



Prospectus

2025 - 26



All are welcome...

Barnston Primary Bedford Drive Primary Bidston Avenue Primary
Bidston Village Primary Brackenwood Juniors Bromborough Pool Primary Brookhurst Primary Castleway
Primary Cathcart Primary Christ Church CE Primary Church Drive Primary Christ the King Catholic
Primary Dawpool CE Primary Devonshire Park Primary Eastway Primary Egremont Primary Fender
Primary Gilbrook Primary Greenleas Primary Grove Street Primary Heswall Primary Heygarth Primary
Higher Bebington Juniors Holy Cross Catholic Primary Holy Spirit Catholic CE Primary Ladymount RC
Aided Primary Lingham Primary Liscard Primary Manor Primary Mendell Primary Mersey Park Primary
Millfields Primary Mount Primary New Brighton Primary Orrets Meadow Primary Overchurch Juniors
Overchurch Primary Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary Our Lady of Pity RC Primary Oxton St
Saviour's Primary Pensby Primary Portland Primary Poulton Lancelyn Primary Prenton Primary Raeburn
Primary Redcourt Primary Riverside Primary Rock Ferry Primary Sacred Heart Catholic Primary Sandbrook
Primary Somerville Primary SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary St Alban's Primary St Andrew's CE
Primary St Anne's Catholic Primary St Aloysius Catholic Primary St Bridget's CE Primary St George's
Primary St John's Catholic Infants St John's Catholic Juniors St Joseph's Catholic Primary (Upton)
St Joseph's Catholic Primary (Wallasey) St Mary's College (Crosby) St Michael & All Angels Catholic
Primary St Peter's Catholic Primary St Peter's CE Primary St Werburgh's Catholic Primary Stanton Road
Primary Styal Primary The Priory Parish CE Primary Thornton Hough Primary Tower Primary Townfield
Primary Vyner Primary Well Lane Primary William Stockton Primary Woodchurch Road Primary Woodside
Primary Woodslee Primary

Welcome from the Headteacher



As Headteacher of St John Plessington Catholic College, I am delighted to welcome you to our 2025 - 26 Prospectus and share some information with you about our College.

St John Plessington is an 11-18 Voluntary Aided Academy part of the Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. We welcome children of all faiths and from a wide variety of backgrounds who all add to the richness of our College.

We are a successful school, students of all abilities make good progress and benefit from a rich and broad curriculum tailored to meet their individual needs, as well as excellent pastoral support throughout their journey with us. Our curriculum has a blend of academic and vocational qualifications delivered by subject specialists in excellent facilities which include a state of the art media suite, multi million pound Sixth Form Centre and Humanities Centre, access to professional sporting facilities and excellent IT facilities throughout the College.

Gospel Values underpin everything we do at St John Plessington. Our school motto 'Always faithful to Christ' guides us as we learn together on our academic and social journeys from Year 7 to Year 13. In the words of Oscar Romero, 'We are prophets of a future that is not our own' and our students are guided and supported to make a positive contribution to our local, national and international communities during their time with us and beyond. Our success is based on the partnership we have with our parents and carers, to provide consistently good support and guidance for all our students, however we never take your support for granted and we always strive to be the best we can be.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

Mr Peadar McLoughlin
Headteacher

Vision, Mission and Values

Our Vision

A Catholic learning community with excellence in all we do

Our Mission

To build an inclusive Catholic community founded on the Gospel Values

Our Values

Compassion, Respect, Determination, Justice







Pastoral Care

The College works hard to give our students a smooth, positive transition to secondary school. We work closely with our partner primary schools to get to know your child and to understand their academic and social needs and abilities. This personal and proactive approach ensures that teaching provision is responsive and tailored to the individual.

From the outset, our focus on pastoral care enables staff to forge strong relationships with our new students. At the heart of our pastoral system is the form teacher who supports each student on a daily basis and is a key point of contact for families. The form teachers are supported by a Head of Learning, a Learning Coach, SENDCO, Assistant SENDCO and other key pastoral staff such as the First Aid & Wellbeing Lead. Unique to St John Plessington are the Learning Coaches.

