



Prospectus

2026 - 2027

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Welcome to St John Plessington

As Headteacher of St John Plessington Catholic College, I am delighted to welcome you to our 2026 – 27 Prospectus and share some information with you about our College.

At St John Plessington, we believe every child should feel known, valued and inspired to achieve their very best.

Choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions a family will make. You want a school where your child will be supported, challenged and encouraged to grow in confidence. At SJP, that is exactly what we aim to provide every single day.

We are an 11–18 Catholic learning community, part of Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust and the Diocese of Shrewsbury. We welcome children of all faiths and backgrounds, and we are proud of the richness, warmth and sense of community this brings to our school.

Our pupils benefit from a broad and ambitious curriculum, excellent pastoral support, specialist teaching and a wide range of opportunities that help them grow academically, personally, spiritually and socially.

Our school motto, Always faithful to Christ, guides our work each day. Gospel Values sit at the heart of our school and help our young people understand the importance of compassion, respect, service and making a positive contribution to the world around them.

As part of Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust, our pupils are also able to access experiences and partnerships that broaden horizons and build confidence, from trust-wide performances and creative arts to sustainability work, leadership opportunities and careers experiences.

Most importantly, SJP is a place where young people are encouraged to belong, to contribute and to become the very best version of themselves.

We would be delighted to welcome you to our school and show you what makes St John Plessington such a special place to learn and grow.

Mr Peadar McLoughlin
Headteacher

Why families choose SJP

St John Plessington offers more than a strong education. It offers a school experience built around care, opportunity and belonging.

Every child is known

Every pupil is supported as an individual, with strong relationships at the heart of school life.

Excellent pastoral care

From form tutors to Pastoral Leads and wider support staff, pupils are guided and encouraged throughout their journey.

A smooth transition into Year 7

We work closely with primary schools and families to help every child settle with confidence.

Rich opportunities beyond the classroom
Music, performance, sport, creative arts, clubs, trips, leadership and wider trust experiences help pupils discover their strengths.

A school shaped by strong values

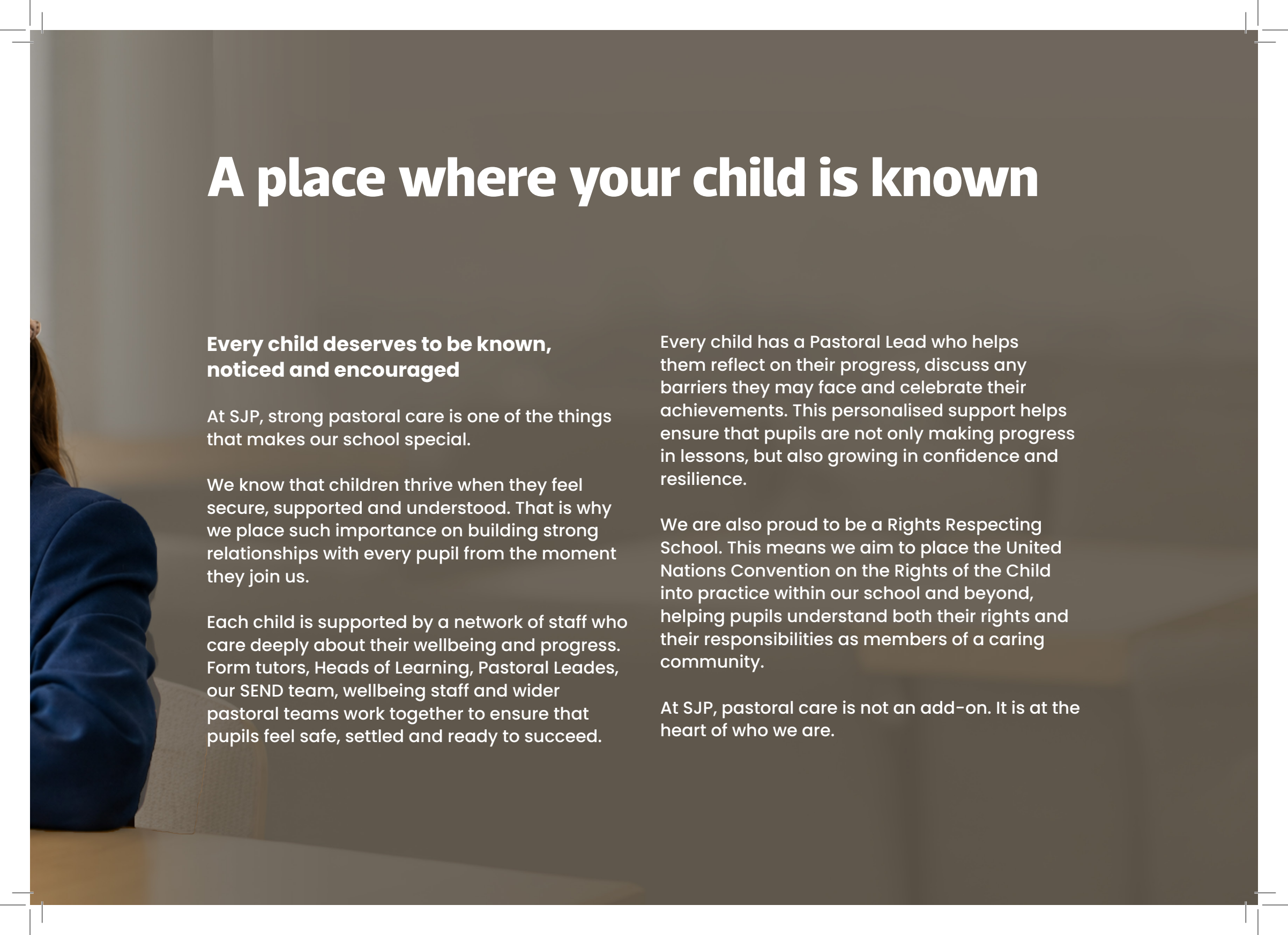
Our Catholic identity helps create a community built on compassion, respect, dignity and service.

