



*Saint*GREGORY'S  
*Bath*

*“In Christ we flourish”*



A science teacher and two students in a school lab. The teacher, a woman with brown hair wearing safety goggles and a school uniform, is smiling and gesturing with her hands. Two students, a boy and a girl, also wearing safety goggles and school uniforms, are looking at a large, bright fire burning in a container on a lab bench. The fire is intense and yellow-orange. The background shows a typical school lab setting with whiteboards and equipment.

*An education for the whole person:  
academically, personally, spiritually*

**Our Mission**

"As a Catholic school, our inspiration is Jesus Christ. We therefore promote the dignity and well-being of every child and ensure that they flourish with us in a safe, happy and enriching environment.

We believe that everyone is gifted and called by God to fulfil some definite service for the greater good of society. We will help our students to discover their vocation in life, to achieve their full potential and to use their gifts for the greater glory of God."

*Mission Statement, approved by the Governing Body, March 2018*





*“The ‘Student Creed’, written by former pupils, states that ‘At St Greg’s, we are a family’. Many current pupils and staff confirmed that this is, indeed, their experience of their school.”*

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# Welcome

**Welcome to Saint Gregory’s, Bath. Our motto is ‘In Christ We Flourish’ and we place great emphasis on our inclusive ‘family’ atmosphere where all are nurtured to develop their God-given gifts and virtues.**

**Saint Gregory’s is a high performing, 11-18 co-educational school rated Good overall with Outstanding Behaviour & Attitudes and Personal Development by Ofsted. We are also recognised as an ‘Outstanding’ secondary school in our Section 48 Inspection, highlighting Saint Gregory’s as a flourishing educational community where every child is valued and encouraged to grow as individuals.**

What makes Saint Gregory’s stand out from other schools is our commitment to the young people in our care, a commitment that encourages and inspires every child to fulfil their potential and flourish. We encourage our students to love learning by instilling aspiration from the outset so that they participate fully in the life of our school and embrace the many enriching opportunities that are on offer, both inside and outside the classroom.



We provide our young people with a vibrant, stimulating and irresistible curriculum that meets the needs of an ever-changing world. We are committed to providing our students with the necessary skills to achieve academic, personal and spiritual growth so that they may truly thrive, both socially and emotionally. Our inclusive ethos ensures this.

As a Catholic school we provide our students with a moral compass based on the Gospel Values and Catholic Social Teaching that supports their unique growth and development. It is essential that our students are encouraged to have enquiring minds, ask questions, form their own opinions and use their strong voices for the common good.

The pastoral care at Saint Gregory’s is outstanding. The focus on respect and responsibility ensures that our students grow into well-rounded, reflective, caring and thoughtful young people ready to take their place in society. They become ethical leaders and agents for change.

Saint Gregory’s is a happy and vibrant school that serves its community. Our academic tradition fosters a culture of enquiry and creativity. We value curiosity and thoughtfulness and are ambitious for our students to achieve success whatever their aspirations so that they become their best, and truest, selves.

I look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school and providing you with the opportunity to discover how Saint Gregory’s will develop you academically, personally and spiritually, as well as introducing you to the many exciting and enriching experiences ahead of you.

*Mrs Melissa George, Headteacher*





*“Saint Gregory’s is simply the best school in every possible way. My children have gone from strength to strength due to excellent teaching and pastoral care. They are confident, capable, well-rounded and above all, happy.”*

Parent

## *A place where young people flourish*

The governors and staff of Saint Gregory’s are committed to the encouragement of each and every student to realise their full potential, regardless of faith, age, ability or background. We have developed a strong tradition and culture of ‘personalised learning’ based on excellent teaching and learning, equipping our students with the skills, experiences and support that they need to flourish.

At Saint Gregory’s, the personal development and well-being of our students is paramount and our Christian values are central to our educational purpose, creating an aspirational, enriching and supportive environment for all our students.

From the very beginning of their journey with us, students are welcomed into a House and tutor group, overseen by a Head of Year. The team is responsible for the academic progress, personal development and well-being of every student in their care. It is a system that has been much valued by our students, particularly those joining in Year 7 who enjoy the security and support that such a ‘family’ environment provides.

Students at Saint Gregory’s are encouraged to participate in the leadership of the school. Each year group is represented at the Senate; elections mirror the British democratic processes and are competitive. Students are encouraged to have a voice and engage in the running of their school. The Senior Student Leadership Team works closely with the Senate to support the student body. All students are role models and potential leaders, as a school it is essential that we provide opportunities for students to shape their futures and become the leaders of tomorrow.