Every child has a Learning Coach who will support them holistically. They will meet with your child during the year to monitor and discuss academic progress as well as ensuring that your child is happy and successful. It is our job to ensure that all children get the chance to show their talents. Our pastoral care system ensures that all the students are known inside out.

Rights Respecting School - UNICEF

We are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. We aim to place the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

The SJP Learning Experience

St John Plessington is a place where all children can learn.

The College provides a calm and ordered learning environment where all children are treated as individuals. This allows the students to enjoy high quality teaching and learning.

A strong emphasis on high quality first teaching and learning ensures that each student is fully supported, stretched and challenged. Regular and consistent assessment ensures that students' progress is carefully monitored, achievement is celebrated and underachievement swiftly addressed.

Good learning brings its own rewards; at St John Plessington we promote success through supportive praise and encouragement, with rewards for sustained effort, good work, praiseworthy conduct and improvement. As well as academic success, we acknowledge personal endeavour, service to the College community and sporting achievement.

Here at St John Plessington we work to create opportunities that allow all students to succeed.



At KS3 students study the following subjects.

Art & Design	Computer Science	Design Technology (which includes: Food Technology, Resistant Materials, Graphics and Textiles).
English Language	English Literature	Geography
History	Mandarin	Mathematics
Music	Performing Arts	Physical Education
Religious Education	Science	Spanish

**** We offer the following courses at KS4***

Business Studies*	Dance*	Engineering*
Health & Social Care*	ICT*	Music Technology*

"My daughter has loved her first year in St John Plessington. She has got involved in numerous activities and performed at various showcases, school performances and the opportunities have been endless!" - Parent 2024

Enrichment

Our Enrichment Programme, a cornerstone of our Personal Development Curriculum, offers a diverse range of activities designed to foster growth in every student. During lunch and after school, your child will have the chance to explore new passions and cultivate existing interests. Lunch activities, encompass sports, arts, drama, music and more. These activities kindle confidence, facilitate new friendships, and nurture skills.

At St John Plessington Catholic College, Curriculum means more than just a set of results. It includes a child's intellectual, social and emotional development, citizenship and responsibility, happiness and success – we call this the SJP Experience.

Our enrichment programme is designed to embody our mission, fostering a holistic educational experience that nurtures the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of every pupil. We aim to create a vibrant and inclusive community where every pupil can thrive, grow, and contribute meaningfully to the world around them. Every student will take part in an Enrichment experience programme as part of our curriculum. These encompass:

1.

Spiritual Experience: We ensure that faith and worship are lived, taught, and celebrated, allowing pupils to deepen their spiritual connection and understanding of our Catholic identity.

2.

Creative Experience: We want pupils to be confident and express themselves in a safe environment. Developing an understanding of creativity allows pupils to think outside the box and enables them to expand their creative capacity.

3.

Life Experience: We support our college community as we journey together, providing guidance and resources for pupils as they navigate their post 18 pathways, ensuring they are well-prepared for their next steps.

4.

Eco Experience: We commit to protecting the environment and encouraging pupils to engage in activities that benefit both the community and the planet.

5.

Cultural Experience: We enrich the lives of our pupils so they are able to experience and reflect upon their local heritage, whilst also exploring other cultures.

6.

Enterprise Experience: We encourage pupils to be innovative and take risks, whilst developing an understanding of the global economy. We allow pupils to learn and improve their entrepreneurial skills.

7.

Digital Experience: We want to equip pupils with the skills needed to use technology creatively and safely. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people is paramount, particularly as technology advances around us.

8.

Physical Experience: We provide opportunities to participate in physical activities that ensure pupils can develop practical skills, whilst understanding the need to lead a healthy and active lifestyle.

9.

Health & well-being Experience: We focus on understanding and supporting the physical and mental health of our pupils. Being physically and mentally healthy enables pupils to feel happier about themselves.





