



St Antony's Roman Catholic School

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Headteacher's Welcome

On behalf of the students, staff and governors, I am delighted to welcome you to St Antony's Roman Catholic School. St Antony's is an over subscribed 11-16 school, situated in the Borough of Trafford. We place a strong emphasis on the highest academic standards, where all students are challenged and stretched to thrive and succeed in their education. High quality teaching and strong pastoral support are the key to enabling our students to make excellent progress; both are of the highest priority at St Antony's. We have very high expectations for all of our students in terms of their uniform, conduct, attendance and academic progress so they can truly let their light and splendour shine, therefore be on the path to becoming the best version of themselves.

We have a strong, inclusive school community where our teachers work closely with our Heads of Year and Pastoral Team to ensure that every student maximises their potential and is happy during their years with us.

Our Ofsted Parent View results show how positive parents are about St Antony's. These results are gathered each year by Ofsted and can be viewed on their website. We have a very strong Parent Teacher Association which parents can get actively involved in, and support the school.

As a Catholic school, our core values are rooted in the teachings and example of Jesus Christ and the values of the Gospel. Our ethos is one of respect for all and this is evident to anyone who visits our school. We endeavour to live out the Gospel values in our daily life and believe in developing the skills and talents of the whole child.

At St Antony's, we celebrate diversity throughout the school. We build resilience within our students through a strong PSHE curriculum and ensure that students have a positive approach to their well-being and physical activities.

I hope that you find our prospectus informative. I would particularly encourage you to read our latest Section 48 Inspection Report which I believe captures much of what is positive about our school, especially in relation to our catholic life and mission.

Please also take the opportunity to come and visit us by contacting the School Office to arrange an appointment. I would be delighted to meet you and show you around in person so you can see for yourself why St Antony's is such a popular choice in the local area.

Anthony Campbell

Headteacher



"A school that is a journey of improvement which is under pinned by its Catholic ethos."

(S48 insp. report, May 2023)

"Staff morale is high. Staff are proud to work at the school and appreciate the training that they receive. The overwhelming majority of parents who responded to Ofsted's surveys are very positive about the school."

Ofsted



"We are so proud of our daughter. Her first year at St Antony's has been amazing. We will continue as parents to support her through her future years with you. Keep up the good work and thank you!"

Parent



"The senior leadership team has demonstrated the capacity to improve further and to ensure St. Antony's becomes an outstanding catholic school."

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Reasons to choose St Antony's Roman Catholic School

We know that choosing a school for your child is vitally important and there are many factors to take into account in making this decision. A visit to the school will show you why St Antony's is so special.

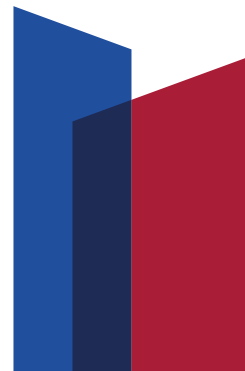
Here are some of the areas that we feel we excel at:

- Staff commitment to providing high quality teaching and experts within their curriculum area
- Strong pastoral support
- A strong vision and ethos that is embedded in all that we do
- Excellent partnership between staff, families and students
- A vast and exciting range of extra-curricular activities aimed at developing skills, interests and confidence
- High levels of parental and student satisfaction
- Excellent student attendance
- Good support for SEND students
- An engaging learning environment
- Well-behaved and caring students



Our Facilities

We have good facilities at St Antony's and all students get the opportunity to use these. We have a chapel that can be used for prayer and reflection, a well resourced reading space, football pitches and outdoor sports space, a multi-use hall, dedicated school canteen, and lockers and water fountains for students to use. Our classrooms are vibrant and well-resourced with each curriculum area having the specialist equipment needed to provide the best learning experience for students.





Curriculum Overview

The aim of our curriculum at St Antony's is to enable our students to acquire the essential knowledge they may need so they are prepared for their next steps including life after school as responsible and contributing citizens.

We do this by ensuring that they:

- Are literate
- Attend well
- Are safe
- Are numerate
- Are resilient
- Are happy
- Achieve their academic potential

Our Curriculum

Each curriculum area has a curriculum leader who oversees the performance and progression of all students. They are all passionate about their area of expertise and are proud of their team of staff and the success of their students. We have a low staff turnover at St Antony's and we ensure that we recruit the best staff. In turn, they ensure that students are at the heart of everything that we do.

The curriculum at St Antony's is made up of a variety of different subjects, including:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Design Technology
- Food Technology
- Physical Education
- Art
- French / Spanish
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- History
- Computer Science
- Religious Education
- Music



British Values & Our Catholic Ethos

The promotion of 'British values' is central to Catholic education at St Antony's because British values have their origin in the Christian values of our nation. St Antony's is a Catholic school which actively promotes tolerance, forgiveness and reconciliation. Our mission and whole school values encourage inclusivity and respect.

