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ST PATRICK'S

Roman Catholic High School









Amazing Things Happen Here

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

"Be the very best version of yourself"

Mission Statement

Our outstanding school community is guided by the Gospel values of: love, faith, service, resilience and truth. Faith and worship are lived, taught and celebrated. We recognise the importance of service to others and the opportunity to be witnesses to Christ in our community. All are unique and strive for personal growth.

We celebrate the pursuit of academic excellence, applaud ambition and value the achievements of all. Our pupils are expected to achieve their best and use their learning to make a difference in the world they live in.

What we do

- Nurture the Catholic Faith and encourage personal growth and reflection
- Pursue academic excellence
- Encourage holistic development
- Recognise and celebrate the uniqueness of every child
- Instil in each pupil the values of ambition, diligence and integrity to live happy and fulfilling lives









How we do it

- **High expectations of everything we do** - through demanding targets and the relentless pursuit of improvement we aim to go beyond outstanding and aspire to be world class.
- **Excellent teaching** - through professional development focused on the classroom, rigorous monitoring and action to improve teaching at all levels.
- **Exemplary behaviour and personal standards** from all pupils and staff so that the school is a safe, high achieving and a successful place to learn and grow.
- **Focus on literacy** - to ensure all staff understand their responsibility for teaching basic skills to a high level.
- **Ensuring every contribution is valued** and used to support the school's development.
- **Provide the highest quality of care for pupils and staff** - Our pastoral care and careers guidance system promotes high achievement, self worth and strong community spirit.
- **Leadership opportunities** - Encourage staff and pupils to be of service to others by taking on leadership responsibility.

Our Values

By the end of their five years at St Patrick's, we want our pupils to be on their way to becoming the best version of themselves and these are the values that we want them to be able to develop:

TRUTH – this means a love of knowledge: understanding yourself, others and the world around us; being able to communicate honestly and with integrity; and being able to be your authentic self.

RESILIENCE – this means being able to grapple with the difficulties life might throw at you, from the simple losses of growing up to some of the more complex personal situations we might face, and being able to see these as a way to strive for personal growth.

SERVICE – this means to serve God and to serve others, through which you might make a positive difference to the world.

LOVE – this means Christian love, ' ', which is the love Christ commands his followers to have for each other; it is a selfless love, which does not seek things for our own advantage but only to benefit others.

FAITH – this means we are called to be witnesses to Christ; faith requires us to trust in God and show that trust through prayer and worship, but it also means putting that faith into action.

Message from our Headteacher





Welcome to St Patrick's RC High School. I am proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of such a dynamic, high-achieving and forward-thinking school that puts our Catholic values of love, faith, service, resilience and truth at the heart of everything we do. We are guided in our work by our strong Catholic ethos, based on the Gospel Values, which drives us to be the very best we can be, using our God-given talents and gifts.

It is our mission to ensure that children experience a truly great Catholic education that enables them to flourish academically and shine personally, preparing them for a happy and successful adult life. It is our mission that children get the opportunity to become the best version of themselves; this then enables them to go on and serve others.

Our school motto is, **'amazing things happen here'** and you only have to spend five minutes in our school to realise that this is absolutely true. We have a strong and dedicated team of professionals who challenge and support students to achieve amazing things and they work hard to create an environment, built on mutual respect, whereby students rise to the challenges set for them.

Not only do our team work hard to ensure students achieve great academic standards, they are also fully committed to providing educational and co-curricular experiences that support our students' personal and social development.

Because of all the amazing things here on offer at St Patrick's, we find that our students are mature, hard-working and happy to offer service to those less fortunate than themselves. Their conduct, high standards and caring attitudes make us incredibly proud. With a strong academic and moral education behind them, supported by our parents and carers, we find our students go on to achieve great things. Working together, we can ensure that they grow to live a happy and fulfilled life, using their gifts to serve others.

Alison Byrne – Headteacher

Academic Achievement

We have a strong and consistent track record of high achievement. Our pupils are well supported and pushed to give their very best at all times, in all lessons.

We know that a great set of GCSE results will set our pupils up for the next stage in their educational journey and will support them to flourish personally and be economically secure.

Many of our pupils achieve the highest GCSE grades possible and we are proud of the academic achievements of our past pupils, many of whom study at University, including University of Cambridge.

High Expectations & High Standards

Our high expectations for pupil uniform and conduct are well known in the local area. We believe that looking smart leads to feeling smart and prepared. Our pupils' green uniform sets them apart and they wear it in school and coming to and from school with pride.

It is not unusual for us to receive comments about how smart and polite our pupils are because their attitudes and manners are impeccable. We work well with families to set high standards for pupils that help them prepare for adult life.

"Give you heart to love and your hands to serve"

St. Theresa of Calcutta





The Curriculum

A BEACON OF CATHOLIC EXCELLENCE

St. Patrick's is a school which provides a Catholic education for the twenty-first century. Every member of our community is treated as a child of God, created with dignity and designed with a purpose.

The curriculum at St. Patrick's enables our pupils to discover;

- Who they are
- Why they are here
- Where they are going

in the light of the Gospel Values of Jesus Christ and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, as expressed in our mission statement.

