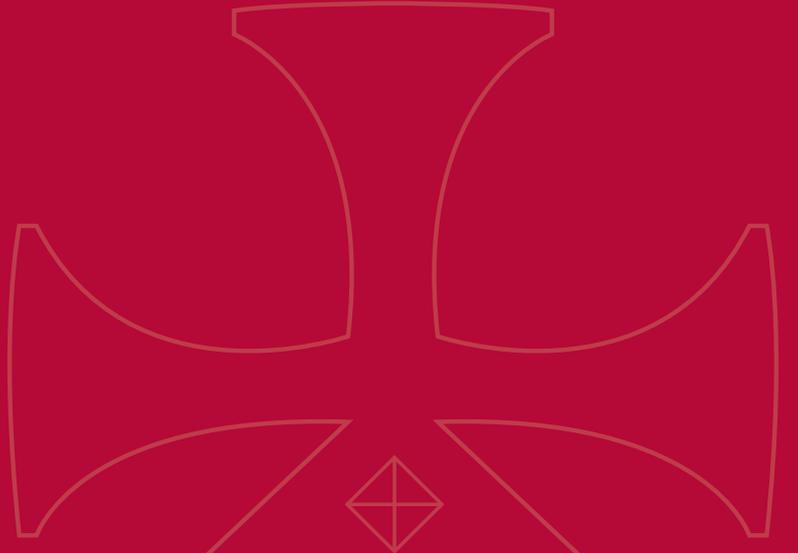




CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

LLANDAFF ♦ CARDIFF

Primary





Ambition ⇄ Leadership ⇄ Achievement

A supportive Christian community inspiring young people to do good in the world





From the Head

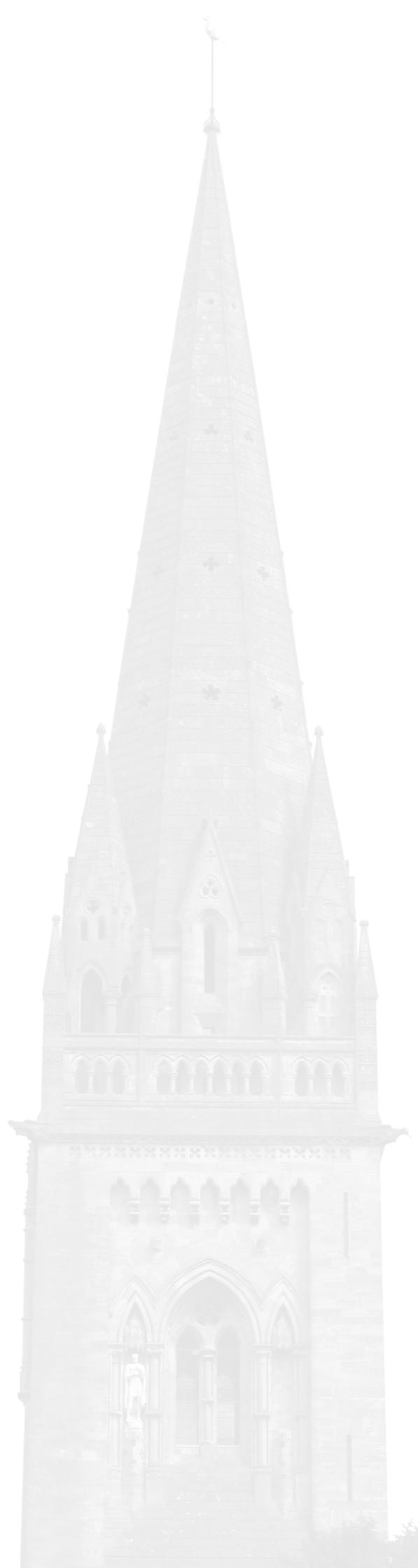
“No ordinary school...”

This booklet introduces the ethos of the Cathedral School's Infant and Junior Sections. I am very proud of what the Primary Phase offers, which I have experienced both as a teacher and as a parent.

