



**The Bishop of Llandaff**  
Church-in-Wales High School

# School Prospectus





**“The Bishop of Llandaff is a very good Christian school”**

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# Welcome

I am proud to introduce and welcome you to The Bishop of Llandaff High School. We trust you will find our prospectus gives you a feel for what life is like here at our school and what we stand for. We are very proud of our unique school community and all those members, both students and staff, who are part of it.

Which secondary school you choose for your child is one of the most important decisions you will have to make as a parent. You obviously want your child to be happy and successful, so you need to feel confident that The Bishop of Llandaff will provide a creative and challenging environment where this will be achieved.

Our aim is quite simple. We want to be the best school in the country. This means that we provide every child who enters into our school community a better educational experience than they could hope for in any other school. We want to be the best school for your child and we will work tirelessly to ensure that this is the case. We want our students to develop into well-rounded individuals, ready to be successful in the next stage of their lives.

As concerned parents you will want to be reassured that we are capable of meeting our aims. When you send your child to us you can trust us to give them the best opportunities in every area of school life. We look to support and challenge students so they can flourish in a culture of success which prepares them fully for life beyond school.

We aim to ensure every child in our care achieves their full potential academically but also develops skills to be successful in our ever-changing world and understands a sense of morality guided by the gospel values of respect, care, compassion and love. These aims are delivered through a strong pastoral system, a commitment to providing high quality teaching and learning and an extensive range of sporting, cultural, physical and extra-curricular activities.

Visitors to the school are impressed by the students, who are friendly, who value the school and want to be successful learners. The staff are dedicated and committed to providing the children with a first-class education. We only recruit the finest teachers who will inspire, motivate and challenge our students to be the 'best they can be'.

Children have one chance in education. They deserve the best and our role at school is to ensure we provide them with this. We have the highest expectations of and for our students and we shall leave no stone unturned to achieve our goal. We will always focus on improving the quality of the education our young people experience and place great importance in working together in partnership with students, staff and parents.

Educating children is a great responsibility and an immense privilege. If you are a parent of a student already at the school, thank you for entrusting us with that job. We won't let you down! If you are considering sending your child to The Bishop of Llandaff or would like to find out more do get in touch. We are open to visitors every day.

I look forward to meeting you in the future.

Marc Belli  
Headteacher



# About our school

The Bishop of Llandaff is a special place and is, first and foremost, a Christian school with over 1300 students including 250 in the sixth form. We serve Christian and non-Christian families across the city of Cardiff and surrounding areas, including the Vale of Glamorgan and as far as Pontypridd in the north and Bridgend in the west.

At The Bishop of Llandaff, we value each member of the school community as an individual, uniquely created in the image and likeness of God. We seek to develop responsible, caring, dedicated and committed students who will make a positive contribution to society.

We aim to instil a positive attitude to learning where students believe they 'can' achieve their full potential. This can only be achieved in an ordered and settled environment. We insist on the highest standards of conduct and courtesy, behaviour and appearance. We believe this attention to detail helps promote a purposeful atmosphere.

It is our firm belief that a high quality education requires a healthy balance between challenge and support. We are committed to ensuring that each of our students leaves us with

- the best possible examination results;
- the skills and knowledge to be successful in the world of work; and
- the values and morals to lead good lives based on Christian principles.

Ultimately, we want our students to be happy and successful. Equally, we want each child to have fun during their time with us and look back on their school days with pride and fond memories.

We cannot achieve these aims without working closely with families. The school's partnership with parents is key to achieving success and happiness for your child in our pursuit to challenge all of our students to be the best they can possibly be.



**“The performance against the level 2 threshold including English and mathematics is consistently above similar schools”**  
**Estyn**





**“Worship is a dynamic part of every school day, far more than is usual in a secondary school”**  
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# ‘Faith in Education’

Our distinctive Christian identity and ethos guides every aspect of life at The Bishop of Llandaff. Our approach to education is rooted in the life of Christ and the gospel message of Christian love.

Young people are the Church of today and we strive to engage them in their own faith journey through meaningful liturgy, regular assemblies and prayer opportunities.

Whilst we have a predominantly Christian intake, we are a school for all faiths and those without any specific faith. As a faith school we are ‘called’ to be outward looking and at the heart of this mission is to respect and serve all people.

We are very proud of our Christian ethos. We are supported by our daily act of worship and the work of the parish clergy who visit the school for parish prayers on a weekly basis. We also have strong links with Llandaff Cathedral, which is the home of our annual Carol Service, Awards Evening and the many Eucharist services throughout the school calendar.

We have a strong pastoral system to ensure that all students excel in their studies but also are happy with us.

Form tutors are responsible for helping students settle in and make a smooth start to life at school. They continue to support students throughout their years at The Bishop of Llandaff. Students meet their tutor every morning; this time is used for prayer and reflection, academic monitoring and mentoring. It is also a time for the group to meet and celebrate successes. Heads of Year and other pastoral support staff are available to ensure that each child is safe at school while challenged to perform at their highest level.

We have a comprehensive house system and every member of the community, both students and staff, are encouraged to take part. The house competitions throughout the year include talent shows, sporting events, fundraising challenges and performances throughout the school year.



