



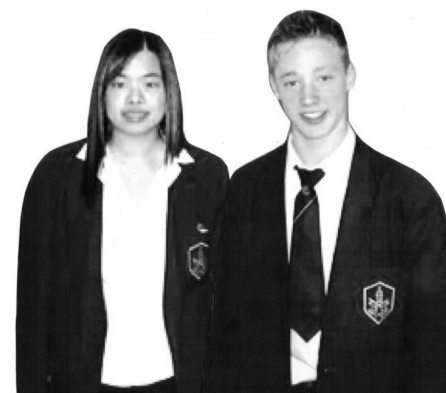
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St. Gregory's Catholic High School

Specialist Humanities College



Information for Candidates

St Gregory's Catholic High School is a mixed, 11 - 16 age group school, built on a green-field site in 1981. It served initially the parishes of Sacred Heart in inner Warrington and St. Joseph's in Penketh, a residential suburb. There are now five partner primary schools but pupils come to St. Gregory's from many other primary schools. Many pupils travel quite long distances.

There has been steady, planned expansion over the years from 350 pupils and 21 teachers in 1981 to 960 and 68 respectively in 2010. In 1993, a building programme, costing £1.8m provided considerable extensions.



In September 2005 the school became a designated Specialist Humanities College specialising in English, Drama and Religious Education. The school is now part of a federation with Cardinal Newman, the other Catholic High School in Warrington. The two schools continue to be two separate schools but work closely together to share best practice.

The school is very successful with 83% of students achieving 5 A*- C, 73% of students gaining 5 A* -C in English and Mathematics and 99% achieving 5 A*- G in 2010. However examination success is only one criterion by which we judge our success and we are equally proud of the personal, social and spiritual development of our students. The School is a national pilot school for SEAL.

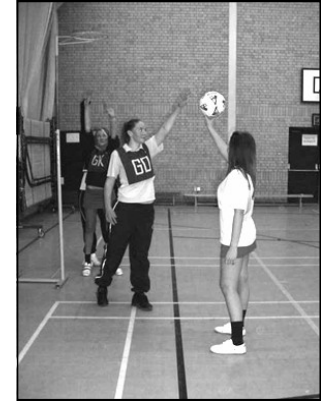
The intake is a varied one in socio-economic terms, reflecting the nature of the town and its outskirts. Quite a high percentage of pupils come from families who have moved fairly recently into the area.



The school is over-subscribed each year and we think it is fair to say that it is held in very high regard in the local community. We are fortunate to enjoy exceptional support from parents and place very high

value on our partnership with them.

Equally valued is the commitment and enthusiasm of colleagues in many areas of school life. Their hard work and willingness to give of themselves are best exemplified perhaps in the richness of the extra-curricular programme, the extensive web of learning support tutorials and the consistently excellent examination results.



There is a commitment to Continuing Professional Development within and outside school. Recent INSET has included the Secondary Strategy, Leadership, Literacy and Assessment for Learning. There are plans for INSET this year on the distinctive nature of the Catholic school, removing barriers to learning and working in effective departments.

There is a very detailed programme of induction for new colleagues. This seeks both to inform and support.

The curriculum programmes we offer have a number of distinguishing features:

- The choice and diversity of the KS4 curriculum running in tandem with NC requirements.
- Commitment to courses in R.E. and Personal and Social Development at KS4.
- Learning support programmes and initiatives.
- GCSE entry in year 11 in all subjects for all pupils.
- We share a value system based on the example and teaching of Christ.



'One family ... inspired to learn.'