

St. Paul's Catholic College

Providing Education for the Diocese of Westminster



Prospectus

“Achieving Excellence, Learning to Serve”



“Pupils’ enjoyment of learning is underpinned by the varied and stimulating curriculum that leaders have designed.”

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Headteacher’s Welcome

Welcome to St. Paul’s!

Choosing a secondary school for your child is a really hard decision. All parents want their children to be happy, safe and successful in a school where they will be looked after both pastorally and academically.

St. Paul’s is a Catholic secondary school based in the heart of Sunbury educating children from 11 -18 years old. Our College provides education on behalf of the Westminster Diocese and is part of the Ascension Catholic Academy Trust (ACAT). The Trust was launched in December 2022 and we currently comprise six schools, four primary and two secondary schools.



We are a happy and thriving community of staff and students, where children are valued and encouraged to develop their unique, God-given gifts whatever they may be. Our aim for all students is ‘Achieving Excellence, Learning to Serve’ so that each student develops the knowledge and skills needed to do well not just in exams, but in the wider world. Our ethos is underpinned by the key elements of St. Paul’s letter to Timothy where he stresses love, service and doing the best that is possible. This means that our students work hard to be the best they can be, using their talents to serve and support others both in school and beyond.

What do we aspire to as a school? To be a happy school where children achieve!

If you would like to come and see us, please do call and make an appointment. Every day is Open Day at St. Paul’s.

James Mc Nulty, Headteacher





“St. Paul’s is a really nice school because everyone is your friend and there is always someone to talk to.”
Year 8 pupil

“The headteacher, supported by a team of skilful leaders, has developed a vibrant inclusive ethos across the school. Their work is firmly grounded in the school’s values - Achieving Excellence, Learning to Serve.”

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Students

We know that happy students and staff are the ingredients to a successful school for all. For this reason, every decision we make at St. Paul’s is centred on what is best for our students and we work hard together to make sure that they are as successful as they can be, both in class and outside.

We are very proud of our students, who really understand that ‘Achieving Excellence’ means that they are encouraged to always do their best in everything they do, and that being challenged in their learning will help them to reach their goals. ‘Learning to Serve’ is at the core of what we do and our students rightly place great value on developing good relationships between each other and with staff. They take pride in the idea that they can serve others through either taking positions of responsibility at St. Paul’s or by working in a particular way with others less fortunate than themselves.



“Teachers’ excellent subject knowledge and thorough understanding of the specifications of examination courses inspire pupils and give them confidence that they are very well prepared for their examinations.”

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“I have made a lot of progress because I am getting the support I need in all my lessons. Lessons are fun and engaging which also helps improve my grades.”

Year 9 student

Learning

It’s cool to learn at St. Paul’s!

We make sure that lessons are fun and active, but also challenge our students to think. We know it’s important to make sure that students experience a wide and balanced curriculum to allow them to make informed choices about what they would like to do later on. Teachers work hard to ensure that every student makes excellent progress regardless of their starting point. This means that students of all abilities are challenged to learn and improve.





“The worship and prayer life of the school is firmly rooted in the liturgical year and reflects the richness of the Catholic tradition with a focus on Pauline theology.”

Diocesan Inspection

We are a Catholic School

This means that we take the spiritual development of our students very seriously. We understand that they will need a ‘moral compass’ when they move on from education and teaching young people to live a life based on gospel values is fundamental to what we do.

All our students take part in day retreats in Key Stage 3, with residential retreats being regularly oversubscribed with our older students. Masses and liturgies play an important part in school life, as they bring us together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist and reflect on different aspects of the liturgical year.

Students regularly raise thousands of pounds for charitable causes every Advent and Lent.



Beyond the Classroom

Education is not just restricted to a classroom! At St. Paul's we recognise that young people need a breadth of experience in order to develop their talents. Year 7 start with a 'Fresher's Week', where they can sign up for a range of activities which run during lunchtime and after school. In all year groups there are opportunities to take part in sports, drama, music, as well as lots of other clubs. We also run a large number of trips and excursions including: Geography Field Trips, Spanish and French Residentials and Exchanges, Year Group Success Trips to places like the Chessington World of Adventures and Brighton, all this alongside our annual Ski Trip.



Kew Gardens Art Trip

"My favourite subjects are Drama and Art. Drama allows me to put all my energy into my performance and Art lets me express my imagination on paper."

Year 9 student



Music Concert



Drama





“Pupils enjoy lessons that are fun, develop their curiosity and encourage them to take pride in their achievement.”
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Charity Fundraising Walk



Tower of London History visit



Retreats



Sports Day

“In preparation for the exams there is plenty of support from the teachers. They give up their free time after school and during the holidays to support us in our revision as much as possible.”

Sixth Form student



“I have not only made a massive amount of progress but I can say that St. Paul’s has truly transformed my life. I have become a better person from the things I have learnt throughout my time here.”

Sixth Form student



Sixth Form

We have a flourishing Sixth Form and the majority of our students decide to stay with us, as they know that we support them well and will help to ensure that they gain entry to the universities, apprenticeships and employment of their choice.

We offer a full range of traditional academic subjects alongside modern creative and applied courses. Our programme of enrichment helps students to develop the skills that studying alone cannot teach.

