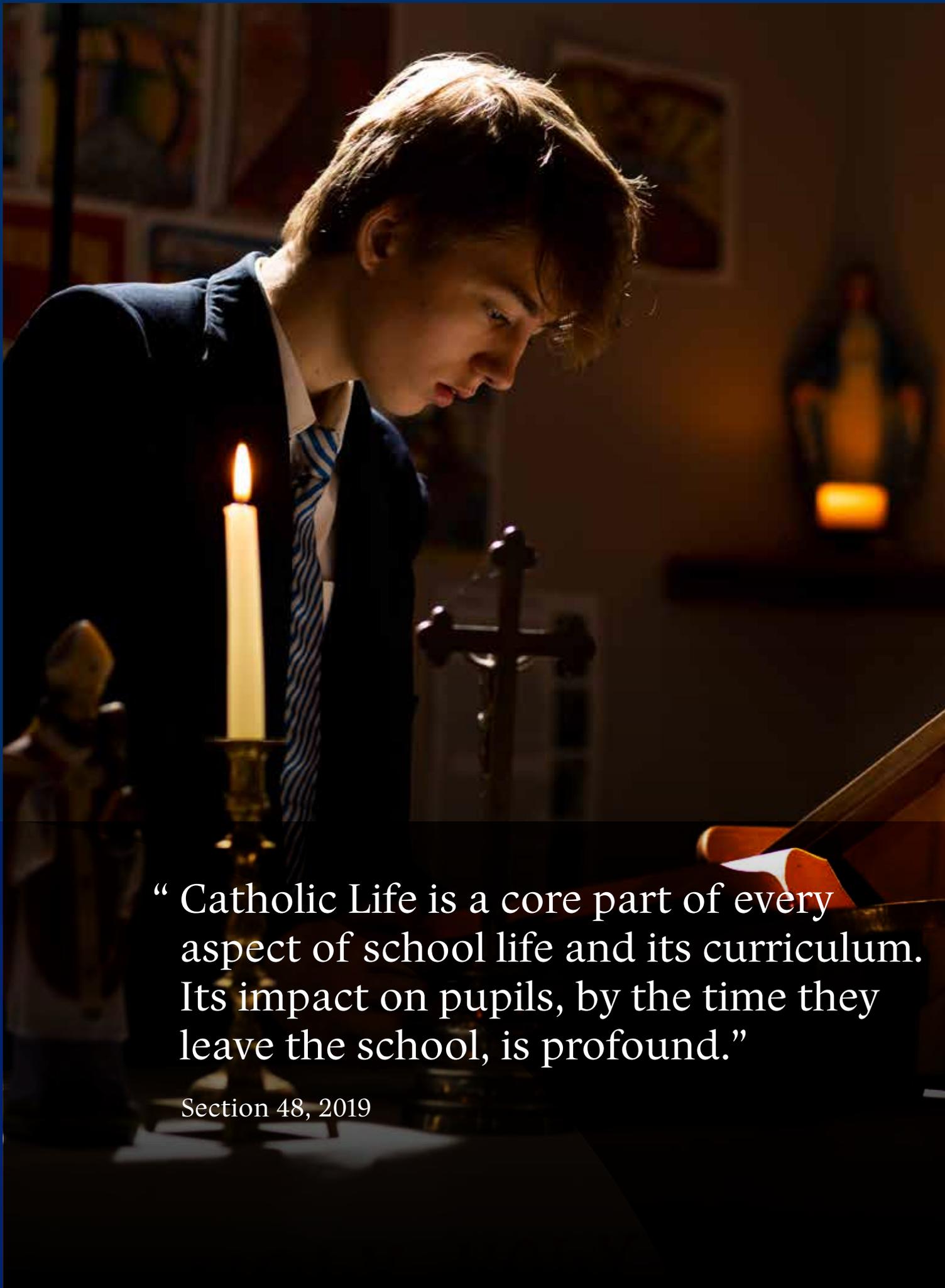
Our curriculum is designed to pose questions wider than the examined courses. It promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society; it prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. We want to nurture every element of passion, ambition and intrigue within students to create articulate and resilient learners who will flourish in the world beyond school.