A future-focused education

From the classroom to careers guidance and Sixth Form pathways, we help pupils prepare for successful futures.





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A place where your child is known

Every child deserves to be known, noticed and encouraged

At SJP, strong pastoral care is one of the things that makes our school special.

We know that children thrive when they feel secure, supported and understood. That is why we place such importance on building strong relationships with every pupil from the moment they join us.

Each child is supported by a network of staff who care deeply about their wellbeing and progress. Form tutors, Heads of Learning, Pastoral Leads, our SEND team, wellbeing staff and wider pastoral teams work together to ensure that pupils feel safe, settled and ready to succeed.

Every child has a Pastoral Lead who helps them reflect on their progress, discuss any barriers they may face and celebrate their achievements. This personalised support helps ensure that pupils are not only making progress in lessons, but also growing in confidence and resilience.

We are also proud to be a Rights Respecting School. This means we aim to place the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within our school and beyond, helping pupils understand both their rights and their responsibilities as members of a caring community.

At SJP, pastoral care is not an add-on. It is at the heart of who we are.

Belonging from day one

A confident start to secondary school

Starting secondary school is a big step, and we work hard to make that journey a positive one for every child and family.

Our transition programme is designed to help pupils feel prepared, excited and reassured before they even begin Year 7. We work closely with partner primary schools to understand each child's strengths, needs and interests, so that support is in place from the very beginning. Many pupils will visit SJP several times before they start with us. Our transition team also visits pupils in their primary schools, helping them ask questions, meet familiar faces and feel more confident about the move.

Families are supported through clear communication, welcome events and opportunities to meet key staff.

A Welcome Evening takes place before pupils join us, giving families the chance to meet form tutors and begin building positive relationships with the school.

By the time pupils start with us, they already feel more familiar with the school, the staff and the journey ahead.

Our transition support includes

- Close links with primary schools
- Visits from our transition team
- Induction and welcome events
- Pastoral support from day one
- Form tutor support
- Strong communication with home
- A Welcome Evening for pupils and families





Faith, values and character

A school shaped by faith, values and care

St John Plessington is a Catholic learning community where faith is lived through everyday actions, relationships and service.

Rooted in our Catholic faith and inspired by the joy of the Gospel, we support pupils of all backgrounds to grow academically, spiritually and personally.

Our broad curriculum and dedicated staff inspire faith formation, moral development, academic excellence, creativity and confidence. We want every pupil to feel part of a caring community where dignity, respect and compassion are lived each day.

Faith at SJP is seen not only in prayer and liturgy, but in the way we build community, support others and help pupils become people of character.

Catholic Life

Our Chaplain plays a central role in nurturing the Catholic life of the school. Through prayer, reflection, liturgy, retreats, charity, service and pupil leadership, our Chaplain helps pupils understand how faith can be lived each day. This work supports young people to grow in compassion, confidence and responsibility, while encouraging them to contribute to the common good.

Liturgy and Prayer

We are a community that prays and reflects together. Pupils take part in prayer, Celebrations of the Word, Mass, liturgies and services that mark key moments in the Church year.

We want young people to leave SJP not only with qualifications, but with a strong sense of who they are and how they can contribute positively to the world.

The Belong Curriculum

Where every child finds their place and grows with confidence.