Self-confidence and resilience are key to the development of young people, both within the curriculum and beyond it. Opportunities such as our Inspire Programme, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, sports clubs and teams, art exhibitions, school productions and musical events all allow students to grow and develop into rounded human beings ready to meet the demands of life in the world today.



## *A place where young people are challenged and inspired*

Saint Gregory's curriculum encourages students to develop their talents, deepen their knowledge and become motivated, independent learners within a caring Christian pastoral setting. High expectations and excellent teaching and learning opportunities create an atmosphere that allows students to thrive. We encourage our students to think for themselves, to become creative problem solvers ready to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

Our curriculum and wider student experiences have been thoughtfully developed to fully prepare young people to take their place in a global community. Saint Gregory's is at the forefront of learning, drawing on the expertise and specialisms of our many local, national and international partnerships, including schools, universities and employers, to give our students unique opportunities to enhance their personal portfolio and allow them to develop important employability and entrepreneurial skills.

The Key Stage 3 curriculum offer is one that inspires and challenges. Students are introduced to a broad and balanced curriculum that will set the foundations for future study and a love of life-long learning. Educational experience extends beyond the classroom; we are committed to providing rich extra-curricular opportunities that extend learning and deepen skills.

At Key Stage 4 students choose from a range of curriculum areas and subjects. We have developed a 'tried and tested' provision that allows breadth and balance whilst promoting academic achievement and success. We are committed to providing our students with a choice of option subjects that matches their needs and interests.

Our sixth form continues to build on the outstanding academic tradition of Saint Gregory's. We offer our sixth form students outstanding pastoral care, bespoke careers advice and inspiring post-16 learning opportunities that ensure students continue to grow and develop. We have an accomplished history of preparing young people for post-18 careers, higher level apprenticeships, employment and higher education, including Russell Group and Oxbridge universities.

We pride ourselves in ensuring that our young people have the necessary qualifications and life skills for their next steps.

*“The high quality of pastoral care shown to all members of the community, both students and staff, is outstanding.”*

Clifton Diocese Section 48 Inspection Report





## *An academic journey to outstanding results*


When a student joins us in Year 7 they start a journey with us that will last for seven years and from their very first day we instil in them a desire and ambition to strive for the highest standards, to develop a life-long love of learning to achieve their own personal best.

Every student will join us in Year 7 at a different stage in their academic confidence. We work closely with primary schools, our students and their families to ensure that a smooth transition is provided and that all students are given the opportunity to build on their knowledge and deepen their understanding at a pace that suits them. Our staff are highly experienced, providing a kind, caring and supportive learning environment for children to grow and develop their subject knowledge.

Our GCSE and A Level results are excellent and not just in raw terms but also in the context of what we call 'value-added'. Such measures seek to identify the progress that every child makes during his or her time with us and show that our students make outstanding progress.

The achievement of our students consistently places our school as one of the top achieving state schools in the country. Students leaving Saint Gregory's progress to some of the very best academic institutions including Oxford, Cambridge and the Russell Group.

Saint Gregory's strongly advocates a safe and inclusive environment for learning where students feel valued and are encouraged to flourish as individuals. Year on year our GCSE and A level results demonstrate unequivocally that it is possible to secure the highest levels of attainment whilst also retaining an environment that ensures students grow into well-rounded, reflective, caring and thoughtful young people.



*“There is a rich programme to support pupils’ personal development and understanding of the world...Pupils have a well-developed understanding of equality and diversity. They recognise school as a place where individuality is celebrated.”*

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*“Saint Gregory’s is great - there are so many opportunities and everyone is so kind! I have made so many new friends and it is like being a part of one big family.”*

Year 7 student



## *A Specialist School of Performing Arts and Science*

We inspire excellence; we believe that our students need to access a curriculum that will fully equip them for life in the 21st Century. In an ever-changing world we need to ensure that our young people are equipped to become talented problem solvers, where innovation and creativity are celebrated throughout the curriculum. Our commitment to the Arts extends beyond the classroom. Numerous opportunities ensure our students flourish in their studies and achieve to the very best of their abilities. Every year we celebrate outstanding exam successes, with results significantly above national averages. While we take great pride in our students' academic performance, we are equally committed to developing their skills and talents.

