



Oaklands

Catholic School and Sixth Form College

PROSPECTUS

"Passionate and effective"

"Safe and welcoming"



Community



Unity



Opportunity



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welcome to **Oaklands**

I am very proud to welcome you to Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College. Our success is rooted in a strong academic tradition that finds its genesis in the Charism of the founding religious order The Sisters of Christ.

Our Catholic ethos underpins all that we do at Oaklands. Our rich, exciting, broad curriculum, both in the classroom and beyond, motivates student interest. The personal development of young people, be that spiritual or academic, is at the centre of what we do. Our extra curricular offer is wide and varied, it enhances the life opportunities of all our students.

We believe that parents are the primary educators, the first to instill Christian values in their children. So, by working in partnership, we strive to ensure that outcomes are the best they can be. We expect our students to demonstrate exceptional standards of behaviour, parental support is a significant contributor in this area.

Oaklands' students are encouraged to develop a sense of pride in their school as they grow and develop over their seven year journey with us. We have an impressive Alumni with past students now leading in the fields of business, engineering and medicine, to name but a few. We believe once Oaklands, forever Oaklands.

The school takes Catholic children from 11–18. Oaklands also takes in a number of children from other Christian denominations, other faiths or from families who seek a Catholic based education. Students are admitted according to the criteria laid down in the Governors' Admissions Policy.

It is only possible to convey part of the Oaklands experience in this brochure. Please visit us at open evenings or by appointment and you will gain a sense of the Catholic ethos which pervades everything we do.

Amy Bonnington
Head of School



“ Leaders encourage everyone to take part in the very wide range of activities on offer. As the school’s mission statement says, ‘no-one gets left behind.’ ”

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Our Mission



COMMUNITY

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, ...encouraging one another."

(Hebrews 10: 24 – 25)

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. Students play an active part in the community raising money for many local, national and international good causes.



UNITY

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

(1 Corinthians 12: 12)

As a Catholic school we recognise the importance of placing Christ at the centre of all that we do. As a result, a young person'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.

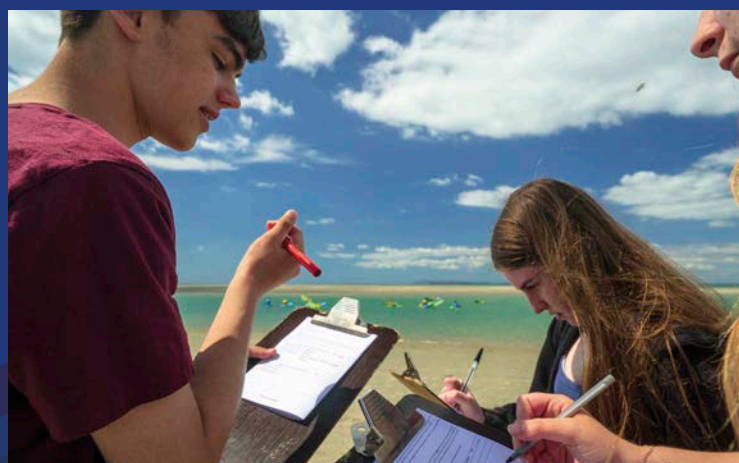


OPPORTUNITY

"Let us be concerned for one another, to stir a response in love and good works."

(Hebrews 10:24)

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.



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 bridging the end of Year 6 and into Year 7. 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.

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'.



“ School staff provide a high quality of care which makes the young people feel safe and prosper.”

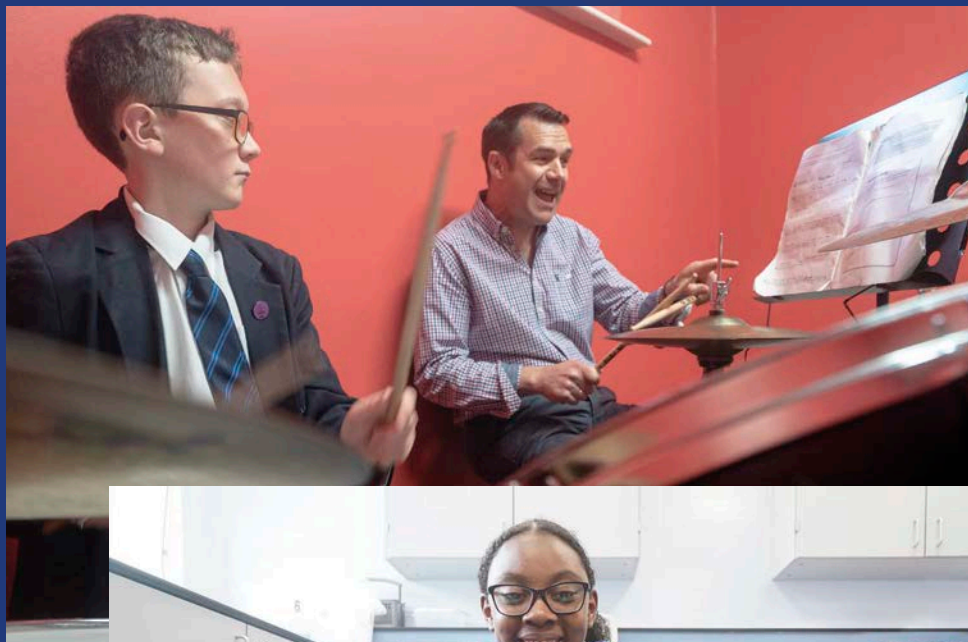
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A community that celebrates the individual

Opportunities for all to achieve

Teaching and learning is at the heart of what we do. We have high expectations and expect all students to engage fully in the curriculum we offer. 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 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.



“Oaklands is a welcoming and diverse community united by strong Catholic values.”

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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 "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. In the sporting arena, the school excels in rugby and tennis. The school production is a highlight of the school year.

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.



Sixth Form information

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. Many students start their journey at Oaklands in Year 7 with the intention of staying into the Sixth Form. Sixth Form students are encouraged to show greater independence, and this is reflected in their results. Many students go on to study a variety of courses at many of the country's top universities. Others go on to employment or degree apprenticeships combining work with higher-level learning.





Community

**No one gets
left behind**



Unity

**United by
the cross**



Opportunity

**Potential
for greatness**



250
Clear
Plastic Straws
210mm x 4mm

United by the Cross



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"A community that worships together"

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