**“Students are thoughtful and questioning about their work, and show very good problem solving skills”**  
**Estyn**





# Learning

Learning at The Bishop of Llandaff is an exciting journey of discovery, brought to life with innovative teaching and imaginative use of resources.

Our standards are high and we seek excellence in every area of school life. We recognise and celebrate achievement in addition to acknowledging our students' many talents. This is achieved through our Graduation Programme designed to ensure students develop into well-rounded individuals ready to progress in their learning and beyond.

We expect all of our students to work hard and perform to the best of their abilities. This ensures they are active learners and makes being in lessons a rewarding experience. As a school we monitor progress each term and act upon it so that no child 'slips through the net'.

A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum ensures that every child is well catered for. In Years 7, 8 and 9 (key stage 3) students study the National Curriculum which includes English, mathematics, science, religious education, Welsh, geography, history, ICT, modern languages, technology, art, PE and PSE. Students are taught transferrable skills throughout the curriculum to

help them to become life-long learners.

In Years 10 and 11 (key stage 4) our curriculum is well balanced and includes a large range of academic and vocational courses to suit every student's needs and aspirations. All students study English Language (and nearly all also study English Literature), mathematics: numeracy and mathematic procedure, science, religious studies, Welsh as a second language and a number of optional courses.

Students with additional learning needs and those identified as more able and talented are supported throughout the curriculum by all of our staff. This ensures they make progress.

To be successful at school children need to be happy, taught by outstanding teachers and motivated to achieve. We believe children thrive in a secure but challenging setting where they are treated with care and respect, where there are lots of opportunities for personal, spiritual and moral development and where students have the chance to take responsibility for their own learning. Through homework students are encouraged to be independent learners.



**"Students are confident learners"**

**Estyn**





**“There are so many activities and groups for students to get involved in. I love playing at Llandaff Cathedral”**  
**Year 10 student**

## Beyond the classroom

As well as the focus on academic achievement, we place great emphasis on the need for students to enjoy their time at school and play a more active role in the life of the school.

Students are encouraged to further develop their talents and social skills by taking part in as many activities as possible, available through the curriculum and as part of out of hours activities.

We provide students with the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of sports and exercise. This promotes the benefits of staying fit and living a healthy lifestyle. We have a number of teams across all sports and the school frequently enjoys success at a range of tournaments. A large number of students have represented the county, while many have gone to international level honours.

Music and drama thrive with students gaining pleasure and success from taking part in numerous shows and festivals. In addition to timetabled music lessons, peripatetic teachers provide individual sessions for students who wish to develop their musical talents in a range of instruments. The school ensemble is very impressive and plays a large part in the life of the

school. There are dozens of trips and visits to enrich the experience of school life. We definitely have something for everyone.





# An inclusive vision

The Bishop of Llandaff is an inclusive school, with opportunities for students of all abilities to achieve their full potential. We believe that every student regardless of ability and background is entitled to be nurtured to exceed academically and develop socially. We have a strong Inclusion department which works closely with students who have a specific learning difficulty. We work closely with staff to develop effective strategies to support the learning needs of all students.

We are very proud of the specialist support we provide to students with Autistic Spectrum Condition. The Marion Centre is a specialist provision within The Bishop of Llandaff and can accommodate up to 48 students across the full secondary age range, with approximately six students in each year group.

Throughout the curriculum, students who are supported in The Marion Centre are taught functional life skills to help them become independent and develop the necessary confidence to prepare them for life.

The school is committed to promoting awareness and education of Autistic Spectrum Conditions. A number of sixth form students work in The Marion Centre to support younger students, through mentoring and reading support.

Admissions to The Marion Centre are administered directly by Cardiff Local Authority. However, for information or advice please contact the school, asking for the Head of Centre.



**“The school is a very inclusive community offering students equality of access to all aspects of school life”**

**Estyn**



# Sixth form life

The Sixth Form is highly successful and all students who choose to study with us are expected to have the highest standards in their attitude and work.

Most students in Year 11 opt to remain at The Bishop of Llandaff to study in the sixth form. However, we accept applications from all students in the local area who wish to receive a faith school-based sixth form experience. Students can be sure of receiving a well-rounded experience which will prepare and challenge them for their lives in the future.

We offer a wide range of courses for students, including academic and vocational A-levels designed to cater for all abilities.

The Sixth Form at The Bishop of Llandaff has its own strong identity but the students have a unique role as leaders and models for the rest of the school. Many of our sixth form students support younger students in the school, acting as mentors to help with

mathematics, reading and other subjects.

We ensure all students are prepared well for university, further education and/or the world of work. They receive high quality teaching and their tutors provide them with effective academic guidance and pastoral support.

All students within the sixth form take part in an enrichment programme, designed to support wider learning and enable students to develop skills outside of the classroom. This includes programmes involving sport, languages, engineering, preparation for medicine and Oxbridge as well as many more.

A sixth form prospectus and course guide is available at school and can also be downloaded from the school website.



**“The school is excellent at developing personal qualities and achievements”**  
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# Find out more...

If you are interested in our school then feel free to pay us a visit. We have an annual Open Evening at the start of October but the best way to find out if we are right for you is to see what school is like during the day... and at The Bishop of Llandaff 'Every day is an Open Day'.



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