At St John Plessington Catholic College, we believe that every child thrives when they feel they truly belong. Our unique Belong Curriculum is a carefully designed programme that develops the whole person academically, spiritually and personally, ensuring that every student is known, valued and inspired to flourish.

Rooted in our Catholic faith and Gospel values, the Belong Curriculum is woven into daily form time through a rich programme of assemblies, Celebration of the Word, reading, numeracy, citizenship, careers education and our innovative Enrichment Pathways. Together, these experiences build confidence, character, resilience and a lifelong love of learning.

Our nine specialist Enrichment Pathways give every student the opportunity to discover new talents and interests through experiences in sport, the arts, STEM, debating, culture, nature and civic engagement. Working with specialist staff and external partners, students develop leadership, teamwork, creativity and real-world skills while broadening their horizons and raising their aspirations.

The Belong Curriculum reflects our belief that education is about far more than examination success. It prepares young people to become compassionate, confident and responsible citizens who contribute positively to their communities. By combining academic excellence with personal development, faith and enrichment, we ensure every student leaves St John Plessington equipped with the knowledge, skills, values and experiences to succeed in school, in life and in the world beyond.





The SJP learning experience

High expectations, strong support and ambitious learning

At St John Plessington, we want every pupil to enjoy learning, achieve highly and develop the confidence to aim high for their future.

Our curriculum is broad, ambitious and carefully designed to help pupils build knowledge, develop skills and discover their strengths. In every classroom, we combine high expectations with supportive teaching, ensuring that pupils are both challenged and encouraged.

We provide a calm and ordered learning environment where pupils are treated as individuals. High-quality teaching, regular assessment and clear support help pupils understand how to improve and take pride in their progress.

At SJP, success is celebrated. We recognise sustained effort, good work, praiseworthy conduct, improvement, service to the school community and sporting achievement.

We want pupils to understand that effort matters, character matters and every positive contribution makes a difference.

Alongside academic success, we also celebrate personal growth, creativity, service, resilience and contribution to the wider school community.

Beyond the classroom

Where confidence grows beyond the classroom

Life at SJP is filled with opportunities that help pupils discover new interests, build confidence and make lasting memories.

Our enrichment programme is a central part of school life. Through clubs, performances, trips, leadership opportunities and wider experiences, pupils are encouraged to explore who they are, what they enjoy and what they are capable of.

Whether performing on stage, representing the school in sport, joining a club, taking part in creative arts or stepping into a leadership role, pupils at SJP are given the chance to grow in ways that go far beyond academic results.

We believe education should be about developing the whole child; intellectually, socially, emotionally, spiritually and creatively.

That is what enrichment means at SJP.

Pupils can experience

- music and choirs
- school productions
- performing arts
- sport and clubs
- creative workshops
- trips and visits
- student leadership
- trust-wide opportunities





Part of Something Bigger

As part of Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust, SJP pupils benefit from being part of a wider family of schools and opportunities.

This means our pupils are able to access experiences that broaden horizons, build confidence and connect them with something bigger than a single school community.

Through trust-wide events, performances, partnerships and collaborative opportunities, young people can develop their talents, meet new people and take part in memorable experiences that enrich their education.

These opportunities help pupils grow in confidence, creativity and aspiration, while strengthening their sense of belonging to a wider community.

Featured opportunities

- Friday Night Live
- Trust Arts Festival
- Chester Zoo Sustainability Partnership
- Guest Speaker Events
- Joseph Roberts Workshops
- Trust Choir Events
- Cross-Trust Projects
- Wider enrichment across HFCMAT

These experiences help pupils realise that the opportunities available to them are bigger than they ever imagined.



Sustainability, leadership and making a difference

Young people making a difference

At SJP, pupils are encouraged not only to succeed in school, but to understand the difference they can make in the world around them.

Sustainability, responsibility and pupil voice are important parts of school life. Through eco projects, pupil leadership and wider conservation work, students are encouraged to think deeply, take action and contribute to positive change.

This work has been recognised through two prestigious accolades. In 2022, SJP received its first Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit. We have since retained this accreditation, gaining the Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction.

This reflects the commitment of our Eco Ambassadors, Junior Leadership Team, 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 recognised how sustainability and conservation are embedded across school life, including through the curriculum, pupil projects and environmental action.

Most importantly, this work gives pupils a voice. Our students learn that their ideas matter and that they can help shape a more sustainable future.

Recognised for excellence in sustainability

- Eco Schools Green Flag with Distinction
- Chester Zoo Conservation Schools award
- pupil voice in sustainability
- eco ambassadors and pupil leadership



Green Flag Award



The World is Waiting

We don't just help young people see the world. We help them explore it.

