

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College is on a single site located in North Kensington within the borough of Kensington and Chelsea. This area of London is characterised by extremes of wealth and poverty.

The college recruits students from across all 33 boroughs of London and has a Catholic ethos at the centre of college life. The college has a diverse range of students, of whom around a third are Roman Catholic. A very high proportion of students come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The College sees itself as a Catholic college that caters for the community, and is therefore fully inclusive in its admissions policy, welcoming students from all faith backgrounds, and none. All these students contribute to the richness of our community, which is a characteristic of the College. All members of staff, whether Catholics or not, are expected to be supportive of the Catholic identity of the College. The key principle that guides our admissions policy is that all students, no matter what their starting point, are welcome at St Charles...as long as they come to learn!

The college offers a broad A-level and vocational curriculum, with vocational courses at Level 1, 2 and 3 as well as GCSE and A Level options.

There are approximately 1100 students on roll.

The student body are divided into five Halls (Bakahita, Soubrious, Romero, Aquinas, Alexandra) each Hall with a different academic focus appropriate to their prior attainment. The Halls are supported by a team of academic tutors led by a Pastoral Manager.

COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT

In recent years the college has faced difficulties keeping pace with the significant changes to the educational landscape, particularly with the transition to linear A Levels. For many reasons the previous modular system suited our students much better. However, the new Principal, Senior Leadership Team and the entire staff body are committed on a journey of rapid and sustained college improvement. We believe that every student at St Charles can achieve *very well*, and are committed to realising this important aim with a 'whatever it takes' attitude.

We believe that now is a very exciting time for the St Charles community, if you are ambitious and motivated to be a part of significant college improvement, if you want to work with some of the best and most dynamic young people in the city, and if you will give your all, no matter what your role, to secure positive outcomes for all of our students... then we would welcome your application and your contribution to our committed team!

You are welcome to call Martin Twist, Principal, for an informal conversation regarding our mission, aims and values, or if you have any questions regarding whether St Charles is the right place for you. Please use the contact details below to do so.

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I look forward to receiving your application and wish you every success with your current endeavours.

Martin Twist