When selecting a primary school we are looking for teachers who care, give of their best, go the extra mile and are wholehearted in their commitment to their pupils. We are looking for high academic standards, the assurance that our child's particular strengths and weaknesses will be recognised and understood, and that he/she will be supported and challenged so that significant progress is made at each new stage. And because education is much more than exams, we recognise the major contribution made by music, sport, adventure and so many other activities to our child's development.

Our aim is to prepare children to enter the Senior Section with the academic foundations, positivity of mind and breadth of interests which set the right context for them to make rapid progress towards the challenges of A levels, university entrance and life beyond school.

Clare Sherwood





To Explore

School for our youngest pupils is a journey of exploration. They are learning about the world and their place within it, the wisdom of the past to inform and guide their future, the complexity and simplicity of humanity's efforts to master, interpret and shape the created order around us. We want our pupils to keep asking 'why?' as with their growing maturity they encounter new discoveries.

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*Education is what remains
after one has forgotten what
one has learned in school*

Albert Einstein

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A positive experience of learning in our earliest years at school sets the foundations for being an engaged and successful learner later on. The classroom is a place of energy and creativity, a place of high expectations within an atmosphere of nurture and encouragement. Beyond the classroom walls there are extensive opportunities to enjoy competitive sport, especially team games which have busy and challenging fixture lists; opportunities to perform music at an excellent standard including opportunities for boys and girls to join choirs and to sing in Llandaff Cathedral along with drama, dance and elocution; opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, wildlife and outward bound activities; opportunities to get involved in action for good causes, including environmental awareness and charity work. There are also plenty of inter-house activities to get involved with, which create a fun and vibrant atmosphere.

To Enjoy

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Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world

Nelson Mandela

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*Learning plus character; that is
the goal of true education*

Martin Luther-King

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To challenge

Opportunities abound for good learning, for helping the enquiring young mind to grow. We have a traditional curriculum which emphasises reading, writing and arithmetic, and which sets ambitious targets for pupils at every stage of their journey. Parents receive very regular reports on their child's progress; we prize an open relationship with parents since we are all working together with the same aim in mind – helping their child to do the very best he/she can.

To Respect

The 'fourth R', after reading, writing, arithmetic, is respect. Every member of the community learns to treat others with respect, and thus to build rewarding, strong relationships. We teach children to behave with kindness and good manners. The behaviour of pupils is very good, achieved through an atmosphere of mutual respect with clear boundaries. Estyn, the schools inspectorate, praised our 'strong learning community' at our last school inspection; such a community offers every pupil the right environment in which to grow and to thrive. This is a supportive and encouraging community which functions like a large family, with each person knowing they are valued and have a part to play.

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*Education is simply the soul of
a society as it passes from one
generation to another*

G K Chesterton

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*Educating the mind without educating
the heart is no education at all*

Aristotle

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To Wonder

We aim to share with pupils our feelings of awe and wonder at the world, a breathless ‘wow!’ combined with a deep-seated spirit of thankfulness at the gift of life and its many blessings. This spirit of wonder pervades school life, be it in the Science lab, listening to Mozart, hearing a poem, seeing a painting from a new perspective or observing a chick hatching. Wonder should be a large part of a happy childhood. Primarily this spirit is celebrated and promoted when we worship and pray in Llandaff Cathedral and the School Chapel. Children of all faiths are included and welcome here, though we are a Christian community and the life and teaching of Christ lies at the heart of our school as the inspiration, example and wellspring of wisdom to help us.

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*The school is the last expenditure
upon which anyone should
be willing to economise*

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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To Succeed

Our aim is to enable pupils to excel. We regard the national expected standard for pupils aged 7 and 11 (end of Key Stages 1 and 2) as the bare minimum; the overwhelming majority of our pupils go way ahead of these levels in all the core subjects. We bring the same sense of purpose and ambition to other activities too, chiefly to music and sport.

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To Become

The Primary Phase at the Cathedral School prepares pupils for their secondary education with sound academic skills, an appetite for learning, enjoyment of music, games and other activities, a rounded personality and confidence. Nearly all pupils transfer into the Senior Section to continue their educational journey through to 18, looking back on their Primary years with great fondness.

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*The only thing more expensive
than education is ignorance*

Benjamin Franklin

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