Christ is the centre of all that we do in our learning, in our leisure and in our worship, this is reflected in all areas of school life.





Transition and Support

We pride ourselves on working in partnership with families and primary schools to ensure that a students' transition to us is a positive experience. We hold a number of events before children join us to ensure that they feel comfortable and enthused. This includes open evenings, new parents'/carers' evenings and transition days. We attend a number of events at local primary schools too. We welcome you to arrange a personal tour of the school at any stage and understand that, for some students, this might be a number of visits to ease them into the school.

In Year 7

We work hard to ensure that your child settles quickly into Year 7 and makes friends quickly. In the first few weeks of induction, students will spend time finding their way round the school, joining extra-curricular classes and getting to know their form group. We offer pastoral support to those students who need some extra help and our school Student Leadership Team and Peer Mentors support the process of new students settling into school life.



Parent Evenings

We hold a number of parents'/carers' evenings each year so that we can discuss your child's progress together. We will send home reports each term and always welcome you to come to see us if you have any concerns or want to share information with us. We believe passionately that a parent and school partnership is vital to ensure that your child is happy and successful, and gets the support that they need.



Learning Support

At St Antony's we adhere to three main principles to ensure that all students can access a broad and balanced curriculum and have an equal opportunity to receive an education that is appropriate to their individual needs by:

Setting suitable learning challenges

We work to give every student the opportunity to experience success in learning and to achieve as high-a-standard as possible by appropriate intervention and support.

Responding to students diverse learning needs

When we plan our lessons, we take into account the different backgrounds, experiences, interests and strengths which influence the way in which students learn.

Overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment

Although it is important to note St Antony's is a mainstream offer without the specialist SEND provision that other schools might have, we recognise that a minority of students will have particular learning and assessment requirements and we do our very best to address them by making reasonable adjustments to our support during lesson time and examination time (if appropriate).

How do we do this?

Where appropriate, our team of Learning Support Assistants will work with students mostly in the classroom environment and occasionally in small groups or on a one-to-one basis. This support can take many forms including inside and outside of the classroom help. We welcome you to discuss this with us personally so that we can build the appropriate support for your child.

High Expectations

Everyone has very high expectations of each other at St Antony's. Students will be pushed so they are given every opportunity to fulfil their academic potential.

Attendance

It is essential for confidence and continuity that students have high levels of attendance. We will work closely with families to try to reduce all the possible barriers that might prevent children coming to school.





Extra-Curricular

Our students really value the extra-curricular activities that are on offer during lunch-time and after the school day. These clubs enable our students to gain new skills, take part in their favourite sport, develop a wider group of friends and have fun. The Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Combined Cadet Force offer a great opportunity for all students to get external recognition for their skills and these awards are considered favourably by colleges and employers. The weekly activities are delivered by our staff or external experts and will vary from time-to-time as we try to meet the interests of our students.

Some of the clubs that we currently offer include:

- Homework Club – 3:15pm to 4:15pm Monday to Thursday
- Football
- Netball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Art Club
- Drama
- GIFT Group

- Prayer Group
- Music & Choir
- Computing Club
- Combined Cadet Force
- GIFT Group

Families will get invited to see musical events and performances and to watch sporting events throughout the year.

Trips and Visits

Students will regularly get the opportunity to go on curriculum trips and visits to support their learning. Additionally, we take students overseas and to places that they might not have been before in this country.





Travelling to School

The school is easy to access by public transport, although the majority of our students walk or cycle to school. There are a number of public bus routes from surrounding areas that bring students close to the school.

School Buses

There are two services that are specifically for our school students. These bring students directly to the school and take the same journey back at the end of the day. These are operated by external providers and take the following routes.

Service 785 route: From Hulme, Royce Road/City Road via City Road, Northumberland Road, Ayres Road, Seymour Grove, Kings Road, Great Stone Road, Chester Road, Davyhulme Road East, Moss Road, Derbyshire Lane, Barton Road, Chatsworth Road, Winchester Road, Moss Vale Road, Bradfield Road to St Antony's Roman Catholic School.

Service 786 route: From Flixton, Towns Gate via Irlam Road, Woodsend Crescent Road, Moorside Road, Winchester Road, Moss Vale Road, Bradfield Road to St Antony's Roman Catholic School.

Cycling to School

We have a bicycle shelter which is locked each morning and opened again at the end of the school day. Students are encouraged to cycle to school to benefit their health and fitness and to be more green.





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