Our curriculum is intended for the education and formation of young people who will go out and make a difference to God's world. Through both the examined and non-examined curriculum, we use the story and example of St. Patrick to contribute to the holistic development of our pupils, encouraging them to live out the values of truth, resilience, service, love and faith.

The curriculum consists of three elements:

Lifelong learning and values that are transmitted through all aspects of a child's experience at St. Patrick's;

The academic curriculum (examined) through which they study Core and Foundation subjects which will prepare them for the next steps in their education beyond St. Patrick's;

The holistic curriculum (non-examined) which means they have access to a wide, rich set of experiences that help develop their own interests and talents beyond the examined curriculum.







Behaviour & Attitudes

The behaviour of our pupils is exemplary. Staff ensure the school is calm and orderly, enabling children to focus on their studies and learn well in lessons.

Older pupils present as positive role models for younger children, helping them to make the transition from primary school seamlessly. Our form tutors support pupils excellently and help them prepare for the day's challenges. Teachers use praise and rewards to help motivate pupils and the relationships staff have with pupils is always described by our children as the best thing about St Patrick's.

The values of love and service permeates through our school. We use these values to help pupils understand both how to treat one another kindly and others in society.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

We have a highly ambitious academic curriculum, but St Patrick's is about more than academics. Over the five years that our children are with us we want them to develop personally and find out about who they are, where they have come from and where they are going. Our personal social health education and relationships and sex education is strong, and is aimed at preparing our pupils to be a confident, caring, happy and successful adult.

Our careers programme is excellent and enables children to think about their futures, plan ahead and understand their opportunities. We work well with the local colleges so that pupils are well prepared. 99% of our children are in education, employment or training when they move on from St Patrick's.

Personal Development

We have a full range of Co-Curricular opportunities and we expect pupils to be involved in all our school life. We have a strong reputation for sporting success and our plays and performances are always the highlight of our year. The trips and visits arranged by staff are second to none. We merge education and fun together perfectly to help pupils develop skills, culture awareness, social skills and cultivate new friendships.

Through the values of love, service and faith, we encourage our children to become involved in charitable work, reaching out to serve those less fortunate than themselves.





"Be a part of the **Amazing Things** that **Happen Here"**





Transition

We have strong and successful links with our feeder primaries, which ensures we know every child before they come to us in Year 7 and creates continuity in their educational experience. Our dedicated Head of Year and pastoral staff work hard to help children feel settled and part of our school community; making friends, learning and enjoying themselves.

Parental Engagement & Support

Parents are the primary educators of their children. Our parents and carers expect a great deal from St Patrick's. In return, they support us by always attending school events and parents' evenings. Our parents are fully engaged with their child's education and we all play our role in caring for, and loving the child so that they can be the very best version of themselves.

Staff

Our Staff are highly skilled practitioners who are always striving to develop and improve. We want our children to be the very best version of themselves and our staff want to achieve that too. Staff are dedicated not only to helping children learn but to loving them – we are more than a community: we are a family.

Pupils

Our pupils are simply fantastic. They are polite, smiley, smart, hardworking and fun. It truly is a joy to see them laughing and socialising in the breaks and lunch. When pupils make mistakes, they are quick to put these right and act with motivation and self-awareness. They are proud of being a St Patrick's pupil and we are equally proud of them.



Centre of Excellence







St Patrick's has a longstanding tradition of educational excellence. Through Initial Teacher Training and outward-facing local and national educational development work, our Centre of Excellence ensures that we continue to be at the forefront of outreach and development work which enables our staff to provide an excellent Catholic education for our pupils.

We provide high quality Initial Teacher Training through our School Direct Programme with our Higher Education Partner – Manchester Metropolitan University/ Liverpool Hope University.

We also provide innovative Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and School to School support across the North West and have Behaviour Hub status from the Department for Education (DfE).

Using a tried and tested business model geared towards providing the very best value for money without compromising the very best of first-class quality education, training and care for pupils and staff, St Patrick's RC High School has delivered outstanding outcomes for all groups of learners, serving an area of high deprivation since 2009.

Our quality assurance processes ensure accountability and evidence-based support to drive up standards and achieve the best value added return in recruitment, training and retraining our teachers.

Our mission is to enable all schools in the North West and beyond to provide the highest quality of education and care, ensuring the most disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils are not left behind. Our track record of producing excellent new teachers, providing impactful CPD drawing on our in-depth local knowledge and successful partnerships is unique.

Our strong proven track record has inspired confidence of others. Extensive partnerships and collaboration includes; Bright Futures Educational Trust Teaching School Hubs and The Church of England/Catholic Education Service delivering on the new National Professional Qualification (NPQs) and the new Early Career Framework (ECF) for Early Career Teachers.

Our initial, early teacher training and career stage CPD draws on national best practice and is well structured and evidence based supported by the academic and practical experience of our partners and membership of key bodies in line with DfE guidance.



Find out more about St Patrick's

For further information on how St Patrick's R.C. High School can help your child succeed, please call **0161 921 2300** or email **stpatricks.rchighschool@salford.gov.uk**



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