Opportunities beyond the Classroom

We also offer numerous exciting opportunities outside the classroom! From exploring local museums to embarking on global adventures, there's something for everyone. Picture yourself on thrilling PGL expeditions, gliding through the Mediterranean on water sports adventures, hitting the slopes in the USA and Europe, or immersing yourself in the rich cultures of China, India, and Peru. Closer to home, students can engage in the National Careers Challenge, enjoy the delights of Cadbury World, and participate in inspiring university visits.

One of our most esteemed programmes is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, a prestigious endeavour that

builds character, leadership, and confidence. Students have the opportunity to embark upon Bronze Award and progress through Silver and Gold Awards.

Our school is brimming with performance and sports opportunities. Students shine on the Gladstone stage in our school productions, while musicians can showcase their talents at HFCMAT's Friday Night Live. Our sports teams compete in many activities with the football teams having been able to play at Prenton Park, home of Tranmere Rovers. With a variety of clubs including STEAM, food, and Eco clubs, there truly is something for everyone!



Living our Mission

Rooted in our Catholic faith and inspired by the joy of the Gospel, we are committed to the holistic education of all pupils regardless of background, country of origin or religion, recognising in the example of Christ the formative model and method of a truly transformational education.

Our broad curriculum and committed staff inspire faith formation, moral development, academic excellence, artistic creativity, confidence, and a deep and abiding experience of a caring community in which the dignity and worth of every person is protected and respected.

We prepare students to become strong in soul, mind, body, and character, so they can live lives of learning and service, according to the Gospel.

We strive to give every pupil an experience of a supportive, faith-filled and safe community dedicated to forming the next generation to reach beyond the ordinary to the extraordinary!

Gospel to Life

The chaplaincy organises prayer and liturgy and retreats. It supports families, pupils and staff who seek help and counsel.

Our Chaplain coordinates our Gospel to Life programme, a unique opportunity for students at St John Plessington Catholic College. Through bi-weekly sessions with their peers and form teachers, pupils learn how to apply the Gospel to their lives. This is delivered through prayer together, visiting speakers who have been inspired by the Gospel, charity and service to the community, contributing to the mission and leadership of the school, through care of creation activities and advocacy, artistic endeavours, and through building up a culture and environment where all are heard and seen and empowered to contribute to the common good.



Liturgy and Prayer

We are a community that prays and reflects together daily. Pupils are encouraged to pray and reflect silently and individually and also with their class and year group as a community. Pupils are invited and empowered to lead prayer in their class and in the weekly Celebrations of the Word organised by the year group. Pupils attend Mass termly and Mass is available for those who wish to attend weekly. Pupils plan and participate in liturgies and services marking important milestones in the Church's year.



Recognised for Eco Schools Excellence and Outstanding Conservation Education

Over the past few years we have received two prestigious accolades at SJP.

In 2022 we received our first Eco Schools Green Flag with Merit. We have retained our accreditation this year, gaining the Eco Schools Green Flag with Distinction this time around. This has been down to the joint work of the Eco Ambassadors on our Junior Leadership Team and our extracurricular Eco-Club and SJP Urban Farm Club.

We were also honoured to receive the 2023 Chester Zoo Conservation Schools award for Outstanding Conservation School – Secondary. This is due to having conservation as a key part of the curriculum, with conservation and sustainability messages embedded throughout the school in various projects.

What was particularly significant was that Chester Zoo recognised the importance of pupil voice when presenting us with the award, which they said was;

‘In recognition of the work they have done across the school to develop pupil voice, encouraging their young people to speak outwardly and confidently about sustainability issues.’



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Careers & Post-16 Pathways

Providing high quality careers advice and guidance is part of our role in enabling our students to prepare for life beyond statutory education. We know that if they have a clear and accurate understanding of what 'the world of work' looks like, they are more likely to succeed within it.

We encourage our students to explore the variety of pathways open to them. We empower them, over time, with the knowledge required to make choices that will be the most rewarding and engaging for them. Alongside their curriculum education and working within our personal development framework, our aim is to develop the 'whole' person: to nurture the skills that will allow them to create successful futures, in which they maximise their life opportunities.

