

Our vision for Our Lady's Catholic College by July 2025

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

1 Corinthians 2:12

"For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building" 1 Corinthians 3:9

Catholic Life of the School

Every pupil will have the opportunity to experience the living God, and all members of the community will understand that the Gospel drives all our decisions. Our students will experience high quality prayer and liturgy led by staff who are confident to be faith witnesses in our school.

Pupils will have a developed sense of service, recognise that this is faith in action, and have multiple opportunities to experience it. Gospel values will be used regularly to lead action that benefits others in our school or local community.

The Gospels and Jesus's example will inspire and motivate pupils to make good decisions which will help them in their lives both in and out of school.

We will let 'our light shine' - our pupils will be confident to proclaim their faith in words and actions and their good works will be seen in the local area, encouraging even more families to choose to join Our Lady's community.

Pastoral

We will continue to ensure our students are in a safe environment, particularly the most vulnerable members of our school community. All staff across the school will have responsibility for the pastoral care of our pupils.

We will show compassion, empathy and forgiveness by living out our gospel values.

We will engage positively with parents and will have evolved and adapted our practices to ensure we are always working in the best interests of the student. We will communicate clearly and regularly within a reasonable and proportionate timescale.

We will offer opportunities for wider development not just in faith but through a rich extracurricular offer of lunchtime and after school clubs.

Staff

Our staff will continue to be empowered and supportive of school, they will promote and live our Catholic values.

We will have developed middle leaders to promote the focus and understanding of our aims and objectives.

We will have created a healthy balance of support and accountability.

We will have effective signposting in place through improved policies, procedures and communication.

We will have identified areas of improvement and encouraged active and participative CPD. Alongside this we will have created an environment where staff are confident to reflect, self-evaluate and select their own requirements of professional development.

Governors

Our Governors will have an established mission and vision statement, created as an active working document and underpinned by strategy.

All governors will be confident to actively both challenge and support. Governors will work closely with school - using strategic planning to drive school improvement.

The role of the linked governor will be well developed to enable governors to monitor and evaluate progress through tangible evidence.

Wider Community

Parents

Parents will understand and share our vision for supporting them in their role as the primary educator of their child. Parents will enjoy positive experiences and show an interest in the curriculum and development of their child.

Parishes

There will be excellent two-way communication with Parishes, so our Priests know our school, our pupils know our local Parishes, and we become their 'second Parish school'.

Primary schools

We will develop even stronger partnerships with our partner primary schools so they see us as their natural next step because we share the same values. We will learn from each other through collaborative relationships and are able to share and celebrate each other's successes.

Local community

We will have regenerated links with employers so our pupils have a wide variety of opportunities available to them and have high aspirations. Through this our pupils will know more about their local community and the opportunities that are available to them.

Our pupils will be active participants in the local community because they have a strong sense of giving back to the area they live in, and they will continue this beyond their school experience, because we have instilled this into them for the future.

Our alumni will be involved in raising the aspirations of our pupils.

Curriculum

A curriculum at Our Lady's Catholic College which aims to develop the whole person. It will cultivate awe and wonder in our pupils who will be offered the opportunity to access a broad curriculum that enables them to discover their own interests and develop their God given talents.

We continue to be ambitious for our pupils, ensuring that our curriculum is inclusive and that all pupils can access the full curriculum on offer and are supported to succeed, no matter their starting points and prior attainment.

All curriculums at subject level are collaboratively planned and are detailed and responsive to the developing needs of the pupils in the class.

Our curriculum will be developed in the interests of pupils, with all pupils understanding the curriculum heritage and British values that are at the heart of our community.

The curriculum we offer will be responsive to the evolving world, to enable our young people to develop the life skills needed to serve as an active and successful member of their communities.