“Pupils conduct themselves with great maturity in lessons and around the school. High attendance rates are testament to pupils’ enjoyment of school.”

Ofsted, 2017



“ Catholic Life is a core part of every aspect of school life and its curriculum. Its impact on pupils, by the time they leave the school, is profound.”

Section 48, 2019

Pastoral

A key aspect of our school is the quality of our pastoral care. Safe and happy students are those who will learn, mature and thrive, thereby making headway towards positive outcomes both at GCSE and A Level.

It is the people that define the community and with specially trained medical, counselling, pastoral and Chaplaincy staff available, students always have somewhere to turn. On a bad day, it is to friends whom we turn and so the focus on ensuring students value themselves and each other, establishes the trust that they are there for one another.

Values are the driving principle of our community – we seek to foster responsibility amongst students. Amidst all the turbulent times of recent years, we ensure that we engender a community of reflection and our daily collective worship ensures that this happens.



Leadership opportunities abound throughout the school, from Y9 through to the Sixth Form. The Student Council is a large and diverse body which incorporates students across all year groups to take responsibility for areas such as the environment, managing finances through to mentoring and enrichment.

Fundamentally we believe that pastoral care is a partnership between parents, students and the school to become citizens of the future.



Extra Curricular

It is the daft, fun and quirky happenings of a trip that students will reminisce and laugh about for years to come after leaving school and so what happens away from the classroom is every bit as important as to what is learnt within.

The richness of our extra curricular calendar is available to all – from Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh schemes to Young Enterprise to sponsored walks and car washes..... the list is endless. Overseas trips for example, to Poland, France, Switzerland are all part of the school's rich tapestry of life. After the summer exams, the school choir goes on tour to Europe and as well as performing at pre-arranged venues, they also stage impromptu events in the town squares and churches, drawing large crowds and creating a fantastic, lively vibe to the evening.





“ The curriculum is exceptionally rich offering a very wide range of academic and vocational courses and extra-curricular programmes.”

Ofsted, 2017



Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is dynamic, highly successful and whilst the largest in size within the Diocese, still very much retains a family feel.

The students are challenged intellectually, spiritually and emotionally and with plentiful leadership opportunities, they become involved with mentoring the younger students. They learn to face the challenges of the world and hence the realisation that resilience and ambition are the cornerstones to their ongoing success when they leave the safety of the school gate.

Sixth Formers have greater freedom than younger students. Honing their independence, they attend Open Days, and undertake interview practice in readiness for their journey beyond to University and/or higher level apprenticeships and employment.

The pastoral strengths of the school extend into the Sixth Form, where two dedicated mentors work closely with students to support and address their needs ensuring that they develop their independence and manage their learning more clearly. Most importantly, students build resilience and accountability making them ready to face the world.

Careers

As the Careers Hub for Worcestershire, we are held as a beacon of excellence within the county by the Careers Enterprise Council. We have an independent Careers Advisor who interviews, tracks and monitors every single student from Y9 to Y13 to provide opportunities and direction.

Each year, a calendar of events is established for students across all year groups to embed the importance of thinking beyond school about their higher aspirations. We have a wide network of employers whom we work alongside to provide invaluable work experience for Y10 and Y12 students. We continue to evolve and build our partnerships with local businesses within Redditch and Birmingham, the armed services, medical schools, drama schools, colleges and Russell Group universities in order to establish a central pool of resource that will challenge students to think outside the box. This ensures that they follow the appropriate path after school which will play to their strengths.

“ The level of support offered by the Teaching School to schools in the wider Catholic family, motivated by moral purpose, is a real credit to all connected to the school. It is playing an important role recruiting and developing future Catholic leaders.”

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