



Oaklands

Catholic School and Sixth Form College

"Passionate
and effective"

PROSPECTUS



"Safe and
welcoming"



Community



Unity



Opportunity



Welcome to Oaklands

Matthew Quinn, Headteacher

INTRODUCTION

I am very proud to welcome you to Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College. Our success is rooted in a strong academic tradition.

The school takes Catholic children from 11–18. Oaklands also takes in a number of children from other Christian denominations and other faiths who meet the criteria laid down in the Governors’ Admissions Policy.

MISSION STATEMENT

- COMMUNITY** No one gets left behind
- UNITY** United by the cross
- OPPORTUNITY** Potential for greatness



COMMUNITY

Oaklands is a community where people grow and develop whilst feeling cared for and valued. Our strength is rooted in the willingness that exists in our community to provide the support for every child to ensure the best opportunity for success. The truth of Jesus Christ compels us to exclaim the gospels in service, actions and words. Over the years students have played an active part in the community raising money for many local, national and international good causes.



“Students are courteous, friendly and respectful to each other”
- OFSTED



UNITY

As a Catholic school we recognise the importance of placing Christ at the centre of all that we do. As a result, your child’s journey through Oaklands will be one of an education in faith and spiritual development in accordance with the teachings and tradition of the Catholic Church. Our work at Oaklands is guided by Gospel values. These values are nurtured and integrated into our work. Through our personal relationships the school serves as a witness to the Catholic faith.



OPPORTUNITY

We value the opportunity that Oaklands provides for every student to achieve their full potential through high quality education and academic success. We recognise that each student has special and different gifts. At Oaklands, we identify those gifts and find opportunities to develop them in a climate where they can be shared and personal achievement can be maximised; where difference is not just tolerated but celebrated.

It is only possible to convey part of the Oaklands experience in this brochure, so I am happy for you to come and see us at open evenings or by appointment. You will gain a sense of the Catholic ethos which pervades everything we do.



Christ-centred **learning** community
Enrichment **activities** include spiritual retreats
Regular **opportunities** exist to meet Christ in prayer

A community that worships together

CHILDREN ARE SAFE AND ENJOY SCHOOL LIFE

We recognise our responsibility to foster a Christian atmosphere, to equip the young students in our care to face the adult world with confidence and to play a responsible part in a society which is rapidly changing and holds a variety of different standards. This confidence is shaped through a deep understanding of the relationship between faith and culture.

Making a choice of secondary school is a major decision for children and parents. It is of paramount importance that your child feels safe and supported. To this end we provide a comprehensive induction programme at the end of Year 6. Once at Oaklands, the successful pastoral system, which is built on a strong partnership between the school, home and parish, continues to provide individual support.

“There is an extremely strong focus on developing spiritual values and a sense of right and wrong in the day-to-day routines of the school” - OFSTED



The Year Head and Form Tutors emphasise with students the importance of self-discipline and responsibility and also the importance of care, concern and respect for each other at all times. Year 7 students receive additional support from a trained Year 11 ‘Buddies Team’.

Oaklands welcomes students of all abilities, for students who need additional assistance our learning support team will provide personalised support and intervention.



“This is our third child through Oaklands, the support we have received has been fabulous” - PARENT

A community that celebrates the individual



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL TO ACHIEVE

Teaching and learning is at the heart of what we do. Our results reflect high quality teaching and learning and high expectations for student achievement. Oaklands offers a full range of GCSE and A Level courses.

We ensure that all our students have the opportunity to go on to greater success, whether through university, college, work or training. We regularly have a number of successful Oxbridge candidates. We expect all students to do their best, irrespective of ability and we are always proud to celebrate achievements through reward points, letters of commendation and celebration and certificate assemblies.



"The Headteacher and his senior team are passionate and are effective and energetic about improving the school, particularly teaching and achievement and upholding the principle of 'no one left behind' - OFSTED



"Passionate and effective"

"Safe and welcoming"



"Teachers create an extremely safe, welcoming and positive atmosphere in lessons, which helps students to work well" - OFSTED



A rich and varied curriculum

ENRICHING EXTRA CURRICULAR EXPERIENCES

Outstanding schools should enrich students in other ways beyond success in public examinations. Once a year, the school runs a week long 'Challenge Week', where students engage in activities as teams and creative thinkers. The week provides students with an opportunity to develop alternative skills including empathy, leadership and self awareness. Oaklands runs a full programme of extra curricular activities and local, national and international visits. The school has an outstanding reputation for music, with hundreds of students involved in tuition. In the sporting arena, the school excels in Rugby and Tennis. The school production is a highlight of the school year, in recent years the school has completed a number ambitious projects including Guys and Dolls, Oklahoma! and Kiss Me Kate.

Students at all ages are given opportunities for leadership through the School Council, Sports Leaders, the House system, Buddies and the promotion of charity work.

We value the students' views on teaching and learning, therefore, students are regularly asked about homework, assessment and behaviour. They also play a role in interviewing prospective candidates for staff positions.



"I am envious of the opportunities that exist for students outside of the classroom" - PARENT

oaklands **sixth** college >> form



Sixth Form students are encouraged to show greater independence and this is reflected in the results.

Our Sixth Form College is in a separate building on the site, it has a distinctively different atmosphere, more like that of a college. However, it retains its intimacy and personalised approach due to its size. Sixth Form students are encouraged to show greater independence and this is reflected in their results. Students go on to study a variety of courses at university including Medicine, Engineering, Law, Veterinary Science, Maths and Science.





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