Performing Arts is a well-established specialism at Saint Gregory's and the highly skilled and committed Performing Arts faculty is well-regarded for the high quality of its school productions such as Matilda, Into the Woods, Les Misérables, Sound of Music, High School Musical, Miss Saigon and Beauty and The Beast. All students study drama, music and dance, helping students to build confidence and team work.

Students also have the opportunity to study individual instrumental music lessons. Our experienced peripatetic music teachers offer lessons in 27 different instruments providing students with exceptional choice. Numerous performance opportunities exist and students can participate in one of our three choirs, school orchestra and ensemble groups. LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) lessons are also available and many students extend their learning with our specialist team.

The Inspire Programme at Saint Gregory's creates opportunities to extend the students' educational experience beyond the classroom. We are committed to providing our students with numerous opportunities to extend their learning and gain cultural capital that will equip them for life.

We place great emphasis on the importance of STEM subjects. All students have the opportunity to study Physics, Chemistry and Biology to GCSE and A Level. Our Science Faculty benefits from recent investment in new, state of the art laboratories creating an exceptional learning environment. Science subjects remain some of the most popular courses of study, both at GCSE and A Level.

Students are attracted to Saint Gregory's for the wide range of opportunities that our specialisms offer and we will continue to develop our curriculum to create life-changing experiences unique to life at Saint Gregory's.



## *An International School*

Saint Gregory's enjoys an excellent reputation for its provision of enriching experiences and opportunities outside the classroom. We are an outward looking international school, engaging our students in a wide range of global education projects. There are many opportunities, throughout the academic year, to meet young people from other countries, explore new destinations and experience the richness and cultural diversity of our world.

At Saint Gregory's we believe that learning a foreign language is an essential part of a well-rounded education. It broadens horizons, enhances cognitive abilities, and fosters cultural appreciation. We offer an excellent language program that currently focuses on two popular languages: Spanish and French. Students will be asked to make a choice between these two.

In Year 7, students can also apply to join the British Council's Mandarin Excellence Programme, an intensive language programme to boost fluency in Mandarin. Each cohort of Year 7 accelerated learners will attain a high level of fluency in this key global language through an intensive programme of study and cultural activities.

Across the years, Saint Gregory's has been at the forefront of developing educational links with schools in countries around the world, by participating in enriching schemes such as Connecting Classrooms via the British Council, which has enabled us to have a long lasting and continuing partnership with a school in Kolkata, India.

We have also led and participated in Comenius Partnerships and Erasmus+ projects via the European Union, leading to us working with schools across many European countries such as Norway, Germany, Finland, Italy and Spain. Students have the opportunity to meet and work alongside visiting students from many different languages and cultures, as well as the opportunity to travel abroad on trips or visits.

Students at Saint Gregory's are encouraged to explore, question and challenge themselves and the world around them in a supportive, caring and nurturing environment. An international dimension is embedded throughout the curriculum and social, cultural and moral issues are debated in classrooms. This enables students to develop informed and thoughtful opinions about the world they live in and respect for others' faiths, cultures and traditions.

Participation in our wide-ranging international partnerships allows students to develop awareness and understanding of social, economic and political issues that affect people across the world and to prepare for life as a global citizen. Students are equipped to gain the vital skills needed for life and work in today's world. We look forward to continuing to develop future links with our global partners.

*“Pupils are proud of their school. They say that teachers are passionate about their subjects and care about their pupils.”*

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## *A culture of participation, friendship and encouragement*

### **Service to the community**

At the heart of the Saint Gregory's community is a commitment to the service of others. As a Catholic school we respond to the call of St Oscar Romero "Aspire not to have more but to be more." Students are given numerous opportunities to be of service to others. Our Chaplaincy Team and House System provide opportunities for students to respond to the needs of others and we actively support local, national and international charities. Our Christmas Market is one example of the ingenuity, creativity and team work that makes Saint Gregory's such a special place. Students actively participate in the school's mission and put their faith into action to help those in need.

### **Sporting Excellence**

Sport is an important aspect of life at Saint Gregory's with high levels of participation in extra-curricular activities. There is a thriving team culture with students regularly competing in athletics, basketball, rugby (including girls' rugby), football, cricket, cross-country, hockey, rounders, trampolining and netball.

Sport is promoted at all levels of ability creating an environment that challenges our students' skills and talents, inspires them to strive for excellence and above all, celebrates participation and achievement, whether this is in an international arena or overcoming a personal challenge. The level of participation in PE lessons is remarkably high thanks to the high standards and level of encouragement from the PE teachers.