Some of the most powerful learning happens beyond the classroom.

At SJP, pupils have opportunities to experience new cultures, visit inspiring places and step outside their comfort zones through a wide range of educational visits and international experiences.

Whether exploring the history of Europe, skiing in the mountains, discovering new cultures across the world or taking on outdoor challenges with friends, these experiences build confidence, independence and lifelong memories.

For many pupils, these are the moments they remember forever.

Opportunities include

- European ski trips
- Paris
- Spain
- Poland
- China, India and Peru visits
- PGL adventures
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- University visits
- Careers experiences
- Museums and cultural visits
- National competitions

Future pathways

From Year 7 to future success

At SJP, we help pupils look beyond the present and begin to imagine the future they want for themselves.

High-quality careers advice and guidance is an important part of preparing pupils for life beyond school. From Year 7 to Year 13, pupils are supported to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence they need for their next steps.

Through careers education, employer engagement, university links, training providers and wider experiences, pupils explore different pathways and make informed choices about their future.

Our careers programme is based upon the Gatsby Benchmarks and is supported by partners including the Careers and Enterprise Company, CareerConnect, Unifrog, local

colleges, universities, employers and training providers.

In our latest Ofsted report, it was noted that there is a comprehensive careers programme accessible to all year groups.

Whether pupils move on to Sixth Form, university, apprenticeships or the world of work, we want them to leave SJP with ambition, confidence and a clear sense of possibility.

Future-focused support:

- Careers guidance
- Sixth Form pathways
- Employer engagement
- University visits
- Apprenticeship information
- Training provider links
- Personal development
- Aspiration-building activities





The Sixth Form experience

A journey that can continue beyond Year 11

SJP is an 11–18 school, which means pupils can continue their journey with us into Sixth Form. Our Sixth Form offers a broad curriculum, personalised pastoral support and high-quality facilities that help students prepare for university, apprenticeships and future careers.

The Sixth Form Centre provides independent study spaces, over 70 workstations, Wi-Fi access and dedicated support from the Sixth Form pastoral team. Students also have access to the College Library, additional computer facilities and the Ann Benson–Burke Study Centre.

Our specialist facilities include a Media suite with space for film and media development, interactive technology and a Green Screen Studio with ChromaKey Cyclorama, allowing

students to create work of a professional standard.

For families choosing Year 7, this matters. It means your child can grow within one community, supported by staff who know them well, from their first day in secondary school through to their next steps beyond school.

Sixth Form strengths

- Strong pastoral support
- Independent study facilities
- College Library access
- Media and film facilities
- Green Screen Studio
- Post-16 guidance
- A familiar community from Year 7 to Year 13

Safeguarding and wellbeing

A safe place to learn, grow and be yourself

The wellbeing and safety of our pupils is a priority at St John Plessington.

We provide a nurturing environment where pupils feel safe to learn, socialise and develop into the best version of themselves.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we work hard to create a culture where pupils are listened to, supported and cared for.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is supported by deputy DSLs, pastoral staff and trained colleagues across the school. Staff receive training above statutory guidance so that pupils receive high-quality care and support.

We also work with external agencies when pupils and families need additional help, including services such as CAMHS, Kooth, Young Carers and other specialist organisations.

Safeguarding at SJP is not only about systems and processes. It is about relationships, trust and making sure every child knows there is someone they can turn to.

This includes

- A strong safeguarding team
- Trained staff across the school
- Pastoral support
- Wellbeing support
- External agency support
- Clear routes for pupils to ask for help
- A culture where pupils are known and listened to





Choosing St John Plessington

Choosing SJP means choosing a place where your child can belong

Choosing a secondary school is about more than a building, a uniform or a timetable. It is about finding the right environment for your child to grow.

At St John Plessington, pupils are known as individuals. They are supported pastorally, challenged academically and encouraged to take part in the full life of the school.

They can perform, compete, lead, serve, create, explore, worship, question, achieve and make a difference.

They can join a school shaped by faith, values, care and ambition.

They can become part of a community where they are not lost in the crowd, but known, supported and inspired.

St John Plessington is a Voluntary Aided school, which means our Governors are responsible for admissions. Applications are considered according to the criteria in our Admissions Policy, agreed by the College and the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

Our planned **admission number is 270**. If parents are unsuccessful in their application, there is an appeals process through an Independent Appeal Panel.

To discuss your child joining SJP, please contact the College or visit our website for full admissions information.

Download Prospectus Supplement



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**A Catholic learning
community with
excellence in all we do**

Compassion – Respect – Determination – Justice