



Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form



Information Booklet for Applicants

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Our key school facts and statistics



Type of school Secondary school—an academy within The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company

Denomination Roman Catholic

Age range 11—18 years

Location Banbury, Oxfordshire

Date school established 1962

Date of academy conversion 1 August 2014

Co-educational or single sex Co-educational

Number of children 863
[incl. 164 Sixth Form]

Average class size Circa 30

Number of teaching staff 62

% of NQTs 1.6%

% of children with SEN 14%

% of children with EAL 21%

% of children on FSMs 4.86%



Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form—about our school

“Every child is known and called by name”



Blessed George Napier is a Catholic school which mainly serves the Catholic Christian community of Banbury and the surrounding areas. It is the only Catholic school in North Oxfordshire and such is its popularity that children from Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Buckinghamshire travel to attend the school.

BGN has grown in number over the last few years and currently there are 863 pupils on roll, 164 of whom are in the Sixth Form. The school has had Specialist Sports College status since September 2003 with a second designation of Maths and Computing since 2007.

On 1 August 2014, BGN converted to Academy status, along with two of its primary feeder schools and is now part of The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company. This process offers fantastic opportunities for our students, staff and the school community.

BGN is a community driven by the example of Christ and his teaching; a place where young people come to recognise their own worth and gain confidence to face the challenges of the 21st Century.

We are a Catholic school and, as such, we are deeply aware of the unique nature of each individual and the purpose that each one of us has in bringing about the Kingdom of God. Providing a first class education for all our pupils so they can use their talents and skills for the good of others is very much part of our *Christian Mission*.

Following our Inspection in June this year, Ofsted commented: **“Senior leaders demonstrate full and passionate commitment to the values on which the school is founded. They want the best for every pupil and seek to promote the well-being of all”** and **“At Blessed George Napier, outstanding behaviour is much more than just the absence of poor conduct. Pupils positively go out of their way to do good things.”** The report also stated **“Students told inspectors that they were encouraged to aim high in accordance with the school’s commitment to their success. They also commented on how much they appreciate the wide range of opportunities during their time in school”**. In our Diocesan Inspection in July 2017 it stated: **“The Catholic life of the school is outstanding... Students are encouraged to develop their considerable gifts and talents and to be of service to others. This aspect of school life is often inspirational”** and **“Pupils speak very highly of all the staff who are approachable and compassionate”** and **“Students receive outstanding support that ensures the vast majority of them make excellent progress and reach their potential”**.

We have had some wonderful exam results this year with a large proportion of students achieving their first choice university place. 66% of all grades achieved at A Level were A*- C and our pass rate was 97%.

We are delighted that all who left the Sixth Form went into education, employment or training and many are now attending Russell Group Universities and some of the most prestigious academic institutions in the country. They are a credit to themselves, their families and to the BGN community.



We have a history of strong GCSE results. In 2017 70% of our pupils achieved English and Maths at GCSE. This is due to the hard work and dedication of all our staff and students. Our levels of progress also continue to remain excellent.

BGN is a thriving school where laughter is often heard and respect for each individual is regularly demonstrated. Our Catholic faith is the source from which we draw our strength and the root of all our success.

May God continue to bless this very special school.

Fraser Long — Principal



Our Mission Statement

‘BGN is a Catholic school which seeks to appreciate and develop the talents and skills of each individual.

Inspired by the life of Christ and his teaching, BGN school, in active partnership with home, parish and the wider community, endeavours to prepare its members to face the future with confidence and take up the challenge of the Gospel.’



Safeguarding Statement

At BGN school we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students and to upholding fundamental British values. We expect all our employees and associates to share this commitment.



In line with the DFES regulations and guidelines ['Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) and 'Working Together to Safeguard Children'], we undertake a rigorous assessment of all staff, whether they are permanent, temporary, casual, voluntary, centrally employed [OCC], school-based supply or agency-based supply, and maintain a central record documenting the checks carried out. These checks include identity, asylum and immigration, professional references, qualifications, teacher status and barred list checks, disclosure and barring service (DBS) enhanced checks, overseas police checks and a confidential health questionnaire.

Staff directly responsible for recruitment and selection of employees have all undertaken approved safer recruitment training, which is renewed every five years, and all staff undertake in-house child protection training.





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each child
where they are
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