



# ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE SIXTH FORM

Specialist Science and Sports College



“This college is very much aware of the fact that it is moulding future leaders. It is a doorway to a better future.”

Student

## Spiritual Life

**A great education within a Christian community where every student is valued**

St. Bede's offers a Catholic education taking its spiritual inspiration from our patron St. Bede and Cardinal Basil Hume. The Good News of the Christian Gospel underpins our core values.

We believe that the development of the whole person as a spiritual being is a critical goal of education. We seek to open the hearts and minds of all, to see Christ within each other and to celebrate and live out the vision of the Gospel.

It is our duty to guide each student's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development enabling all to grow in the knowledge that in God's eyes each one of us is unique and of infinite worth.

All students will follow a general Religious Studies programme which allows them to explore complex issues within society and the church. Spiritual and moral development lies at the heart of our work, where every student is valued.

“This is an outstanding Catholic school where Gospel values are explicitly promoted and practised and which underpin all aspects of school life. Relationships are based on respect and shared values. Teaching and learning is outstanding overall.”

Diocesan Inspection



## Teaching and Learning

**An outstanding college where students are encouraged and challenged to achieve their full potential**

At St. Bede's we strive for academic excellence by enabling students to achieve their potential. Combining academic courses with an extensive co-curricular programme will equip each individual for a full and rewarding life.

The climate of learning within the college is excellent. Our teachers strive to promote a love of learning and intellectual curiosity. All young people are valued, stimulated and challenged to develop their talents to the full whatever their ability, within this calm and industrious environment. We expect high standards from our students so that they become active, enquiring, critical and open-minded thinkers. This is a place where achievement and effort are valued and celebrated.

At St. Bede's, students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and to track their own progress against challenging targets. We expect to witness good conduct and industry throughout these important years of education.

“In the sixth form it is evident that all teachers have excellent subject knowledge. Learners develop excellent study skills and highly positive attitudes to learning.”

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## Curriculum

### A climate where students discover a thirst for learning and a true passion for knowledge

St. Bede's offers a broad and balanced curriculum giving students the best possible advantage in preparation for the future, encouraging them to develop individual gifts and talents. It is designed and taught to bring about success in terms of external examinations, as well as opening avenues into wider learning.

A Level options on offer are largely those referred to as 'facilitating subjects' by the Russell Group universities and equip students with the skills they need to access a large number of competitive courses, increasing chances of study at the most respected academic institutions, if this is their desire.

There is immense support for the professional growth of teachers who show an enthusiastic commitment to self-improvement which in turn leads to better outcomes for students.

Details of the range of subjects on offer are enclosed with this prospectus.

"The subjects provide a wide range of opportunities for all students. They are interested in their lessons and have outstanding attitudes towards learning."

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## Outstanding Pastoral Care and Guidance

### A caring community with student well-being at the heart of its work

At St. Bede's we want to ensure students feel supported, cared for and valued. The ethos of the college is founded on the Christian principle of 'love and care of neighbour.' Everyone can contribute towards creating this spirit throughout our community.

The welfare of students is overseen by the form tutor, in collaboration with senior staff. Academic progress, health, attendance and well-being are monitored carefully to secure success. Confidential counselling, coaching and mentoring supports students in need of additional care.

In preparation for life after St. Bede's, students are encouraged to develop presentation and debating skills and to address ethical, moral and political dilemma in a mature and respectful manner. They are expected to engage fully in the whole life of college and embrace leadership opportunities. Impartial guidance is given so that the right choices in career pathways are made.

“Relationships between teachers and pupils are excellent and are further enhanced by first class behaviour management within a learning environment where all can learn.”

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## An Enriched Learning Experience

**Opportunities for all to experience activities which broaden horizons, developing leadership and resilience**

Because we believe in the development of the whole person, St. Bede's offers a co-curriculum which enhances self-esteem, resilience, confidence, self-reliance, independence and leadership. All students have the opportunity to put themselves forward for positions of responsibility and to be engaged in active learning outside the classroom.

The Sixth Form is at the forefront of our college and students are encouraged to take a role in facilitating clubs and activities for lower school as well as mentoring younger students.

There is a wide variety of activities and social events which enrich and extend student life physically and socially. Balancing fun activities alongside study help students develop the key life skills of self-discipline and time management.

Our Sixth Form enriches and strengthens our whole community.

“The provision of opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding and students participate in a very wide range of clubs and activities.”

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