Students have opportunities to fundraise, plan events, play sports, learn new skills, develop existing ones and deepen friendships.

“When I started at St. Paul’s I was shy, nervous and lacked self confidence in my academic abilities. My teachers encouraged me continuously. I now feel confident in my abilities, allowing me to apply to university and open up opportunities that I didn’t think were possible when I started.”

Sixth Form student



Partnership

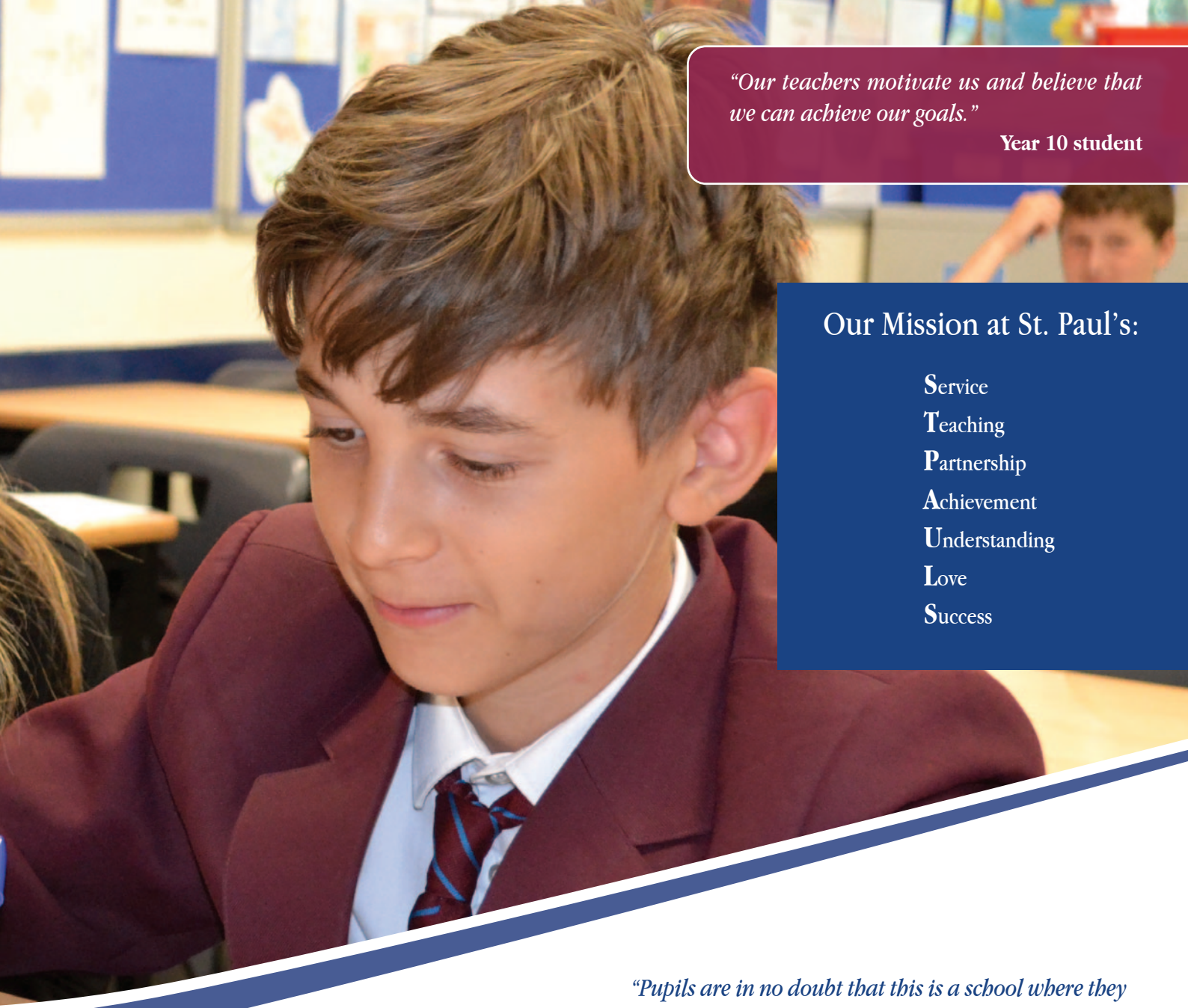
We understand that parents are the first teachers of their children and we are therefore committed to working closely with all our parents and carers. We try and do this in a way that helps everyone to create the community that best supports learning, achievement and personal growth. As a Catholic School we celebrate our partnership with the different parishes whose children we serve and many of the local parish priests come into school to say Mass for us.

We have fantastic staff who are dedicated to helping our students achieve, supported by a strong tutor system. The Heads of Year work alongside each tutor to help ensure every child's experience at St. Paul's is as rich and happy as possible.

"St Paul's works closely with parents and carers to develop a shared understanding with them of the mission of the school. The school welcomes participation in school events, regularly asks for parental views and actively seeks ways of fostering partnerships."

Year 11 student





"Our teachers motivate us and believe that we can achieve our goals."
Year 10 student

Our Mission at St. Paul's:
Service
Teaching
Partnership
Achievement
Understanding
Love
Success

"Pupils are in no doubt that this is a school where they are very well cared for and nurtured."
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"Pupils in all year groups make significant progress between joining the school in Year 7 and the end of Year 11."

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