We work with many partners in order to deliver our careers programme, which is based upon the Gatsby Benchmarks. These partners include the Careers and Enterprise Company, CareerConnect, Unifrog, training providers and local colleges, universities, employers and employees, to name but a few. In our latest Ofsted report (November 2022) it was noted that 'there is a comprehensive careers programme accessible to all year groups'.

Note – please refer to the 'careers' section of the SJP website to see full details of the careers programme by year group (from Year 7 to Year 13).



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The Sixth Form Experience

We have a broad curriculum offer enhanced by an exciting enrichment programme.

Our students receive highly personalised pastoral support to enable them to be successful in their chosen career. The Sixth Form Centre provides high spec independent study facilities for our students. There is a large 'open plan' study area with over 70 workstations and Wi-Fi access as well as offices for the Sixth Form Pastoral team.

The new build

Connects with our College Library which our students can access with additional computer facilities available. The Ann Benson-Burke Study Centre also provides a number of bespoke Sixth Form classrooms including a new Media suite with an additional area for film and media development.

Here, students will study in a truly immersive environment, with interactive projectors capable of wirelessly displaying multiple workspaces as well as allowing multiple users to

access a finger touch screen. Photography, SFX and VFX will also be a focus for the students as they utilise the Green Screen Studio with its wall to wall, ChromaKey Cyclorama enabling the students to create work of a professional standard.

College Library

The College boasts a large and vibrant library, valued by the whole community. Sixth Formers are able to work and gain computer access in the College library throughout the day.

The Refectory

Staff and Sixth Formers have the opportunity to come together and share a mutual working and relaxation area near the dining room. It is equipped with Wi-Fi access and staff and students are able to eat and drink in this area.







Safeguarding

As recognised by OFSTED, Leaders ensure there is a strong culture of safeguarding. We take steps to make sure that students are safe. We have created a positive safeguarding ethos here at St John Plessington Catholic College. The wellbeing of our students is a priority. We provide a nurturing environment, where students feel safe to learn, socialise and develop to be the best version of themselves.

At St John Plessington, there is a designated team of safeguarding experts, The Designated Safeguarding Lead is supported by a number of deputy DSLs. All staff are trained above statutory guidance to ensure students receive the best quality care and support.

We support our student's needs through assistance from our experienced pastoral team and external agencies including CAMHS, Kooth, Young Carers and many more.

For more information on how we safeguard our students, please visit our website and view our policies:
www.stjohnplessington.com



New Beginnings

Links with Primary Schools

Staff and students from St John Plessington visit local Primary Schools throughout the year for a whole range of liaison activities. As some of these activities take place at the College, many of our prospective students have visited us on several occasions before they begin Year 7. In the summer term before their admission, all of our new students receive visits from our Transition Team who give them all the help they need to get ready for the move to St John Plessington.

During this time, a whole series of induction events takes place to help newcomers to settle in and to allow parents to get to know the College. A Welcome Evening takes place in July when parents and students meet their new Form Tutors.

Communication with Home

Communication and partnership is key. Parents receive reports twice per academic year. In addition, the College holds a number of review days and parents evenings which facilitate meetings with teaching and pastoral staff throughout the year.

We communicate directly with families via ParentMail and Arbor. All parents have access to our online reporting system and extensive Virtual Learning Environment (Google Classroom). These are all accessible via our website at www.stjohnplessington.com, which also contains all of our units of work for all subjects in all years.







Choosing St John Plessington

St John Plessington is a Voluntary Aided school, which means that our Governors are responsible for admissions. They consider applications according to the criteria in our Admissions Policy agreed by the College and the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The Governors consider these applications in a priority order made available to Wirral Local Authority. If you would like to visit the College to discuss the entry of your child, please call us on **0151 645 5049**.

Our planned admission number is **270**, increased by the Governors of St John Plessington in recognition of the growing popularity of the College and the enhanced demand for places.

For any parents who have been unsuccessful with their applications for a place, there is a process of appeals. Parents appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel who may choose to place students over and above the Planned Admission Number of **270**.

Download Prospectus Supplement



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