



St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy

2021 - 2022 *PROSPECTUS*

Dear Parents and carers,

Within the Archdiocese of Birmingham, St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy serves the Catholic community of northern Stoke on Trent. We are immensely proud of our commitment to a true all-round education within a Christian setting for all our students; one where they enter to learn and leave to serve.

St Margaret Ward, together with our eight partner primary academies, forms the Newman Catholic Collegiate and in doing so provides children within the collegiate with a continuous Catholic education from the very beginning of their schooling until they are ready to make the step to Higher Education at the age of eighteen.

Our partner schools are:

St George & St Martin Catholic Academy, Birches Head

St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy, Kidsgrove

St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Goldenhill

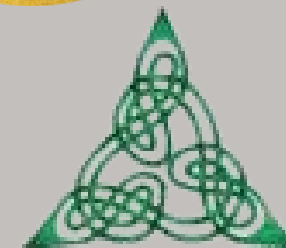
St Mary's Catholic Academy, Norton

Our Lady & St Benedict Catholic Academy, Abbey Hulton

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Biddulph

St Peter's Catholic Academy, Cobridge

St Wilfrid's Catholic Academy, Tunstall



The Academy has an excellent reputation within the local area and is oversubscribed. Our existing parents share our values based on love, justice and forgiveness and we welcome you to make an application to the Academy so that your son or daughter can also benefit from our deep-rooted Catholic faith and our absolute commitment to academic success where your child will enjoy a curriculum which challenges them and where they will develop into confident, knowledgeable young adults who can make a real and genuine difference to their world around them.

Applications are welcome from children beyond our collegiate partners and for further details about our admissions process, please visit our website: www.stmargaretward.co.uk

We welcome all prospective parents and I warmly invite you to visit us to witness our outstanding teaching, learning and pastoral care in action. Please contact us to arrange an appointment at which we will be happy to discuss your child's future as a student of St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy in more detail.

Mr D McKenna
Principal



CATHOLIC LIFE

At St Margaret Ward we are strongly committed to the values and principles of the Catholic Church. As part of the Lasallian network of schools, our Catholic life mirrors the words of our Founder, Saint Jean Baptist de la Salle. Through his teachings, we seek to identify and praise the presence of God in all people and throughout the whole school environment and its wider community. We very much believe in the premise of our students entering our school to learn and leaving ready to serve the world around them as responsible, successful, confident and caring young adults.



Christ is at the centre of our daily routine; every day we celebrate the uniqueness of all our young people and support them in their journey of self-reflection and self-regulation to become the very best versions of themselves that they can be in all areas of their lives. Through our "St Margaret Ward Way", we nurture and develop our students by providing exceptional pastoral care, instilling high standards of behaviour and building strong relationships based on trust and mutual respect. Each day begins with our unique "Signum Fidei" (faith filled) time during which each student joins with their peers to pray and reflect on the world around them. This daily opportunity for prayer and reflection is accompanied by weekly assemblies and regular liturgical celebrations led by our School Chaplain and School Priest and are truly reflective of our inclusive community.



TEACHING MINDS

Expectations are exceptionally high at St Margaret Ward and from the moment a student joins us, they are encouraged to fulfil their academic potential and become extraordinary individuals. All children are supported and challenged in their learning across the whole of our Teaching Minds curriculum, no matter what their ability. Everyone in the Academy is committed to excellent teaching and to developing rigorous courses that are based on knowledge that is considered to be the best of what has been thought and said in each subject area. Our curriculum is broad, balanced, engaging and suitable to each individual's needs. We are proud of our Collegiate approach which ensures that curriculum content flows naturally and progressively from Key Stage 2 to 3 and at all stages of education we strive to ensure that every student is well prepared for the next part of their education and for the eventual world of employment. Please refer to our school website for a more detailed overview of our academic curriculum.

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TRINITY SIXTH FORM

At the end of Year 11, many of our students move into our Trinity Sixth Form that is a collaborative arrangement with St Thomas More Catholic Academy and St John Fisher Catholic College. Students have access to a wide range of A-Level courses, alternative Level 3 courses and an extensive holistic enrichment programme. Through excellent teaching, bespoke guidance and individual tutoring the majority of our senior students move on to study at some of the country's best universities. Further information regarding the Trinity Sixth Form can be obtained from the school website: stmargaretward.co.uk





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