

"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

John 10:10

"School is one of the educational environments where one grows by learning how to live, how to become grown-up, mature men and women. School broadens not only your intellectual dimension, but also the human one.

Don't be discouraged by the difficulties that the educational challenge presents! Educating isn't a profession but an attitude, a way of being. In order to educate, you must go out of yourselves and be amidst the young, accompanying them in the stages of their growth, standing beside them. Give your students hope and optimism by teaching them to see the beauty and goodness of creation and of humanity, which always retains the Creator's imprint. But above all, witness with your lives what you are communicating.

Educators impart knowledge and values with their words but it will be more influential on the children if your words are accompanied by your witness, by being consistent in your lives. It isn't possible to educate without being consistent!

School can and should function as a catalyst, being a place of encounter and convergence of the entire educational community with the single objective of shaping and helping [the students] to grow as mature, simple, honest, and competent persons who know how to love faithfully, who know how to live their lives as a response to God's call and their future professions as a service to society."

Pope Francis, June 2013



St Bernadette

Catholic Secondary School, Bristol



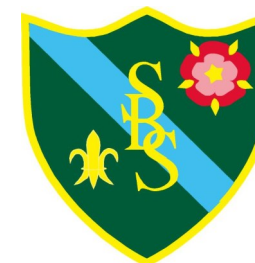
Choosing to work in a Catholic school



St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School is proud to be a community of faith and our Catholic identity is integral to every aspect of the life of the school. We aim to be a Catholic school not in theory or in name only, but by way of a readiness to promote understanding of and commitment to the fullness of Catholic values, truth and life.

"Growing and learning in faith"

The person of Jesus Christ is at the centre of St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School



Learning

As a Catholic school, we give our pupils rich and varied ways of exploring the world God has created and peopled.

Pupils learn that God has given us this planet and its resources for our good and that we are to use it responsibly.

Catholic schools propose that God is to be found in all things and therefore all things are worthy of our interest and study.

The Catholic school is a place where a spirit of enquiry and the intellectual life flourish.

Catholic schools propose that belief in God is compatible with rationality.

Catholic schools draw upon and pass on to their pupils the long and rich tradition of Christian learning and creativity.

Pastoral Care

As a Catholic school, we promote the emotional and spiritual growth of our pupils.

Teachers in Catholic schools build strong and appropriate relationships with pupils that go beyond teaching: they take an interest in their development, they listen to their cares and concerns about the meaning of life, they share their hopes and fears, their successes and failures, and accompany them through their childhood and teenage years.

Catholic schools ensure well-judged intervention in children's lives to provide appropriate professional support and challenge.

Forgiveness is a hallmark of the way Catholic schools deal with pupils.

Catholic schools provide a stable and welcoming community to which children can belong.

Catholic schools recognise and celebrate the varied successes and achievements of pupils.

Religious Life

As a Catholic school, we are a school of prayer.

Catholic schools encourage religious devotion in simple and regular practices.

Catholic schools celebrate the liturgy of the Church following the seasons and feast days of the Church's year.

Catholic schools teach about justice, act justly and seek to promote the common good.

Catholic schools reach out to suffering and marginalised individuals and communities, locally and globally.

Catholic schools are open and welcoming to people of other faiths and of no faith.

In the Catholic school, the practice of the Christian faith is not separate from the rest of daily life.

Catholic schools have chaplaincies which promote the Christian life and Catholic identity of the school.

Personal Development

As a Catholic school, we seek to develop the God-given gifts and talents of all members of our school community.

Catholic schools seek to form attitudes and values in their pupils which are based on the gospel teaching and actions of Jesus Christ.

Catholic schools lay foundations for life-long learning.

Catholic schools seek to foster in their pupils an attitude of altruism and generosity.

Catholic schools provide a range of extra-curricular activities which promote the physical, creative, spiritual, and intellectual development of pupils.

Catholic schools encourage pupils to adopt a way of looking at the world which is positive and engaged, and which seeks to change the world for the better.