It is our belief that students should be allowed to explore their talents in a wide range of sports and activities so that they develop a sense of self-awareness, an appreciation for healthy lifestyles and build lasting friendships through teamwork and camaraderie. With over 30 clubs or activities each term, we aim to provide a broad and balanced range of opportunities so that each and every one of our students has an opportunity to shine.



*“Inspiration from the Gospel values are the ‘hallmarks’ of the education that pupils receive. Pupils reflect positively on their own beliefs and opinions, as well as those of others.”*

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# Welcome to the family of Saint Gregory's

While we are a Catholic school, you do not have to be of the Catholic faith to apply for a place in our school. Many of our families are not of the Catholic faith but they all have a commitment to what we stand for and are supportive of the values that we promote and the hallmarks of an education at Saint Gregory's.

New students will join a wonderful school with a warm and supportive family atmosphere. We feel that it is important that the journey for every new student begins as early as possible, so that they have plenty of opportunities to get to know the school, our outstanding staff and facilities. This approach ensures that when the first day arrives, the adventure is less worrying and more about feeling at home with new friends.

To this end, we have a programme of primary liaison events throughout the year designed to give prospective families a flavour of our school and all that we can offer. We look forward to welcoming families to visit us during a normal school day, as soon as we can, in order that they can see our school in action and experience its warmth, vibrancy and creativity.

## Stepping Up Summer School

The Stepping Up Summer School programme offers new Year 7 students the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of lessons and activities, whilst also meeting their peers and Saint Gregory's staff. The programme takes place during the summer holidays ensuring students are fully prepared for the start of term.

## Admissions and applications

Our full admissions policy is available on our website and applications for Year 7 entry should be made to your home Local Authority before the deadline of 31 October. For further information regarding admissions or to discuss individual needs, please contact the school.



*“Saint Gregory's is a truly nurturing environment for children, allowing them to grow and flourish into wonderful human beings.”*

Parent





## Life in The New Sixth

**The New Sixth is the dedicated sixth form for students of Saint Gregory's.**

Our sixth form is open to all; our guiding mission is to provide our students with exciting sixth form experiences that promote academic excellence and spiritual guidance, ensuring Christian Values are at the centre of all that we do. The New Sixth combines exceptional teaching and learning with outstanding pastoral care enabling students to thrive in an atmosphere that ensures everyone acquires the academic success, confidence and skills they need to continue their educational journey of choice.

At Saint Gregory's our sixth formers are role models and the leaders of our student body. We encourage our students to be independent and resilient, to understand their responsibilities to themselves and others. The sixth form experience ensures that all students are provided with new opportunities to develop and grow. Our outstanding sixth form campus provides students with their own purpose built Learning Resource Centre, state of the art science laboratories, café and student chaplaincy area. This bespoke facility bridges the gap between school and university and the world of work, allowing our sixth formers the autonomy and space to grow in a supportive, high achieving environment.

Our guiding principles are:

- To ensure all students feel secure and equally valued in a caring Christian environment that holds the student at the centre of everything we do;
- To offer an academically challenging curriculum that will develop all our students so that they are capable of fulfilling their potential;
- To provide a stimulating curriculum that extends beyond the classroom, providing sporting, cultural, charitable and adventurous opportunities that all our students will enjoy. Through these opportunities students will learn to work collaboratively, become leaders, develop personally and grow spiritually;
- To provide bespoke careers advice and mentoring that will support all students in their future choices.

The New Sixth is outward facing and innovative in its vision, working collaboratively with a range of partners - St Mark's School, Prior Park College, St Augustine's Catholic College, St Bede's, St Brendan's, St Bernadette's and Bath Education Trust to ensure our students benefit from numerous opportunities and experiences.

Full information on admissions criteria and application details can be found at [www.st-gregorys.org.uk](http://www.st-gregorys.org.uk).



*“It is our responsibility to develop each individual to the point that they feel able to fulfil their potential in whatever field that may be. By the time they leave us, we want all students to feel ready for the world beyond, prepared to lead and inspire others.”*

Director of Sixth Form



*“We want our children to relish school; to feel safe,  
inspired to achieve and, above all, to be happy.  
Saint Gregory’s creates an environment where all of  
this can be accomplished and so much more.”*

Parent





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Catholic, Voluntary Aided, Secondary  
11-18 Co-educational Comprehensive

**Local Education Authority**  
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