



St Boniface's Catholic College



# Welcome

St Boniface's is an eclectic community that welcomes families from all faiths and backgrounds - we are not exclusively for Catholic children; all we ask is that our ethos is respected.

With over 150 years of tradition, our school has a remarkable legacy to uphold and celebrate.

Your son can be part of the next phase of our community's rich history...





# Values

Our mission statement centres upon the education of the whole person, not just academically but a holistic approach to support the development of the individual.

The College works as a community in which students, teachers, parents, governors and other bodies strive to live by Gospel values. Great emphasis is placed on recognising the dignity and significance of each individual, both within the College and outside.







# History

St Boniface's has existed in the City for over 150 years – originally opened by Bishop Errington in 1863 as St Boniface's School for Boys. Its rich journey through the 19th, 20th and now 21st Centuries continues to develop the lives of countless young men in Plymouth and beyond.

The College crest proclaims the Cross of St Andrew representing the old cathedral of Plymouth. The Bishop's staff represents the patronage of St Boniface, the cross-keys of St Peter represent the Catholic Church. The blue background echoes our place in Britain's ocean city. The Latin motto "Bona Facite" translates as "Do Good".







## *Learning*

Our broad and balanced curriculum is available to all students, regardless of academic ability. We are proud of our reputation for innovative and high quality teaching and learning for all year groups.

The College offers a range of specialist courses to students in Key Stage 4 and for Post-16. All children are encouraged to reach their full potential through our gifted & talented programmes and learning support opportunities.

Parents are informed regularly about their son's progress in all lessons – and each student is supported by a learning mentor – the first port-of-call for parents.







## Extras

St Boniface's offers a wide range of extra- and super-curricular opportunities – including sports, science, technology, music and art. Year 10-13 can participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme as well as a range of field trips – including several international visits.

The College has a strong sporting tradition - with notable successes on the playing field both at home and away – supported by a fitness suite provision. There is an on-site rugby pitch and students have access to a gymnasium and sporting facilities in Manadon Park.







## *Student Services*

In addition to the high quality teaching and learning, the College offers a range of services to our students which supports their learning and our library with modern and traditional resources further facilitates learning opportunities.

Our dedicated chaplaincy team provides spiritual guidance to all members of the community; a counsellor delivers advice about coping strategies and courses for change; a careers coordinator enlightens our students to the world ahead of them.





# *Faith Community*

The Boniface community is dynamic and far-reaching, with past pupils working throughout the world; we have strong links with our alumni, as well as the local community – including the Diocese, St Peter's Catholic Church, local schools and businesses.

On April 1, 2014 – we became an academy and joined 34 other Catholic schools across the diocese as members of CAST – the Catholic and Anglican (Multi-Academy) Schools Trust.







## *Transition*

The move from primary to secondary school can be daunting for parents and children alike. Our transition programme enables transparent and supported pathways to ensure a smooth transfer to 'big school'. Our staff work closely with Plymouth's primary schools to offer opportunities for families to visit our school and see first-hand the transition procedures.







## *Sixth Form*

Our coeducational Sixth Form prides itself on its outstanding results and intervention programme for our Post-16 students. We personalise the learning of each individual by having high expectations both academically and socially. We offer a wide range of academic and vocational courses complemented by robust support structures and a learning environment that allows every student the opportunity to succeed.












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